

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Council
Date: 10th July 2013
Report for: Decision
Report of: Acting Director of Legal and Democratic Services and
Monitoring Officer

Report Title

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION – FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULES

Summary

To obtain Council's agreement to amend the Constitution of the Council to reflect a number of recommended changes to the Financial Procedure Rules which form part of the Council's Constitution.

A copy of the suggested amended version of the Rules has been placed on the Council website for Members to review.

Recommendation(s)

- 1) That the Council approve the amended Financial Procedure Rules.
- 2) That the Acting Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to amend the Constitution of the Council in accordance with and as a consequence of this report.

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

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Background Papers

None

Background Information

Relationship to Corporate Priorities	The report is relevant to all of the Council's corporate priorities.
Financial	There are no specific financial issues arising from this report about the constitutional changes. The financial procedure rules have been updated as part of a review of the Constitution.
Legal Implications	The Council is required to review and update its constitution from time to time.

Equality/Diversity Implications	The Constitution reflects all of the requirements required by legislation.
Sustainability Implications	None
Staffing/E-Government/Asset Management Implications	None
Risk Management Implications	None
Health and Wellbeing Implications	None
Health and Safety Implications	None

Background

It is the duty of the Council's Monitoring Officer to review the Constitution from time to time and to propose amendments to the Council. A report setting out a number of proposed changes was considered and approved at the Annual Council Meeting.

It was not possible to submit the Financial Procedure Rules to this meeting. A number of changes are proposed and these have been placed on the Council's website.

Consultation on Proposed Changes

Any proposed changes to the Constitution should be considered by the Executive, Scrutiny Committee and Standards Committee prior to referral to Council under Article 15. The Executive met on the 29th April 2013, Scrutiny Committee on the 8th May and the Standards Committee met on the 9th May. Any comments on the Financial Procedure Rules have been incorporated in the revised document.