

Central Bedfordshire Council

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

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Review of Updates to the Constitution: January – February 2017

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Purpose of the report

1. This report sets out the changes which have been made to the Constitution in January and February 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked:

1. to note the changes made to maintain the Council's Constitution, set out in Appendix A and Appendix B.

Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

1. Oversight of the Constitution falls within the remit of the General Purposes Committee rather than overview and scrutiny.

Maintenance of the Constitution

2. The Monitoring Officer has been granted delegated powers to make urgent and minor amendments to the Constitution as set out in Part A5 paragraph 2.3 of the Constitution, and is required to report to the Committee at intervals on any amendments which have been made.
3. Two schedules of the amendments which have been made by the Monitoring Officer under his delegated powers, and by Council, since the last report to the Committee, and these are attached at **Appendix A and Appendix B** for the Committee to note.

Council Priorities

4. Maintenance of the Constitution, which is the Council's rule-book, contributes to the Council priority 'a more efficient and responsive Council'.

Legal Implications

5. The Constitution should be maintained in an up-to-date state and the action taken complies with this duty.

Financial and Risk Implications

6. There are no financial or risk implications.

Equalities Implications

7. Central Bedfordshire Council has a statutory duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics; age disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
8. Amendments to the Constitution have been considered in light of this statutory duty.

Implications for Work Programming

9. There are no implications for overview and scrutiny work programming.

Conclusion and next Steps

10. The Constitution has been updated and is published on the Council's website.

Appendices

Appendix A: Schedule of changes to the Constitution - January 2017

Appendix B: Schedule of changes to the Constitution - February 2017

Background Papers

None