

ASSEMBLY

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Title: Council Constitution - Updates	
Report of the Chief Executive	
Open Report	For Decision
Wards Affected: All	Key Decision: No
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Summary: <p>This report advises on a number of updates to the Council's Constitution, one of which requires the Assembly's approval in line with the review / revision arrangements set out in paragraph 2 of Part 7 of the Constitution.</p> <p>The amendment requiring the Assembly's approval relates to the primary location of Council meetings. In view of the new webcasting facilities at the Town Hall, Barking which are due to be fully functional from Autumn 2016 and accessibility issues at the Civic Centre, Dagenham from October 2016 relating to the lease to the University of Coventry, it is proposed that the Town Hall be designated as the primary location for all Council meetings. Provision will remain for other venues such as the Civic Centre and Barking Learning Centre to be used in certain circumstances where meetings are not webcast or where there are availability issues at the Town Hall. The Chief Executive will be responsible for agreeing those arrangements. The full revised wording is set out in paragraph 2.2 of the Meeting Rules attached at Appendix 1.</p> <p>A schedule detailing the full list of updates is at Appendix 2. These updates, which have been implemented by the Monitoring Officer in accordance with the Constitution review / revision arrangements, also include amendments to reflect the deletion of the post of Corporate Director of Children's Services following the retirement of Helen Jenner and the transfer of those responsibilities to Anne Bristow, Strategic Director of Service Development and Integration.</p>	
Recommendation(s) <p>The Assembly is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Approve the amendment to paragraph 2.2 of the Council's Meeting Rules (Chapter 3, Part 2 of the Constitution) regarding the designation of the Town Hall, Barking as the primary location of Council meetings; and	

- (ii) Note the schedule of amendments to the Constitution as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.

Reason(s)

To accord with the requirements of Part 7 of the Council Constitution.

1. Financial Implications

Implications completed by: Kathy Freeman, Finance Director

- 1.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

2. Legal Implications

Implications completed by: Paul Feild, Senior Governance Lawyer

- 2.1 The Local Government Act 2000 requires Councils to produce, maintain and review the Constitution document which sets out the rules, codes, protocols and schemes by which the Council operates.

Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:

- Council's Constitution (<http://modern.gov.barking-dagenham.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=626&Year=0&Info=1>).

List of appendices:

- **Appendix 1** - Revised Meeting Rules (Chapter 3, Part 2 of the Constitution)
- **Appendix 2** - Full schedule of amendments