



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

Extraordinary Council – 4 June 2020

Amendments to the Council Constitution

Purpose:	To make amendments in order to simplify, improve and / or add to the Council Constitution. A decision of Council is required to change the Council Constitution.
Policy Framework:	Council Constitution.
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal & Constitution Working Group.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) The amendments to the Council Constitution as outlined in Paragraph 4 together with any further consequential changes be approved.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 In compliance with the Local Government Act 2000, the City and County of Swansea has adopted a Council Constitution. From time to time it is necessary to review the Council Constitution in line with legislative requirements and to ensure good governance arrangements.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 The terms of reference of the Constitution Working Group includes keeping under review the Council Constitution and to make appropriate recommendations for change.

2. Delegated Minor Corrections to the Council Constitution

- 2.1 Article 15 “Review and Revision of the Constitution” allows the Monitoring Officer to make changes / updates to the Council Constitution in relation to:
- a) Legislation;
 - b) Changes to the Officer structure or changes of responsibility within the Officer Structure;
 - c) The need to correct any administrative or typing errors.
- 2.2 The Monitoring Officer has not made any changes.

3. Amendments to the Council Constitution

- 3.1 This report outlines a suggested amendment to the Council Constitution. The amendment is within the following area of the Council Constitution:
- a) Part 3 “Responsibility for Functions” - “Terms of Reference” - “External Funding Panel”.

4. Part 3 “Responsibility for Functions” - “Terms of Reference” - “External Funding Panel”.

- 4.1 The purpose of the External Funding Panel is:
- a) *“To oversee the allocation of all third sector funding across the Council.*
 - b) *To oversee the Council’s external funding opportunities.*

Terms of Reference:

- a) *Third Sector Funding.*
- b) *Determine the Criteria for the Swansea Change Fund and other Council grant pots, including the Community Action Transformation Fund.*
- c) *Allocate the Swansea Change Fund and other funds according to the criteria adopted.*
- d) *Maintain an overview of all Third Sector and community funding across the City & County of Swansea Council, including outcomes achieved.*
- e) *Determine and support the Council’s Third Sector policy and relationship across the City & County of Swansea (including the formal Compact with the Third Sector).*
- f) *Support collaboration and joint working between Third Sector and community organisations and between Third Sector organisations and the Council.*
- g) *External Funding.*
- h) *Oversee the Council’s policy for seeking external funding to support its priorities.*

- i) Provide a gateway for all Council applications for external funding.*
- j) Review outcomes from external funding.*
- k) Rural Development Partnership Fund.”*

4.2 The External Funding Panel is made up of all ten Cabinet Members and is an Executive Function. Following discussions between the Leader of Council, Chief Finance Officer and Head of Democratic Services, it has been recommended that the External Funding Panel be abolished and that all of its work be transferred to Cabinet.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

7. Equality and Engagement Implications

7.1 There are no equality & engagement implications associated with this report.

Background Papers: None.

Appendices: None.