

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1. To consider the report of the Constitution Review Working Party (CRWP).

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 (i) The Council is requested to agree the recommendations of the Constitution Review Working Party as set out in paragraphs 2.1.1 to 2.1.8 in Appendix A.

(ii) In addition, the Council is requested to consider the issues set out in paragraphs 2.2.1 to 2.2.3 of the Constitution Review Working Party report in Appendix A together with the recommendations set out in Appendix B (appended and referred to Council at the request of the Working Party).

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

3.1. The Constitution Review Working Party was established by full Council on 13 July 2023 with the following Objectives/Terms of Reference:

- review the East Cambridgeshire District Council Constitution to ensure it meets the objectives of efficiency, transparency and accountability;
- review the recommendations of any Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) convened for consideration by February 2024 Council;
- make recommendations to February 2024 Full Council to amend the existing Constitution to meet the above objectives

3.2. The report of the Working Party is attached at Appendix A and includes at paragraphs 2.1.1 to 2.1.8 specific recommendations. At the final meeting of the CRWP on 29 January 2024, Members also received proposed recommendations submitted by Councillor Pettitt and were circulated with the Working Party papers for the meeting. Following discussion of these recommendations, the CRWP

requested that these be forwarded to full Council for consideration and are attached at Appendix B.

- 3.3. Members are asked to consider both the recommendations set out in 2.1.1 (i) and 2.1.1 (ii). Members are reminded that a proposer and seconder is required to any Motion or Amendment.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS / EQUALITY IMPACT STATEMENT / CARBON IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 4.1. There only additional financial implications arising from the report would relate to possible Members Allowances relating to the establishment of additional Committees.
- 4.2. Equality Impact Assessment/Carbon Impact Assessment not required for the purposes of this report.

APPENDICES

Appendix A - Report of Constitution Review Working Party
Appendix B – Recommendations submitted by Councillor Pettitt

Background Documents

Agendas, reports and Notes from meetings of the Constitution Review Working Party