

COUNCIL 24 May 2023

MINUTE EXTRACT

15/23 Constitutional Amendments

A report of the Monitoring Officer was considered proposing alterations to the Council Constitution arising from the change to whole Council elections and the adoption of a revised warding pattern, following the adoption of the recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE).

It was reported that the amendments were required to ensure that the Constitution remained accurate pending the implementation of the Constitutional Review commissioned by the Council in July 2022. It was recommended that Part 1 (Summary and Explanation) and Part 2 (Articles of the Constitution) were amended to remove reference to elections by thirds and the previous warding pattern for the Council. The report also sought to pro-rata the allocation of devolved neighbourhood funding to ensure a fair and equitable split between three and two member wards. Under the previous arrangements every ward received £15k in devolved funding per annum; the report proposed that each ward instead received £5k of funding per councillor, per annum.

The recommendations in the report were moved by Councillor Shanker and seconded by Councillor Whitby, put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

- 1. To note the progress of the Constitutional Review.**
- 2. To request that the Monitoring Officer seek nominations to the Constitutional Review Working Group, following the retirement of several members at the May 2023 elections.**
- 3. To delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to make interim amendments to the Council Constitution as detailed at paragraph 4.4 of the report, to reflect recent changes to the composition of the Council.**
- 4. To request that the Council Cabinet alter the allocation of devolved neighbourhood funding to account for creation of two member-wards, as detailed at paragraphs 4.5 to 4.7 of the report.**

MAYOR