

<b>CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION: MAYORAL ADVISERS</b>	
<b>COUNCIL MEETING DATE</b> 26 OCTOBER 2016	<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b> Open  If exempt, the reason will be listed in the main body of this report.
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED</b> All Wards	
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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report requests that Full Council agrees changes to the Constitution to reflect the Mayor's appointment of Mayoral Advisers.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 Full Council is recommended to approve the amendments to the Constitution as set in the Schedule of Changes attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

## **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 In September 2016 the newly elected Mayor appointed Mayoral Advisers under his executive powers to assist the Mayor in discharging his responsibilities. This report recommends that the Constitution is updated to reflect the creation of these positions and to confirm the role and responsibilities of Mayoral Advisers.

- 3.2 The proposed changes to the Constitution are set out in full in Appendix 1 of the report. The recommended changes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- i) Clarifying that Mayoral Advisers can attend executive meetings but cannot vote at such meetings;
- ii) Give members of the public the right to ask questions of Mayoral Advisers at Full Council and Executive meetings;
- iii) Give Members of the Council the right to ask questions of Mayoral Advisers at Full Council meetings; and
- iv) Give Overview and Scrutiny Commissions the right to call Mayoral Advisers to answer questions, on behalf of the Mayor.

## **4. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 The Council is under a legal obligation to prepare and maintain a Constitution. This report proposes changes to the Constitution to discharge this legal duty by ensuring that it properly reflects new executive arrangements. There are no specific additional legal considerations.

## **5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 5.1 The recommendation of this report to create two Mayoral Advisors is estimated to cost £37k per annum. This will be met from the existing Members Allowances budget, and will not result in a budget pressure for the Council.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

## Appendix 1 – Schedule of Changes to the Constitution

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