

**Subject: AMENDMENTS TO THE  
CONSTITUTION**

**Status: FOR PUBLICATION**

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**Report to: STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2006**

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**Report of: HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

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**Portfolio**

**Holder: DUNCAN RUDDICK**

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**Key Decision:**

**NO/YES (Please highlight)**

Forward Plan   
*Relevant Box*

General Exception

Special Urgency

"X" In

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To review the terms of reference of the Standards Committee and to delete (i) of Page 42 of the Constitution to remove "Consider and approve the Statement of Accounts". The terms of reference are at Appendix 1.

**2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

- 2.1 The matters discussed in this report are linked to and support the following corporate priorities:

- *The Council is committed to good governance principles. In order to improve and have clarity of roles and responsibilities the Constitution must be reviewed and amendments made.*

**3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

**4. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**

- 4.1 There are no comments on this report.

**5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

- 5.1 There are no comments on this report.

## 6. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 6.1 The Standards Committee does not consider and approve the Statement of Accounts. Therefore an amendment to be Constitution is required to delete this from the Standards Committee roles and functions.

## 7. RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 That the Standards Committee reviews its terms of reference and recommends to the Constitutional Working Group that para (i) "Consider and approve the Statement of Accounts" is deleted.

## 8. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 81 None.

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