

Agenda Item No: 7

Report to: Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 31 March 2014

Report Title: Amendments to the Council's Constitution

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Purpose of Report

The Council's Constitution is the basis for the Council's Corporate Governance. It is necessary to amend and improve the document on an ongoing basis.

Recommendation(s)

- 1. That the changes to the Council's Constitution are supported.**

Reasons for Recommendations

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1. The Working Arrangements Group meeting on 21 January 2014 discussed the following items, these now require amendments to be made to the Council's Constitution;
 2. The amendments include:
 - The creation of a new committee of cabinet to consider Licensing appeals culminating from the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013
 - The addition of an appendix to include procedural notes for Minutes Silence at Council Meetings and Honorary Freedom of the Borough
 - Re-wording of section on petitions
 - Re-wording for section on Motions
 - The provision of a sentence on Mayoral Expenses
 - General tidying of the Constitution.
 3. The attached table sets out the changes required.
 4. Following discussion of this item at the Cabinet on 31st March 2014, the attached will need to be agreed by the full Council on 16th April 2014. .

Wards Affected

Ashdown, Baird, Braybrooke, Castle, Central St. Leonards, Conquest, Gensing, Hollington, Maze Hill, Old Hastings, Ore, Silverhill, St. Helens, Tressell, West St. Leonards, Wishing Tree

Area(s) Affected

Central Hastings, East Hastings, North St. Leonards, South St. Leonards

Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	No
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	No
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes
Local People's Views	No

Background Information

Amendments to the constitution table
Flowchart of Council Committee Structure

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