

TITLE: ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW WORKING PARTY

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1.0 ISSUE

- 1.1. Establishment of 'task and finish' Constitutional Review Working Party.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. Members are requested to approve the establishment of a Constitutional Review Working Party with the terms of reference set out in Appendix 1.

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

- 3.1. The Constitution has been subject to incremental change arising from specific Council decisions. There has not been an opportunity for a fundamental review of the Constitution. There is a requirement for further recommended amendments from officers and given we now have a new Council, it seems opportune to review the Constitution.

4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSION(S)

- 4.1. The proposed terms of reference are outlined in Appendix 1. It is recommended that the Chairman of Council should chair the Working Party. In addition, it should be a 'task and finish' member group to make its final recommendations to the February 2024 Council. There is an opportunity to align this work with a new IRP review of Members Allowances and review their recommendations prior to consideration by full Council.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS / EQUALITY IMPACT STATEMENT / CARBON IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1. The financial implications of the establishment of the Working Party, specifically the Special Responsibility Allowances for the Chair and Vice Chair, will be met from existing resources.
- 5.2. Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) and Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA) not required at this stage.

6.0 APPENDICES

6.1 Appendix 1 – Proposed terms of reference

Background Documents:

None