

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

COUNCIL CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE – 5 September 2012

NEW CONSTITUTION

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: LAW, DEMOCRACY AND PUBLIC PROTECTION (MONITORING OFFICER)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To update members on progress on the new constitution and to seek members' views and suggestions on the new electronic constitution.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the attached outline electronic constitution be noted by members and that members comment on the suggested approach.
- 2.2 That a further report be brought to the Committee when all elements of the proposed constitution are completed.

3. SUMMARY

Work on a new constitution has been ongoing, members requested that further updates be reported to the Committee. The attached document gives an overview of how the new constitution will look. Work has been done to streamline and simplify the document in order to make it more accessible. Views and comments on the format and accessibility of the new constitution are requested.

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Council Constitution Committee 11 January 2011 Minute No: CCC-19
Council Constitution Committee 8 November 2011 Minute No: CCC-8

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

No implications.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

No implications.

7. LEGAL COMMENT

The Council is required to have a constitution that explains how it conducts its business and how it takes its decisions.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

9. WARD IMPLICATIONS

Borough wide

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

End of Report

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