

**REPORT TO:** Executive Board

**DATE:** 20 April 2023

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Operational Director – Legal and Democratic Services

**PORTFOLIO:** Leader's

**SUBJECT:** Annual Review of Constitution 2023

**WARDS:** Borough-wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to ask the Board to seek the approval of the Council to a small number of changes to the Constitution.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That Executive Board recommends Council to approve the changes to the Constitution including the matters set out in Appendix 1.**

## **3.0 BACKGROUND**

3.1 The revised version of the Constitution picks up the changes to the Council's working arrangements that have taken place during the year, as well as other changes which are intended to assist the Council to operate more effectively.

3.2 The proposals for change have been considered by the Chief Executive and the Leader in accordance with Article 16.02. Apart from the purely technical changes, the proposed amendments that are considered to be of particular significance are listed in Appendix A to this report.

## **4.0 POLICY, FINANCIAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 All legislative changes have been considered. However, no further amendments, over and above those already outlined, are required at the present time. Any other required changes during the period 2023/24 will be the subject of further reports when dates and details are available.

## **5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

5.1 **Children and Young People in Halton.**

5.2 **Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton.**

5.3 **A Healthy Halton.**

**5.4 A Safer Halton.**

**5.5 Halton's Urban Renewal.**

The changes proposed are designed to support the continued delivery of the Council's priorities.

**6.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

6.1 The Council needs to ensure that its Constitution is regularly updated so that it continues to support efficient, transparent and accountable decision-making by the authority.

**7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

7.1 None.

**8.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no implications.

**9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None under the meaning of the Act.

**Proposed Significant Changes to the Constitution**

**Amended version of Procurement Standing Orders – See Attachment.**

**Standing Order Relating to Duties of Proper Officers and Delegation to Officers: A number of consequential amendments following changes to the Management Structure.**