Harborough District Council

Report to the Annual Council Meeting of 23rd May 2022



Title:	Delegation of Council Functions
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Key Decision:	Νο
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Appendices:	Appendix A – Part 3, Section B, Harborough District Council Constitution

Executive Summary

The report requests the Council review and agree the scheme of delegation in Section B of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution for the 2022/2023.

References relating to the senior management team within Section B of Part 3 of the Constitution will be updated and considered at the forthcoming Constitutional Review Committee in June 2022 to be subsequently recommended to Council.

Recommendations

(i) That the current scheme of delegation as set out in Section B of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution be agreed for the 2022/23 year.

Reasons for Recommendations

In accordance with Part 4 Section 1 of the Council's Procedure Rules, the Council is required to agree the scheme of Delegation of Council functions at the Annual Council Meeting, as set out in Part 3 Section B of the Constitution.

1. Purpose of Report

To consider and agree the scheme of delegations or such part of it as the Constitution determines it is for the Council to agree (as set out in Section B of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution).



2. Background

At its meeting on 10 July 2017 the Council adopted revised Procedure Rules requiring that the Scheme of Delegation, relating to Council functions be adopted at Annual Council each year.

3. Details

At the Constitutional Review Committee meeting on the 29th June 2021, changes to the Introductory Section 'Principles of Delegation' as detailed in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution, relating to changes to the senior management team were proposed and the recommendations subsequently approved at the 13th December 2021 Council meeting.

Due to subsequent changes to the senior management team, further changes are required to Part 3, Introductory Section and Section B: Responsibility for Council Functions of the constitution, which will be considered at the next Constitutional Review Committee meeting on the 8th June 2022.

4. Implications of Decisions

4.1. Corporate Priorities

The formal decision-making process supports all of the Corporate Priorities.

4.2. Financial

None as far as this report is concerned.

4.3. Legal

As set out in the body of this report.

4.4. Policy

The Council needs to ensure that it has an appropriate scheme of delegation in place to ensure the efficient operation of the authority. This report relates to Council functions, as the delegation of Cabinet functions is a matter for the Leader to determine.

4.5. Environmental Implications including contributions to achieving a net zero carbon Council by 2030

None as far as this report is concerned.

4.6. Risk Management

None as far as this report is concerned.

4.7. Equalities Impact

None as far as this report is concerned.

4.8. Data Protection

None as far as this report is concerned.

5. Summary of Consultation and Outcome

No formal consultation has taken place, as the proposals reflect arrangements already included within the Council's Constitution.

6. Alternative Options Considered

Not to adopt a Scheme of Delegations - this is not considered appropriate, particularly in view of the information set out in Sections 2 and 4.4 above.

7. Background papers

None.



