

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member:</b>	Leader of the Council
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	24 May 2023

## CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES, SCHEME OF DELEGATION AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the Scheme of Delegation in terms of non-executive and executive functions and to note updates on other procedural matters.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To agree that no changes are made to the scheme of delegation for which the Council has responsibility.

2.2 To note that reports will be brought back to the June meeting on procedural matters referred to in the report.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To undertake this annual review in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

To make changes to the scheme of delegation relating to the Council functions, although this is not recommended.

### 4.0 Council priority:

4.1 The review of the Scheme of delegation will help the Council achieve all its priorities.

## **5.0 Background Information**

5.1 Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Executive ceased to be a committee of the Council within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1972 and the functions assigned to the Executive are for the Leader of the Council to delegate. The Council's non-executive functions and scheme of delegation are for the Council itself to delegate. There are no proposed changes to the scheme of delegation.

5.2 In terms of the Procedural Standing Orders for Council and Committees (Part 4a of the Constitution) anecdotal feedback has been received from members of both political groups that the arrangements for question to / answers from Executive members on their reports should be more streamlined. A report will be brought to the next Council meeting on an updated process.

5.3 The award of Honorary Aldermen, together with other criteria for honours will be discussed with Group Leaders and brought back to the next Council meeting.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

### **List of Appendices:**

None.

## **6.0 Legal considerations:**

6.1 The Council's Constitution (Procedure Rule 2.2 of Part 4 of the Constitution) requires the Annual meeting to consider changes (if any) to the scheme of delegation or such part of it as the constitution determines it is for the Council to agree. The current scheme of delegation is set out in Part 3 of the Constitution (Responsibility for Functions).

## **7.0 Equalities considerations:**

7.1 There are no equalities considerations.

## **8.0 Financial considerations:**

8.1 There are no financial considerations.

## **9.0 Risk management considerations:**

9.1 There are no risk management considerations.

## **10.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:**

10.1 None.

**11.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:**

11.1 No consultation has taken place as there are no proposed changes at this juncture.

**12.0 Background papers:**

12.1 There are no additional background papers to this report.