

Summary of Amendments

Part Number	Description of revisions
Article 4 The Full Council	Affirming Leader's responsibility to appoint Cabinet Members and Deputy in accordance with statutory provisions
Article 6 Overview and Scrutiny Committees	To be amended to reflect the proposals for scrutiny arrangements. Four overview and scrutiny committees, comprising a Co-ordinating Committee and three Policy and Performance Committees. The three Policy and Performance Committees are to be aligned with the three strategic directorates and the Co-ordinating Committee is to be responsible for overseeing arrangements and allocating cross cutting activities.
Article 7 The Executive	To affirm the responsibility of the Leader to appoint Cabinet Members and arrange delegations as he/she thinks appropriate in accordance with statutory provisions
Article 9 Standards Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To amend the delegations to the Standards Committee and to rename it the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee, to allow the committee to oversee minor amendments to the constitution. 2. The Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chief Executive will have the power to amend the constitution to reflect the organisational and legislative changes subject to reporting changes to a meeting of the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee. All other changes to the Articles of Constitution will remain with the Full Council.
Article 10 Area Committees and Forums	Revised to reflect the creation of 4 area committees, to be known as Constituency Committees, co-terminus with the constituency areas.
Article 12 Officers	To be amended to reflect new management structure

Article 13 Decision making	Raise the key decision threshold to £500K to reflect cost changes since 2000 when introduced and reflecting practice in similar authorities.
Table 1 Responsibility for Local Choice Functions	Local choice functions – these are unchanged
Table 2 Responsibility for council functions	Responsibility for council functions. Apart from amendment to terms of reference of Employment and Appointment Committee to reflect previous changes this remains un-amended.
Table 3 Responsibility for Executive functions	Confirms that responsibility for executive functions not otherwise assigned by statute or assigned as a local choice decision. (No changes are proposed to current local choicer arrangements).
Table 4 Statutory and Advisory Bodies	Unchanged
Part 3 Schedule 1 Cabinet Portfolios	To make clear that this is a leader decision. For the moment unchanged but will need to be confirmed by leader upon appointment after AGM.
Part 3 Schedule 2 Scheme of Delegation of Non-Executive Functions to Committees	<p>Amendments to the terms of reference of the Audit and Risk Management to give them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the delegated responsibility to oversee and agree appropriate robust arrangements for Financial Regulations and Contract Procedure Rules. • Responsibility for discharging the council's responsibility as trustee with respect to sundry trust to allow decisions to be taken in a timely and regulated fashion. <p>Otherwise, substantially unchanged apart from some house keeping changes.</p>

Part 3 Schedule 3 Delegations to Advisory and Statutory Committees	Unchanged
Part 3 Schedule 4 Scheme of Delegation to Officers	Divided into parts A and B, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheme of Delegation of Non-Executive Functions to Officers • Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions to Officers
Part 3 Schedule 4A	Revised scheme of non-executive delegations to officers of powers other than those reserved to Council. Licensing, planning and other regulatory delegations are left substantially unchanged.
Part 3 Schedule 4B	It is for each leader to decide what they wish to delegate when appointed and from time to time thereafter. The current model scheme delegates powers other than those reserved but it will be up to each leader to decide if they wish to adopt that or a revised approach.
Schedule 5 Delegation to individual cabinet members	It is for each leader to decide what they wish to delegate when appointed and from time to time thereafter. The current model is the one adopted by the current leader.
Delegation to Planning Officer by Council	A clarification to confirm that preparatory steps for neighbourhood plans can be taken by Chief Officer in consultation with relevant members to ensure final neighbourhood plans can be determined by Full Council in a timely fashion.
The Employment and Appointments Committee	The role of the Committee to be revised as set out.
Part 4 Council Procedure Standing orders	To introduce written reports by the Leader, Cabinet members and Chairman of Committees with questions without notice.

	<p>To clearly set out those matters which require an explicit Council decision</p> <p>To remove the process for notifying amendments, comments etc on the minutes is substantially removed.</p> <p>That notices of motion will be referred in the first instance to the responsible body. Any subsequent debate at council (if necessary) would then take place with a report. Notices will no longer be the primary business of Council.</p> <p>That papers for Council will be simplified.</p> <p>That the Council meeting in the Autumn will be a 'Policy Council'.</p> <p>The order of business at a Council meeting to be revised.</p>
Overview and Scrutiny procedure rules	In future to be the responsibility of the Co-ordinating Committee to settle and agree from time to time.
Petition Scheme	Simplified in the light of less prescriptive legislative changes.
Members Role descriptions	A new proposal to help provide some clarity about what members can expect of different roles within the council and the support that will attach to that role. This will be an annex to the Protocol on Member/Officer Relations.
A number of codes and they have been put in m	policies have been removed from the constitution as a tidying up process, while remaining in force more appropriate places.