



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

Council – 4 November 2021

### Amendments to the Council Constitution - Democratic Services Committee

<b>Purpose:</b>	To make amendments in order to simplify, improve and / or add to the Council Constitution.
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Council Constitution.
<b>Consultation:</b>	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
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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, the Monitoring Officer has made the following amendments.

#### 2. Delegated Minor Corrections to the Council Constitution

- 2.1 The Monitoring Officer has made delegated minor corrections to the Council Constitution in line with legislative change.

### **3. Democratic Services Committee – Terms of Reference**

3.1 Section 60 of the Local Government (Democracy) Wales Act 2013 amended the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 in relation to the Democratic Services Committee.

3.2 As a result of this legislative change, the following has been added to the Terms of Reference of the Democratic Services Committee:

*i) “At the request of the Local Authority, the Democratic Services Committee may review any matter relevant to:*

*a) The support and advice available to Members of the Authority*

*b) The terms and conditions of Office of those Members.*

### **4. Financial Implications**

4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

### **5. Legal Implications**

5.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

### **6. Equality and Engagement Implications**

6.1 There are no equality and engagement implications associated with this report.

**Background Papers:** None.

**Appendices:** None.