

**Joint Report of the Presiding Member, Monitoring Officer and
Head of Democratic Services**

Council – 12 August 2014

**AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION – SWANSEA STUDENT
LIAISON FORUM**

Purpose:	To make amendments in order to simplify, improve and/or add to the Council Constitution.
Policy Framework:	None.
Reason for Decision:	A decision of Council is required to change the Council Constitution.
Consultation:	Finance, Legal
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) The changes to the Council Constitution as outlined in Paragraph 3 be adopted.
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1. Introduction

1.1 In compliance with the Local Government Act 2000, the City & County of Swansea has adopted a Council Constitution. A number of issues have arisen since adoption and in order to maintain the aims, principles and procedures set out in Articles 1 and 15 of the Council Constitution, it is proposed that the amendments set out below should be made to the Constitution.

2. Delegated Minor Corrections to the Council Constitution

2.1 There are no delegated minor corrections to the Council Constitution.

3. Amendments to the Council Constitution

3.1 This report outlines amendments to the Council Constitution. The amendments are within the following area of the Council Constitution:

- a) Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions – Terms of Reference – Swansea Student Liaison Forum.

3.2 Part 3 of the Council Constitution – Responsibility for Functions – Terms of Reference – Swansea Student Liaison Forum.

- 3.2.1 The Swansea Student Liaison Forum has reviewed its purpose and approach to student and community issues in Swansea. It now seeks to have terms of reference and an approach to partnership working that are relevant, effective and which reflect the interests of all parties. This requires amendments to the Council Constitution.
- 3.2.2 The Swansea Student Liaison Forum is made up of Councillors, Council Officers and Representatives from Swansea University; University of Wales Trinity St David; Gower College Swansea (including each Student Union or Council body) and South Wales Police. Meetings of the Forum in the last nine months have discussed how the group may work more effectively, including how it may best engage with local communities.
- 3.2.3 On 24 February 2014 the Forum decided that the Operational Partnership Meeting, reporting to the Forum, should be disbanded (the terms of reference for that group have now been removed from the attached terms of reference).
- 3.2.4 The terms of reference for the Residents Partnership meeting, reporting to the Forum, have been amended to increase the number of Ward Members attending from four to five, but do state that this limit could be extended at the discretion of the Chair if there are matters of specific interest for Ward members.
- 3.2.5 The terms of reference for the Residents Partnership meeting have also been slightly widened to include some items that were previously included in the terms of reference for the Operational Partnership meeting.

4. Equality and Engagement Implications

- 4.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) screening process took place prior to the consultation period. The outcome indicated that it was low priority and a full report was not required.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no specific financial implications associated with this report.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 There are no specific legal implications associated with this report. The amended version of the Council Constitution will be available at www.swansea.gov.uk/constitution

Background Papers: None.

Appendices:

Appendix 1	Terms of Reference – Swansea Student Liaison Forum
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