

**Bolsover District Council**

**Standards Committee**

**3rd July 2014**

**Further Updates to Revised Constitution**

**Report of the Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer**

This report is public

**Purpose of the Report**

- To advise of additional changes to the Constitution made since the meeting of Standards Committee on 8 April.

**1 Report Details**

- 1.1 The Committee considered updates to the Constitution at its meeting on 8 April. Further to that meeting a number of other changes have been proposed and these are attached at Appendices A, B and C.
- 1.2 Appendix A sets out the Council and Planning Committee functions from the Functions Scheme, as well as the functions of the New Bolsover Partnership Joint Committee which were agreed at Council on 18 June. The changes already agreed on 8 April are included in the track changes along with some others. These mainly relate to the decision at Council in May to create a new Local Plan Steering Group. In future, it is proposed that only the approval and withdrawal of the Local Plan document will be a Council decision. All other decisions will be referred to Planning Committee with the background work undertaken by the Steering Group. This will enable swifter and more efficient decision making in relation to the Local Plan. Some other minor 'consistency changes' are also proposed.
- 1.3 Appendices B and C are the revised Finance Regulations and Contract Procedures. The changes to the Financial Regulations relate to virements. The Contract Procedure Rules have been updated to enable greater use of e-tendering now that the Council has access to the facility and to reflect the fact that the main operational work on tendering is being undertaken by Chesterfield Royal Hospital (CRH) on behalf of the Council.

**2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation**

- 2.1 To enable a fully revised Constitution to be brought before Council on 16 July 2014.

**3 Consultation and Equality Impact**

- 3.1 None.

#### 4 **Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

4.1 None.

#### 5 **Implications**

The Local Government Act 1972 allows delegation of Council functions in certain circumstances.

#### 6 **Recommendations**

6.1 That Standards Committee recommend that the attached changes to the Constitution be forwarded to the Council for approval.

#### 7 **Decision Information**

<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	Yes/No
<b>District Wards Affected</b>	
<b>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</b>	

#### 8 **Document Information**

<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
A	Excerpt from Part 3 – Functions Scheme
B	4.7 - Financial Regulations
C	4.8 - Contract Procedures
<b>Background Papers</b> (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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