

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S
REPORT TO**

Council
19 May 2021

Report Title: Confirmation of the Constitution

Submitted by: Chief Executive

Portfolios: Corporate & Service Improvement, People & Partnerships

Ward(s) affected: N/A

Purpose of the Report

For Council to confirm the content of the Constitution

Recommendation

That Council notes that there are no new amendments made or proposed to the Council's constitution, and that its content as currently drawn (16/12/20), including the various schemes of delegation, are confirmed.

Reasons

The Constitution requires Council, at its Annual Meeting to:

"Agree the scheme of delegation (excluding any executive delegations which the Leader has responsibility for)"

1. **Background**

1.1 Whilst amendments made or proposed are reported to and confirmed by Council on a regular basis, there is a requirement in the Constitution to agree the scheme of delegation at Annual Council. The Scheme of Delegation is set out in the Constitution. Accordingly, whilst there have been no changes to the Constitution since those approved at the 16 December meeting of Council, council is asked to confirm the content of the Constitution as at that date in keeping with the requirement set out in the Constitution.

2. **Issues**

2.1 Set out above.

3. **Proposal**

3.1 That Council notes that there are no new amendments made or proposed to the Council's constitution, and that its content as currently drawn (16/12/20), including the various schemes of delegation, are confirmed.

4. **Reasons for Proposed Solution**

4.1 As required by the Constitution.

5. **Options Considered**

5.1 Not applicable.

6. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

6.1 None.

7. **Equality Impact Assessment**

7.1 None.

8. **Financial and Resource Implications**

8.1 None.

9. **Major Risks**

9.1 Having put itself under an obligation to do so through the passage of the Constitution referred to, there is a risk that if the Council does not confirm its scheme of delegation as it says it will, decisions subsequently taken in accordance with that scheme of delegation could be challenged on the basis that the Scheme was not duly confirmed.

10. **UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)**

10.1 Not applicable.

11. **Key Decision Information**

11.1 This is not a Key Decision

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

12.1 Not applicable.

13. **List of Appendices**

13.1 Not applicable.

14. **Background Papers**

14.1 Not applicable.