

**Decision Maker:**      **General Purposes & Licensing Committee**

**Executive**

**Date:**                    **22 March 2016**  
**23 March 2016**

**Decision Type:**      Non-Urgent                    Non-Executive                    Non-Key

**Title:**                    **FIFTH REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION IMPROVEMENT  
WORKING GROUP**

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**Chief Officer:**        Mark Bowen, Director of Corporate Services

**Ward:**                    All

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1.    Reason for report

1.1    The fifth report of the Constitution Improvement Working Group is attached. The Working Group was appointed by the Executive to consider constitutional issues and make recommendations to full Council. The Working Group recommends an experiment with an Education Select Committee, with appropriate changes to executive decision making to release the Select Committee from the majority of pre-decision scrutiny; various minor amendments to the Constitution including measures to clarify call-in arrangements; the establishment of a Contracts Sub-Committee reporting to Executive and Resources PDS Committee; and recommends that there should be no changes to Councillor numbers.

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2.    **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the recommendations in the fifth report of the Constitution Improvement Working Group be supported and referred to full Council.**

**That the Director of Corporate Services be authorised to draw up the necessary detailed changes to the wording of the Constitution for approval by Council.**

### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
  2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council:
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost:
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Not Applicable
  4. Total current budget for this head: Not applicable
  5. Source of funding: Not Applicable
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### Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): Not applicable
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not Applicable
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable: Decisions on changing the Constitution are the responsibility of full Council
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): The proposals affect all Councillors
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Policy/Legal/Personnel/Finance
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	None