

Constitution Advisory Panel – Areas for Review

The following areas within the Constitution have been identified as requiring review

Article of the Constitution	Area(s) to review
Article 6 – Councillor Officer Protocol	An action within the Improvement Plan Review in light of findings from Member and Officer surveys
Article 9 - Non-Executive Functions and Committees	Licensing Panel Terms of Reference – membership and chairing arrangements - clarification
Article 11 - Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules	Public and stakeholder engagement to clarify arrangements for how citizens and other stakeholders can engage with the scrutiny function
Article 12 - Standing Orders and Committee Procedures	Standing Orders to ensure arrangements reflect good practice and learning, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of motions • Enabling motions and councillor questions to proceed if the submitting councillor is absent • Official communications
Article 12 - Standing Orders and Committee Procedures	Committee Procedures to clarify arrangements and requirements for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairing • Apologies for absence
Article 14 - Officer Employment Procedure Rules Relevant aspects of Article 9 – Non-Executive Functions and Committees (Council and ACOS terms of reference) to be included in review	Full review of arrangements for recruitment and appointment of Chief Officers/ Statutory Governance Officers to ensure arrangements reflect good practice and learning
Article 15 - Councillor Code of Conduct	Government considering changes to the standards regime – any changes will need to be reflected here (no timescales yet)
Article 17 - Financial Regulations	Full refresh to ensure arrangements reflect requirements and support effective and efficient decision making
Article 18 – Contract Procedure Rules	To ensure compliance with new procurement legislation taking effect from the end of February 2025