



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

Council – 4 November 2021

Amendments to the Council Constitution - Democratic Services Committee

Purpose:	To make amendments in order to simplify, improve and / or add to the Council Constitution.
Policy Framework:	Council Constitution.
Consultation:	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.