



Report of: Acting Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer

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SUBJECT: Constitution Update

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report proposes a number of changes to the council's Constitution to ensure it reflects changes in legislation and changes in the council's arrangements and remains fit for purpose.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve the amendments to the Constitution set out in the appendices.

3. Background

- 3.1 Appendix A contains extracts from the Constitution in which proposed changes are marked, by crossing through in the case of deletions and by underlining in the case of additions. The main changes proposed are described below.

4. Main proposed changes

Appendix A:

- 4.1 With effect from 1 March 2021, Registration Services for Islington & the City of London will relocate from the Resources Department to the Environment Department, requiring a change in the designation of the Proper Officer in any enactment relating to registration of births, death or marriages to the Service Director Public Protection.

4.2 The Recordable Decision definition in Part 2, Article 13 – Decision Making, has been updated to provide more clarity.

5. Implications

5.1 Financial implications:

There are no direct material financial implications associated with the amendments to the Constitution as set out in this report.

5.2 Legal Implications:

The Council is required to maintain an up to date Constitution in accordance with Section 9P(1) of the Local Government Act 2000.

5.3 Environmental Implications and contribution to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030:

There are no direct environmental implications resulting as a result of this report.

5.4 Resident Impact Assessment:

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

An initial assessment has been undertaken and it has been concluded that a full assessment is not required as there are no direct impacts on residents.

5. Reason for recommendations

5.1 This report proposes a number of changes to the Constitution to ensure that the document remains up to date and fit for purpose.

Appendices: Appendix A – Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

Background papers: None

Final report clearance:

Signed by:



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