

COUNCIL	DATE 15 December 2021	ITEM NO 16
TITLE Changes to the Constitution arising from the Monitoring Officer's delegation in Article 15.02 of the Constitution	WARDS All	
CHIEF OFFICER Director of Legal & HR	CABINET MEMBER Leader of the Council	
DECISION CLASSIFICATION Information report	IS THE FINAL DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REPORT TO BE MADE AT THIS MEETING? This report is for noting only	

1. **Decision Required**

Council is requested to;

- 1.1 Note the changes to the Constitution arising from the Monitoring Officer's delegation in Article 15.02 of the Constitution.

2. **Summary**

- 2.1 Under Article 15.02(d) of the Constitution, the Monitoring Officer may from time to time make the following changes to the Constitution:

- (i) such changes as may be necessary to comply with or give effect to any change in the law;
- (ii) such consequential changes as may be necessary to reflect any decision made by the Council, Cabinet, Cabinet Members, Committees, Sub-Committees or Chief Officers;
- (iii) such other minor or incidental changes as may seem appropriate to make the Constitution internally consistent, up to date and readily understandable.

- 2.2 Changes made by the Monitoring Officer under Article 15.02(d) will be notified to the Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Opposition and the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee and reported to the next Council meeting for information.

- 2.3 The following changes were notified to the Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Opposition and the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the Constitution Review Working Group on 11 November 2021 and are being reported to this Council meeting for information.

- 2.4 Consequential changes have been made to the Constitution to reflect the senior reorganisation decision made by the Chief Executive on 2 November 2021 following the retirement of the Director of Communities & Environment.
- 2.5 A change has been made to the Constitution to make clear that the Common Seal of the Council can be affixed electronically as well as physically. This consequential change follows a decision of the Director of Legal & HR on 7 December 2021 to introduce electronic sealing which will lead to greater efficiency and better use of Council resources around the authentication of Royal Borough of Greenwich legal documents.

3. Cross-Cutting Issues and Implications

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Legal including Human Rights Act	<p>Section 9P of the Local Government Act 2000 requires local authorities to prepare and keep up to date constitutions containing their standing orders, code of conduct for members, any other information they considered appropriate and ‘such information as the Secretary of State may direct’.</p> <p>Given that it is for noting only, there are no specific legal implications arising from the report.</p>	John Scarborough, Director of Legal & HR, 1 December 2021
Finance and other resources including procurement implications	There are no financial implications arising from this report.	Michael Bate Assistant Director of Corporate Finance 2 December 2021
Equalities	<p>The report is for noting only and has a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no apparent equality impact on end users.</p> <p>The report has no impact the Council’s Equality and Equity Charter and the Council’s Equality Objectives 2020-2024.</p>	John Scarborough, Director of Legal & HR, 1 December 2021

Climate change	The report is for noting only and has no impact upon the Greenwich Carbon Neutral Plan agreed by Cabinet on 18 November 2020.	John Scarborough, Director of Legal & HR, 1 December 2021
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Background Papers

None

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