

Part 1: Chapter 15

Review and Revision of the Constitution

15.1 Duty to monitor and review the Constitution;

The Monitoring Officer will ensure that the aims and principles of the Constitution are given full effect. The Audit Committee, with guidance from the Monitoring Officer, will monitor and review the operation of the Constitution, to ensure that the aims and principles of the Constitution are given full effect. It will report to the Cabinet detailing any changes it considers necessary. The Cabinet will consider any advice from the Audit Committee and monitor and review such aspects of the Constitution as it considers appropriate and will make any recommendations to the County Council at the appropriate time.

15.2 Changes to the Constitution;

15.2.1 Approval;

The County Council will only consider changes to the Constitution after the Cabinet has considered any proposals.

15.2.2 Changes from Leader and Cabinet form of Executive;

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

15.3 Exception to the requirement in 15.2;

The following changes to the Constitution may be effected by the Chief Executive, subject to reporting the change to the next appropriate meeting of the Cabinet, and then to County Council:

15.3.1 Changes in the responsibility for Executive Functions (Part 2, Chapter 3) decided upon by the Leader, including changes to the appointment of the number of Executive members up to the maximum allowed by legislation;

15.3.2 Changes to the delegated functions to Chief Officers as allocated from time to time by the Chief Executive in accordance with Part 2, Chapter 4 including any changes consequential on 15.3.1 above;

15.3.3 Changes required to give effect to any change in the law or directives issued under legal powers by Government.