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## MANAGING DIRECTOR DECISION

15 JULY 2020

### **124. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Managing Director declared no interests.

### **125. AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION**

The Chief Legal Officer submitted a report to propose amendments to the Council's Constitution following discussions with the Working Arrangements Group.

The proposed amendments are as a result of updating the Constitution to reflect the change from two Directors to one Managing Director. Changes are also being proposed to allow Electronic Petitions for current Planning and Licensing applications in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and to acknowledge that they can be a faster, more convenient alternative to paper petitions. Paper petitions will still be accepted for those who prefer this method.

Changes are being proposed to Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 of the Constitution and are outlined in the Chief Legal Officer's report.

Under the emergency powers set out in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution the Managing Director made the decision in consultation with the following Councillors: Cllr Forward, Cllr Fitzgerald, Cllr Batsford, Cllr Chowney, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Lee and Cllr Patmore.

### **RESOLVED –**

That the amendments to the Council's Constitution be adopted by Full Council or under the delegated authority given to the Managing Director in consultation with a minimum of four members of the Cabinet, one of whom to be the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council and in consultation with the Leader or deputy Leader of the opposition.

### **Reasons for the decision:**

The Council's Constitution is the basis for the Council's Corporate Governance.

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# Minute Annex

## Managing Director Decision Record

Part 4 of the Council's Constitution  
Emergency Powers



**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**Item:** Amendments to the Council's Constitution

**Report by:** Christine Barkshire-Jones, Chief Legal Officer & Monitoring Officer

**Decision type:** Full Council

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### **Reasons:**

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### **Decision made in consultation with:**

| Cabinet                | For | Against | Abstain |
|------------------------|-----|---------|---------|
| Councillor Forward     | X   |         |         |
| Councillor Fitzgerald  | X   |         |         |
| Councillor Barnett     |     |         |         |
| Councillor Batsford    | X   |         |         |
| Councillor Chowney     | X   |         |         |
| Councillor Evans       |     |         |         |
| Councillor O'Callaghan |     |         |         |
| Councillor Rogers      | X   |         |         |
| Opposition             |     |         |         |

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| Councillor Lee     | X |  |  |
| Councillor Patmore | X |  |  |

Signed:



Jane Hartnell  
Managing Director  
Hastings Borough Council