

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 16th December,
2015
at 6.00 pm

Council Chamber - Civic Centre

This meeting is open to the public

Members of the Council

The Mayor – Chair

The Sheriff – Vice-chair

Leader of the Council

Members of the Council (See overleaf)

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Harefield	Daunt Fitzhenry Smith	Woolston	Chamberlain Hammond Payne

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Role of the Council

The Council comprises all 48 Councillors. The Council normally meets six times a year including the annual meeting, at which the Mayor and the Council Leader are elected and committees and sub-committees are appointed, and the budget meeting, at which the Council Tax is set for the following year.

The Council approves the policy framework, which is a series of plans and strategies recommended by the Executive, which set out the key policies and programmes for the main services provided by the Council. It receives a summary report of decisions made by the Executive, and reports on specific issues raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee. The Council also considers questions and motions submitted by Council Members on matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which affect the City.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Questions:- People who live or work in the City may ask questions of the Mayor, Chairs of Committees and Members of the Executive. (See the Council's Constitution ref Part 4 Council Procedure Rules 10.8)

Petitions:- At a meeting of the Council any Member or member of the public may present a petition which is submitted in accordance with the Council's scheme for handling petitions. Petitions containing more than 1,500 signatures (qualifying) will be debated at a Council meeting. (See the Council's Constitution ref Part 4 Council Procedure Rules 10.1)

Representations:- At the discretion of the Mayor, members of the public may address the Council on any report included on the agenda in which they have a relevant interest. Any member of the public wishing to address the meeting should advise the Democratic Support Officer (DSO) whose contact details are on the front sheet of the agenda.

Deputations:- A deputation of up to three people can apply to address the Council. A deputation may include the presentation of a petition. (See the Council's Constitution ref Part 4 Council Procedure Rules 10.7)

MEETING INFORMATION

Use of Social Media:- The Council supports the video or audio recording of meetings open to the public, for either live or subsequent broadcast. However, if, in the Chair's opinion, a person filming or recording a meeting or taking photographs is interrupting proceedings or causing a disturbance, under the Council's Standing Orders the person can be ordered to stop their activity, or to leave the meeting

Mobile Telephones – Please switch your mobile telephones to silent whilst in the meeting.

Fire Procedure – In the event of a fire or other emergency, a continuous alarm will sound and you will be advised by Council officers what action to take.

Southampton City Council's Priorities:

- Jobs for local people
- Prevention and early intervention
- Protecting vulnerable people
- Affordable housing
- Services for all
- City pride
- A sustainable Council

Access – Access is available for disabled people. Please contact the Council Administrator who will help to make any necessary arrangements

Smoking policy – The Council operates a no-smoking policy in all civic buildings

Proposed dates of meetings (Municipal year 2015/16)

2015	2016
15 July	10 February (Budget)
16 September	16 March
18 November	18 May (AGM)*

*Date subject to the election schedule

CONDUCT OF MEETING

FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

The functions of the Council are set out in Article 4 of Part 2 of the Constitution

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

Only those items listed on the attached agenda may be considered at this meeting.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

The meeting is governed by the Council Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution.

QUORUM

The minimum number of appointed Members required to be in attendance to hold the meeting is 16.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members are required to disclose, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, **both** the existence **and** nature of any "Disclosable Pecuniary Interest" or "Other Interest" they may have in relation to matters for consideration on this Agenda.

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

A Member must regard himself or herself as having a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter that they or their spouse, partner, a person they are living with as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were a civil partner in relation to:

- (i) Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
- (ii) Sponsorship: Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from Southampton City Council) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expense incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
- (iii) Any contract which is made between you / your spouse etc (or a body in which the you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest) and Southampton City Council under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed, and which has not been fully discharged.
- (iv) Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of Southampton.
- (v) Any license (held alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of Southampton for a month or longer.
- (vi) Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) the landlord is Southampton City Council and the tenant is a body in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interests.
- (vii) Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of Southampton, and either:
 - a) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body, or
 - b) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest that exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

Other Interests

A Member must regard himself or herself as having an, 'Other Interest' in any membership of, or occupation of a position of general control or management in:

Any body to which they have been appointed or nominated by Southampton City Council

Any public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature

Any body directed to charitable purposes

Any body whose principal purpose includes the influence of public opinion or policy

Principles of Decision Making

All decisions of the Council will be made in accordance with the following principles:-

- proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);
- due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;
- respect for human rights;
- a presumption in favour of openness, accountability and transparency;
- setting out what options have been considered;
- setting out reasons for the decision; and
- clarity of aims and desired outcomes.

In exercising discretion, the decision maker must:

- understand the law that regulates the decision making power and gives effect to it. The decision-maker must direct itself properly in law;
- take into account all relevant matters (those matters which the law requires the authority as a matter of legal obligation to take into account);
- leave out of account irrelevant considerations;
- act for a proper purpose, exercising its powers for the public good;
- not reach a decision which no authority acting reasonably could reach, (also known as the “rationality” or “taking leave of your senses” principle);
- comply with the rule that local government finance is to be conducted on an annual basis. Save to the extent authorised by Parliament, ‘live now, pay later’ and forward funding are unlawful; and
- act with procedural propriety in accordance with the rules of fairness.

Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Richard Ivory
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Tuesday, 8 December 2015

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the COUNCIL to be held on WEDNESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 2015 in the COUNCIL CHAMBER CIVIC CENTRE at 6:00pm when the following business is proposed to be transacted:-

1 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

Matters especially brought forward by the Mayor and the Leader.

3 NEGOTIATION AND AGREEMENT OF A DEVOLUTION DEAL FOR HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT (Pages 1 - 6)

Report of the Leader of the Council seeking approval from Members for delegated authority to be given to the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, to conduct negotiations with the Government, and with the other Hampshire and Isle of Wight Councils and partners, and to agree a devolution deal for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, attached.

4 REVISIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION - TRANSFORMATION PROJECTS (Pages 7 - 10)

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services seeking approval to make changes to the Constitution, attached.

5 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM

To move that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the confidential report number 6.

This report is exempt from publication by virtue of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules as contained in the Constitution particularly as it contains:-

- Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) (paragraph 3)
- Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could

be maintained in legal proceedings (paragraph 5)

- Information which is subject to any obligation of confidentiality (paragraph 7A)

If the content of this report were to be treated as a public document it would reveal information that is both commercially sensitive and detrimental to the business affairs of the Council.

6 TRANSFORMATION PROPOSAL (Pages 11 - 42)

Confidential report of the Leader of the Council, attached.



Richard Ivory
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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Agenda Item 3

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	NEGOTIATION AND AGREEMENT OF A DEVOLUTION DEAL FOR HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.		
DATE OF DECISION:	16 DECEMBER 2015		
REPORT OF:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Not applicable

BRIEF SUMMARY

This report seeks approval from Members for delegated authority to be given to the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Leader of the Council, to conduct negotiations with the Government, and with the other Hampshire and Isle of Wight (HIOW) Councils and partners, and to agree a devolution deal for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

	(i)	That it is noted that the Leader has, by virtue of the Council's Constitution, delegated authority to progress the next stage towards securing a devolution deal for HIOW, including ongoing negotiations with the Government in light of the Government's anticipated proposal of a devolution deal for HIOW.
	(ii)	That delegated authority is given to the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, to give effect to the contents of this report including (but not limited to) undertaking detailed negotiations with relevant government departments in respect of the proposed devolution deal for HIOW.
	(iii)	The Leader ensures that all members are kept informed of the progress of the negotiations as they move forward.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1.	If we are to take advantage of the devolution agenda, it is important that the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive have the opportunity to continue to work flexibly and quickly with other authorities in the Hampshire and Isle of Wight area to conduct negotiations with Government. The Leader by virtue of the Council's Constitution has the authority to lead the negotiations on behalf of the Council. This report updates members on progress and also gives the Chief Executive appropriate delegated powers to work in support of the Leader. This will enable Southampton City Council to shape any deal and take advantage of devolved powers and responsibilities
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	agreed through the deal.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
2.	All options relating to devolution and the potential establishment of a Combined Authority will be considered as this work progresses. This will be an iterative process and Members will have further opportunities to consider and shape the joint proposal either through consultation mechanisms or formal decision making as appropriate and necessary.
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
3.	To take advantage of the devolution agenda, it is important that the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive have the opportunity to continue to work flexibly and quickly with other authorities and partners in the HIOW area to develop proposals and negotiate with the Government. The Government expects HIOW to be able to respond at pace to agree the final content of the deal document ahead of a deal announcement, which could be at short notice.
4.	National context The devolution agenda has been gathering pace since Greater Manchester Combined Authority secured the first devolution deal in November 2014. In July 2015, Cornwall became the first County area to secure a devolution deal with Government. Over summer 2015, Government encouraged areas across the country to come forward with devolution propositions by the 4 th September. 38 devolution proposals were submitted to Government by this deadline, including Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. During the autumn, further deals were announced with Sheffield City region, Tees Valley region, the North East, Liverpool City region and the West Midlands.
5.	Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill The Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill was introduced in the House of Lords on 28 May 2015. The Bill signals Government's commitment to devolution and paves the way for the further transfer of powers away from Whitehall to local areas and includes provisions for devolution to combined authorities, which are statutory bodies that enable local authorities to work jointly to deliver a broad range of functions. The Bill will also introduce powers to create a directly-elected mayor for a combined authority. The Bill does not mandate a combined authority for every area or the election of a Mayor for all deals, leaving open the possibility of alternative governance arrangements. The Bill has passed through Committee stage and Report stage will commence on 7 December. Naturally parts of the Bill may well change before it becomes law.
6.	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Devolution On 19 June 2015, the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association (HIOWLGA) agreed to support a proposal for a Hampshire wide combined authority, covering the County Council, the 11 District Councils and the 3 Unitary Councils of Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight as the basis for developing a devolution deal.
7.	A Statement of Intent was sent to the Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 31 July 2015 outlining proposals for a devolution deal for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and inviting Government to work with HIOW partners to explore the full potential

	for devolution in the area. The letter outlined ambitions in four key areas: accelerating housing delivery, raising productivity, investing in infrastructure and transforming public services. The letter indicated that a refined set of proposals would be set out in a further submission by 4 th September for consideration as part of the 2015 Spending Review.
8.	<p>During July, work was undertaken at pace to prepare a more detailed devolution Prospectus which was submitted to Government on 4 September. This outlines proposals across a number of areas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boosting business and skills for work (including enterprise and business support, innovation, skills and employment, welfare to work) • Accelerating housing delivery (including accelerating and increasing housing delivery and maintaining community identity) • Investing in infrastructure (including strategic transport connections, local transport opportunities, broadband and utilities and energy) • Transforming public services (including integrating health and social care bringing services closer to communities and transforming adoption).
9.	Proposals across these four themes are underpinned by a commitment to forgo Revenue Support Grant and other grants in exchange for 100% business rates generated within the HIOW area.
10.	On 20 th October, HIOW local authority Leaders and Chief Executives met to consider the impact of the Chancellor's announcement of 5 th October to allow all areas to retain 100% of business rates locally by 2020, on the HIOW deal. While Members recognised the need for further detailed work and political engagement on this issue, it was agreed that for the best opportunity to secure the right deal for HIOW, partners should continue to pursue a business rate retention scheme for the area as part of the devolution bid and in keeping with existing timescales.
11.	On 17 November a panel of five Leaders and the Chairman of Enterprise M3 LEP participated in a "challenge session" with the Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, on the content of the HIOW bid. A letter was received by HIOW Leaders and Chairs in early October requesting the meeting. The session was initially scheduled for 23 rd October in Winchester, but had to be rescheduled for unforeseen reasons and this short delay has impacted on the bid's timescales.
12.	The Secretary of State was positive about the HIOW deal as a whole, praising HIOW for coming together rapidly to develop a credible and ambitious bid. He felt the HIOW work on business rates was an example of innovative thinking and invited HIOW to model finance proposals with the Treasury. Questions were raised about the HIOW infrastructure proposals; the broad thrust seemed acceptable although there is work still to do to persuade the Government of the importance of green infrastructure, or "green belt", as a necessary part of the HIOW deal.
13.	The majority of the remaining questioning focused on housing and governance where the Secretary of State wanted to see greater levels of ambition. His questions implied that an enhanced offer on housing numbers and other key issues, such as use of public land and a stronger governance model, could help unlock an early devolution deal. He emphasised that as one of the first non-metropolitan areas potentially to secure a devolution deal,

	HIOW would be expected to set a high bar for others to follow.
14.	Subject to ongoing successful negotiations, including addressing issues raised during the challenge session, the Secretary of State has indicated that a deal could be proposed in late January. Leaders and Chairs of partners to the deal will continue to be engaged and ensure that their Councils and Board Members are kept informed.
15.	The prospectus document forms the basis of negotiations with Government to determine the content of a devolution deal. The Leaders and Chairs of partners to the deal will continue to be engaged during detailed negotiations and ensure that their Councils and Board Members are kept informed during this period.
16.	The wording of the deal document will be drafted by the Government and the Government will expect HIOW to be able to respond quickly to agree the final deal document ahead of a Government announcement. To enable HIOW to respond to the Government at pace and take decisions in a timely manner, this report recommends that delegated authority is given to the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Leader, to conduct negotiations, agree the devolution deal and carry out any acts needed to bring the deal to fruition. It should be noted that the deal document is not a statutory document and that much of the detail underpinning proposals will need to be worked through following the deal announcement at which point HIOW will undertake a full governance review and public consultation. It remains at this stage a largely in principle commitment, with legal commitment following when the legislation to establish a HIOW Combined Authority starts to be put in place.
17.	If a devolution deal is agreed and implemented for the HIOW area, a Combined Authority would be the most likely legal vehicle for receiving and exercising new powers and funding. It would be the means by which the 19 partners would come together to make strategic decisions on (for example) economic development or major infrastructure investment. Some of these powers could be passported through to existing structures, e.g. Local Enterprise Partnerships. Metropolitan areas have chosen the option of a directly-elected mayor to lead the Combined Authority, but other options are available to HIOW including executive arrangements or a committee structure. There is tacit recognition that the perceived benefits of an elected mayor may be more suited to metropolitan areas than to counties, and especially to an area as diverse as HIOW.
18.	A Combined Authority is legally a local authority but need not have its own staff, organisation or buildings. There would be some costs but these can be minimised and shared through a 'light touch' approach that would entail no additional cost, drawing as far as possible on existing arrangements and the resources of the 19 partners. It should be noted that any such cost would be commensurate with the devolved finances that should come with any devolution deal.
19.	Current state of negotiations The current position on the negotiations is fluid, ongoing and further negotiations are required.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	

20.	There are no additional financial implications arising directly from the recommendations contained within this report. Any associated financial implications will be reported to a future Council meeting.
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Property/Other

21.	There are no property implications arising from the recommendations contained within this report
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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

22.	<p>The existing power to establish a Combined Authority is set out in Section 103 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009. Proposed changes to the law around Combined Authorities will substantially empower those seeking to enter into such arrangements. Based on the current drafting of the Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill, and the draft Legislative Reform (Combined Authorities and Economic Prosperity Boards) (England) Order 2015 the changes will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable local authorities that do not have contiguous boundaries to form Combined Authorities where the Secretary of State considers they can collaborate effectively in specified statutory functions. • Enable Combined Authorities to take on a broad range of functions, including functions which not only currently reside within individual local authorities, but also a range of public authority functions which go beyond those enjoyed by local authorities, and also to transfer property interests to the Combined Authority relating to those functions. • Allow a Mayoral Combined Authority to precept for its funding. • Provide that the consent of relevant local authorities and public bodies is needed in respect of any changes. • Allow for the possibility of an elected mayor for the combined authority's area who would exercise specified functions individually and chair the authority. • Provide for the possibility for the mayor additionally to undertake the functions of Police and Crime Commissioner for the combined authority area (in place of the Police and Crime Commissioner). • Remove the current statutory limitation on functions that can be conferred on a combined authority (currently economic development, regeneration, and transport).
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Other Legal Implications:

23.	There are no other legal implications arising from the recommendations contained within this report.
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POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

24.	There are no policy framework implications arising from the recommendations contained within this report.
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KEY DECISION?	No
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WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	ALL
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	None
Documents In Members' Rooms	
1.	None
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	No
Privacy Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.	No
Other Background Documents	
Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:	
Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None
2.	

Agenda Item 4

DECISION-MAKER:	GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	REVISIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION – TRANSFORMATION PROJECTS		
DATE OF DECISION:	14th DECEMBER 2015 (GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE) 16th DECEMBER 2015 (COUNCIL)		
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
The report details revisions to various elements of the Constitution as part of the Council's significant Transformation agenda in order to enable early decision making which will permit quicker project implementation and realisation of financial savings.	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	
	(i) That Governance Committee considers the revisions to the Constitution as set out in this report and recommends to Council the following changes:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend Article 12 "Decision Making" of the Articles of Constitution at 'Note 1' on page 20 (definition of key decision) to read "<i>In relation to paragraph (i) above, the term 'significant' shall be construed as meaning £500,000 (except this does not apply to care packages where the value of the care package exceeds £500,000 or to Transformation projects approved by the Council, Cabinet, Cabinet Member or officers as appropriate after consultation with the Transformation Improvement Board (where the value of the project exceeds £500,000 but does not exceed £5m)...</i> {continue text as current}
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules at page 6 (section 5(b) to add "<i>(iii) The Transformation Implementation Director, following consultation with Transformation Improvement Board and Chief Finance Officer, shall be entitled to vire across budget heads where each individual virement does not exceeds £5,000,000 for the purpose of delivering any transformation project</i>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend Financial Procedure Rules with an additional row in the tables at A12, B37 and B42 (HRA matters) stating “any amount not exceeding £5,000,000 relating to a transformation project approved as above can be vired / approved by the Transformation Implementation Director following consultation with the Transformation Improvement Board (including virement of expenditure and income budgets and acceptance of external funding).”
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise section 5 of the Officer Scheme of Delegation (Transformation Implementation Director) stating “The Transformation Implementation Director, following consultation with the Transformation Improvement Board, Chief Finance Officer and Head of Legal and Democratic Services, shall be empowered to take all decisions or actions necessary to develop, implement and deliver transformation projects approved by the Transformation Board up to a value of £5,000,000 including but not limited to incurring expenditure, structural re-organisations, service reorganisations and entering into contracts and partnership arrangements to deliver services as required together with all ancillary matters necessary to give effect to or conducive to the delivery of such projects.”
COUNCIL		
	(i)	That Council approves the revisions to the Constitution as set out above.
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS		
1.	As set out in the summary above, time is of the essence in delivering any corporate transformation projects to capture such significant financial savings as have been broadly or specifically identified in the budget proposal previously agreed. By increasing the scheme of delegation to officers to specifically include matters of up to £5,000,000 in overall value, after consultation with Transformation Improvement Board more timely implementation will be achieved. Proposals will, of course, still be treated as Key Decisions where appropriate.	
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED		
2.	To leave the Constitution as it stands. This would add delay in implementing significant transformation projects in that matters may have to be referred to full Council for decision due to the value involved. That may well require special meetings on an ad hoc basis as projects and proposals develop. That builds in inherent delay and inconvenience to members.	
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)		
3.	As the Council’s Transformation agenda and projects gather pace agility is needed to ensure delivery in as quick a manner as appropriate. This does not circumvent publicity or transparency as any proposed Key Decisions will be published and the role of Overview and Scrutiny Committee will remain intact. The proposed changes aid that by quicker delivery, nothing more.	

4.	To assist delivery, prior to and/or following each Transformation Improvement Board, a working group standing meeting of officers to include finance, legal, HR and policy / strategy will meet to review projects and identify those where there may be political sensitivities and identify consultation requirements with staff, service users, wider public along with any EIA / PIA implications and requirements that must be addressed before formal decisions taken.
5.	Formal sign off of any projects approved by the Transformation Implementation Director under the proposed delegations will be recorded with reasons with a report to Transformation Improvement Board as necessary. For more operational matters, as now, a report by email containing the same level of information to meet the legal requirement to evidence reasons for decision under the current law on officer decision making will be compiled.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
6.	None
<u>Property/Other</u>	
7.	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
8.	S.111 Local Government Act 1972, Local Government Act 2000
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
9.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
10.	None. All decisions must be made with Council agreed policy and budget.

KEY DECISION?	No	
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None	
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>		
Appendices		
1.	None	
Documents In Members' Rooms		
1.	None	
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