

ARTICLE 10 - REVIEW AND REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION

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| 10.01 | Duty to Monitor and Review the Constitution | |
| | The operation of the Constitution will be monitored and reviewed by the Monitoring Officer to ensure that its aims and principles are given full effect. | |
| 10.02 | Protocol for Monitoring and Review of Constitution by Monitoring Officer | |
| | A key role for the Monitoring Officer is to be aware of the strengths and weaknesses of the Constitution adopted by the Council, and to make recommendations for ways in which it could be amended in order to better achieve the purposes set out in Article 1 (The Constitution). In undertaking this task the Monitoring Officer may: | |
| (a) | observe meetings of different parts of the member and officer structure; | |
| (b) | undertake an audit trail of a sample of decisions; | |
| (c) | record and analyse issues raised with them by members, officers, the public and other relevant stakeholders; and | |
| (d) | compare practices in this authority with those in other comparable authorities, or national examples of best practice. | |
| 10.03 | Changes to the Constitution | |
| (a) | Save as provided by (b) below changes to the Constitution will only be approved by the Full Council after consideration of the proposal by the Monitoring Officer. | |
| (b) | The Monitoring Officer is authorised to make any necessary amendments to the Constitution: | |
| | (i) | to give effect to any decision of Council, the Executive or a Committee; |
| | (ii) | consequential upon changes to operational arrangements. |