

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	REVISION TO CONSTITUTION – VOTING BY MEMBERS ON BUDGETS		
DATE OF DECISION:	19 MARCH 2014		
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY
None

BRIEF SUMMARY

This report seeks authority to amend the Council’s Constitution following the coming into force of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders)(England)(Amendment) Order 2014 (SI.2014/165)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the Council’s Constitution – Council Procedure Rules be revised to record the way members vote on budget decision matters in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders)(England)(Amendment) Order 2014.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. The Local Authorities (Standing Orders)(England)(Amendment) Order 2014 (SI.2014/165) came into force on 25th February 2014. The statutory instrument requires Councils to revise their Constitutions as soon as is reasonably possible to reflect voting by members on budget decision matters.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 2. None

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

- 3. The new Regulations require Councils “immediately after any vote is taken at a budget decision meeting of an authority there must be recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of that meeting the names of the persons who cast a vote for the decision or against the decision or who abstained from voting”. Accordingly, this requires to be reflected in the Council Procedure Rules by inserting a new paragraph 17.6.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

- 4. None

Property/Other

5. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

6. Sections, 8, 20 and 190 Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Authorities (Standing Orders)(England)(Amendment) Order 2014

Other Legal Implications:

7. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

8. None

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	None
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	No
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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	
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