

<b>Subject:</b>	Constitution Review		<b>Status:</b>	For Publication	
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<b>Report of:</b>	Monitoring Officer		<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Corporate Services	
<b>Key Decision:</b>	No - reserved for Council	Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	General Exception <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Equality Impact Assessment:</b>	Required:	No	Attached:	No	
<b>Biodiversity Impact Assessment</b>	Required:	No	Attached:	No	
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<b>1.</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION(S)</b>
1.1	That Council agree to the proposed changes to the Constitution in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing the membership of the Development Control Committee from seven to nine elected members (Appendix A).</li> </ul>

**2. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

2.1 To consider the recommendations of the Governance Working Group in relation to the proposed increase in membership of the Development Control Committee as detailed at Appendix A.

**3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:

- A connected and successful Rossendale that welcomes sustainable growth:** our priority is to ensure that we are well connected to our residents, key partners and stakeholders. We want to make the most of every pound we spend and we are always looking for new and innovative ways to make the resources we do have, work harder for us.

**4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

- Monitoring risks and reviewing systems of controls.
- Failure to maintain and follow an up-to-date Constitution risks legal proceedings being taken against the Council, and risks members of the community being dissatisfied with the action of the Council.

**5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS**

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5.1 The Articles in Part 2 of the Council's Constitution provides information on the Council's committee membership, and information regarding the Regulatory Committees is detailed under Article 8.

5.2 At the Governance Working Group meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June members discussed increasing the membership of the Development Control Committee (as detailed at 8.01 point 1) from seven to nine members.

- 5.3 Following discussion Governance Working Group recommended the proposal to Full Council for decision.
- 5.4 Should the proposed be approved it will require the political balance to be amended and reissued accordingly.

**COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

**6. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

6.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from the report.

**7. MONITORING OFFICER**

7.1 There are no immediate legal considerations attached to the recommendation in this report, other than the considerations as detailed at 5.4.

**8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

8.1 Consultation with Statutory Officers and the Governance Working Group.

8.2 At the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Governance Working Group meeting the following was agreed:

That Governance Working Group recommend Council to agree the change to the Constitution in relation to:

- The increase in Development Committee membership from seven to nine (Appendix A).

**9. CONCLUSION**

9.1 The Council is required by law to implement a Constitution and it is in the interests of the Council to regularly review and update the document.

Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
The Constitution of the Council	<a href="https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/downloads/download/10710/constitution">https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/downloads/download/10710/constitution</a>

## ARTICLE 8 – REGULATORY COMMITTEES

### 8.01 Regulatory Committees

The Council will appoint:

1. A **Development Control Committee** of ~~seven~~nine Members.

No Member may serve on the Development Control Committee who has not undertaken the appropriate training in order to take part in the committee's work.