

BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Meeting of Council on 28th January 2026

Electronic Voting Change to the Council's Constitution

Report of the Director of Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer

Classification	Open
Contact Officer	Jim Fieldsend, Director of Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 The Constitution is the Council's 'rulebook'. It sets out how the Council operates and how it makes decisions.
- 1.2 The Council is required by law to prepare and keep up to date a Constitution which explains how the Council operates, how decisions are made and the procedures which are to be followed to ensure that these are efficient, transparent and accountable to local people.
- 1.3 Article 1 of the Constitution stipulates that the Monitoring Officer must monitor and review how it is working to make sure it gives full effect to its purpose.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 The voting rules in the Council Procedure Rules do not specifically state that voting can be done by the Council's electronic voting system.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the Council Procedure Rules be amended as follows with the bold wording being the proposed additions

14.3 Show of Hands/ *Electronic Voting*

*Unless a recorded vote is demanded (under rule 14.4) the Chair of the Council will take the vote by a show of **hands or by way of the electronic voting system**, or if there is no dissent by the affirmation of the meeting.*

- 2.3 The proposals do not change the rules relating to a recorded vote which will continue to be taken by roll-call.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 To ensure that the Council Procedure Rules allow for voting to be undertaken using the electronic voting system

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Not to agree to the change. This is rejected as the changes are required to clarify that voting can be undertaken electronically.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council agrees to the changes to the Council Procedure Rules as set out in paragraph 2.2 of this report

Approved by Councillor Donna Hales, Deputy Leader & Portfolio Holder
for Corporate Governance

<u>Finance and Risk</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Details: There are no financial implications arising from this report. <p style="text-align: right;">On behalf of the Section 151 Officer</p>		
<u>Legal (including Data Protection)</u> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Details: As set out in the report. <p style="text-align: right;">On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council</p>		
<u>Staffing</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Details: There are no staffing implications arising from this report. <p style="text-align: right;">On behalf of the Head of Paid Service</p>		
<u>Equality and Diversity, and Consultation</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Details: There are no Equality and Diversity, and Consultation implications arising from this report.		
<u>Environment</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Details: There are no Environmental implications arising from this report.		

DECISION INFORMATION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies:	
Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an Executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more wards in the District or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Revenue (a) Results in the Council making Revenue Savings of £75,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Revenue Expenditure of £75,000 or more.	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>
Capital (a) Results in the Council making Capital Income of £150,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Capital Expenditure of £150,000 or more.	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>
District Wards Significantly Affected: <i>(to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the District)</i> Please state below which wards are affected or tick All if all wards are affected: None.	All <input type="checkbox"/>

Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, is the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decision(s) proposed within this report? <i>(decisions may only be classified as exempt from call-in with the agreement of the Monitoring Officer)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Consultation carried out: <i>(this is any consultation carried out prior to the report being presented for approval)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	

Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy, Environment, Housing	
Customers	

DOCUMENT INFORMATION	
Appendix No	Title

Background Papers
<i>(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 Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).</i>
None.