

## Report of the Monitoring Officer

**THE CONSTITUTION**1. Purpose of Report

To consider the Council's Constitution following the resolution to change the system of governance at the full Council meeting on 13 April 2022.

2. Recommendation

**The Council is asked to RESOLVE that the Constitution be approved.**

3. Detail

Changes to the system of governance were agreed by Members at full Council on 13 April 2022, as was the structure which would be used to support the new governance arrangements. It was resolved that the Council would operate a cabinet/strong leader system from 11 May 2022. Furthermore, Members received a draft version of the new Constitution at that meeting, which has subsequently been tidied up and formatted, with amendments being made to the scheme of delegation, proper officer practices and times allowed for speaking at committee and Council meetings. The Task and Finish Group which has been considering the Constitution has met once again to review the amendments.

In accordance with legislation, an advert has been placed in the Nottingham Evening Post which provides details of the provisions that have been set out and when they will take effect. Training has been offered and provided for Members and officers through separate sessions, which is considered necessary for the proper implementation of the new system.

The draft Constitution is circulated separately to the agenda and submitted for the consideration of full Council, and if approved, the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee will be asked to regularly review sections of the Constitution before further recommendations are made to Council.

4. Financial Implications

Nil

5. Legal Implications

Nil

6. Human Resources Implications

Nil

7. Union Comments

Nil

8. Data Protection Compliance Implications

Nil

9. Equality Impact Assessment

An Equality Impact Assessment is included in the appendix.

10. Background Papers

Nil