

Recommendation to Council on 25 November 2010	From: Constitution Advisory Group	On: 18 October 2010
	Formalising the Constitution Advisory Group in the Constitution	
1.	Council is asked to approve the following recommendations:-	
	(a)	that section A5 paragraph 2 of the Constitution be amended by the addition of the following words at a new paragraph 2.2 to follow the existing paragraph 2.1:-
	The Constitution Advisory Group will be appointed annually at the annual meeting of Council and will comprise a membership of 6, proportionate to the political structure of the Council, with one substitute member. The membership of the Advisory Group shall include the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Council and at least one member of the Executive.	
	(b)	that consequential amendments are made to renumber the paragraphs which follow, and to change the reference in paragraph 2.1 from paragraph 2.3 to paragraph 2.4.
	Background	
2.	The Constitution Advisory Group, at its meeting on 18 October 2010, considered a report and noted that whilst the Constitution sets out in Part A5 Review and Revision of the Constitution the role that the Advisory Group will take, it does not set out the membership requirements of the Advisory Group.	
3.	As the Constitution already confers certain responsibilities on the Constitution Advisory Group, it is appropriate to formalise it in the Council's Constitution by setting out its membership requirements.	
4.	The Constitution provides the governance of the Council so it is suggested that the Chairman of the Council, or the Vice-Chairman, should be a member of the Advisory Group. It is also appropriate that there is a member of the Executive included in the membership.	
5.	The Constitution Advisory Group considered that the proposed membership requirements were appropriate and should be included in the Constitution.	
Appendices	Appendix A	Sets out the section of the Constitution showing how it would change if Council approves the recommendations

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