

# Birmingham City Council

## Council Business Management Committee

10 May 2021



**Subject:** Annual Review of the Constitution  
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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? ☐ Yes ☒ No

### 1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out proposed amendments to the Constitution resulting from the Annual Review and asks CBM to consider these and make a recommendation to Full Council on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

### 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Council Business Management Committee agrees the proposed amendments set out in Appendix 1, and in the tracked change version of the Constitution (Appendix 2), and present these for approval at Full Council on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021.
- 2.2 That Council Business Management Committee agrees a second recommendation to Full Council, that the City Solicitor be authorised to make in-year changes to the Constitution to reflect variations in the senior officer structure, in line with decisions made by the Council Business Management (Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer Appointments, Dismissals And Service Conditions Sub-) Committee – JNC Core Panel. This would be in addition to the existing authority to make minor in-year changes.

### 3 Background

- 3.1 The Constitution underwent a major review and refresh and the revised version was agreed by Full Council in September 2019. Temporary amendments were agreed by Full Council on 28th April; these will expire no later than 25 May 2021. Further amendments were agreed in November 2020.

## **4 Proposed Changes**

- 4.1 The proposed changes are set out in Appendix 1 and in tracked change versions of the Constitution in Appendix 2. Minor amendments to wording for clarity, consistency and accuracy reasons are set out in the tracked change document only.
- 4.2 In addition, it is proposed to recommend to Full Council that the City Solicitor be authorised to make in-year changes to the senior officer structures in Parts B1.7, Part B2 and Part E to reflect changes agreed by JNC Panel, for a period of 12 months. These changes would be reported back to the next CBM Committee meeting and any changes circulated to all members.
- 4.3 This would be in addition to the existing authority for the City Solicitor to make minor in-year changes (see Part A page 10)

## **5 Appendices**

- 5.1 Appendix 1: 2021 BCC Constitution Change Log
- 5.2 Appendix 2: The Constitution Parts A-E with tracked change amendments