

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

21 April 2009

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Part 1- Public

Matters For Decision

1 CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

1.1 Legal Implications

1.1.1 Members will note from earlier in the Agenda that the Chief Executive has recommended changes to the arrangements in respect of Panels and Boards to advise the Executive. If the Council adopts those changes there will need to be amendments to the Council's Constitution. Annex 1 shows the amendments that would be required to Part 3 of the Constitution, replacing pages 72-82 inclusive of the current version.

1.1.2 These changes can only be made following a report of the Monitoring Officer to the Council and if the Council adopts the changes recommended by the Chief Executive then I recommend the consequential changes set out in Annex 1.

1.1.3 At its last meeting, the Council confirmed the action of the Chief Executive in appointing the Central Services Director as also the Monitoring Officer. This requires a minor change to Article 12 of the Constitution to reflect this decision and I recommend accordingly.

1.2 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.2.1 None

1.3 Risk Assessment

1.3.1 Not applicable

1.4 Recommendations

1.4.1 The Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend the Constitution to give effect to the change to the arrangements in respect of Panels and Boards to advise the Executive as set out in Annex 1 to this report and to amend Article 12 to reflect the role of the Central Services Director as Monitoring Officer.

Background papers:

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Nil

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