

Part One: Chapter 14 - Review and revision of the Constitution

Duty to monitor and review the Constitution

- 14.1 The Monitoring Officer will monitor and review the operation of the Constitution, to ensure that its aims and principles are given full effect.
- 14.2 To enable the Monitoring Officer to be aware of the strengths and weaknesses of the Constitution and be able to make recommendations for ways in which it could be amended, in order better to achieve its purposes, the Monitoring Officer may:
- a) observe meetings of different parts of the Council's member and officer structure;
 - b) undertake an audit trail of a sample of decisions;
 - c) record and analyse issues raised with him or her by councillors, officers, the members of the public and other relevant interested parties; and
 - d) compare practices in the authority with those in other comparable authorities or with national examples of best practice.

Changes to the Constitution

14.3 **Approval**

Changes to this Constitution may be made at any time, arising from a review by the Monitoring Officer or motion from Council and will only be approved by Council once considered by the Audit and Governance Committee. All such changes will comply with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 and other relevant statutory provisions.

14.4 Change from an Executive Leader and Executive form of Executive to alternative arrangements:

If there are proposals to change the Executive arrangements, the Council will take reasonable steps to consult local electors and other interested persons in the area when it draws up proposals.

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