

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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**13 May 2008**

**Report of Monitoring Officer**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters For Decision**

**1 UPDATES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

**1.1** The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 added new provisions to the Local Government Act 2000 amending the arrangements for the selection of the Leader of the Council. These new arrangements require that the Leader be elected at the annual meeting of the Council following the four yearly elections and hold office until the annual meeting following the next round of elections. This change in the legislation means that the Council's Constitution must be amended to reflect the new law.

**1.2 Recommendations**

**1.2.1** It is recommended that the Council's Constitution be changed to reflect the requirements of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended) and that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the necessary alterations.

Background papers:

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Nil

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