

Subject: Review of the Constitution – Extract from the proceedings of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on the 13 May 2021

Date of Meeting: 25 March 2021

Report of: Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance & Law

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**Action Required of Council:**

To consider the report and the recommendations from the Policy & Resources Committee.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the proposal to make changes to the Council's Procedure Rules in Part 3.2 of the Council's Constitution indicated in paragraphs 4.1 - 4.7 inclusive and Appendix 1 be approved;
- (2) That the appointment of a co-optee to represent the perspective of disabled people to Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee and a representative from Parent Carers' Council (PaCC) to be co-opted onto the Children, Young People & Skills Committee, as outlined in paragraph 4.12 of the report be approved;
- (3) That the proposal to make changes to the rules on Petitions in Part 8.10 of the Council's Constitution as set out in paragraphs 4.16 to 4.18 inclusive and Appendix 5 of the report be approved;
- (4) That the proposed changes referred to in (1), (2) and (3) above and as set out in Appendices 1 and 5 to the report; be approved;
- (5) That the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer be authorised to take all steps necessary or incidental to the implementation of the changes agreed by the Policy & Resources Committee and by Full Council, and that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend all parts of the Council's constitutional documents necessary to incorporate the changes, and to republish the Constitution; and
- (6) That the proposed changes come into force immediately following their approval by Policy & Resources Committee or adoption by Full Council, as appropriate.

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

4.00pm 13 MAY 2021

HOVE TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBER

MINUTE EXTRACT

Present: Councillor Mac Cafferty (Chair) Appich and Bell (Group Spokesperson).

Also present: Standing Invitee Dr Anusree Biswas Sasidharan

PART ONE

186 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

186.1 The Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance & Law introduced the report which detailed proposed changes to the Council's Constitution to be approved by the committee and full Council. He noted that the proposals had been considered by the cross-party Constitution Working Group and were being brought forward as part of the regular review of the constitution.

186.2 Members of the committee welcomed the report and thanked the officers for the work that had been undertaken and noted the proposed changes would improve the workings of the council. The committee also welcomed the intention to produce job descriptions for co-optees and to have a co-optee on the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee.

186.3 The Chair noted the comments and put the recommendations to the vote which were carried.

186.4 RESOLVED:

- (1) That the full Council be recommended to approve the proposal to make changes to the Council's Procedure Rules in Part 3.2 of the Council's Constitution indicated in paragraphs 4.1 - 4.7 inclusive and Appendix 1;
- (2) That the proposals to make changes to the Council's Member Working Groups and Advisory Bodies in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution as set out in paragraphs 4.8 to 4.11 inclusive and Appendices 2 & 3 be approved;
- (3) That full Council be recommended to approve the appointment of a co-optee to represent the perspective of disabled people to Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee and a representative from Parent Carers' Council (PaCC) to be co-opted onto the Children, Young People & Skills Committee, as outlined in paragraph 4.12 of the report;

- (4) That a report be brought to the next Committee meeting, addressing proposals for the payment of an allowance to those co-optees and standing invitees described in paragraph 4.13 of the report;
- (5) That the proposal to make changes to the Scheme of Delegations to Officers in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution as set out in paragraphs 4.14 to 4.15 inclusive and Appendix 4 of the report be approved;
- (6) That the full Council be recommended to approve the proposal to make changes to the rules on Petitions in Part 8.10 of the Council's Constitution as set out in paragraphs 4.16 to 4.18 inclusive and Appendix 5 of the report;
- (7) That full Council approves the proposed changes referred to in paras 2.1, 2.3 and 2.6 above and as set out in Appendices 1 and 5 to the report;
- (8) That the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer be authorised to take all steps necessary or incidental to the implementation of the changes agreed by the Policy & Resources Committee and by Full Council, and that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend all parts of the Council's constitutional documents necessary to incorporate the changes, and to republish the Constitution; and
- (9) That the proposed changes come into force immediately following their approval by Policy & Resources Committee or adoption by Full Council, as appropriate.