

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

REPORT:	Council	
DATE OF DECISION	11th December 2024	
REPORT TITLE:	Proposed Changes to the Constitution: Council Procedure Rules and Budget & Policy Framework, Scheme of Co-option, and Appointment of Chairs, Deputy Chairs & Vice Chairs of Committees	
CORPORATE DIRECTOR	Corporate Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer Jane West	
LEAD OFFICER:	Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer Stephen Lawrence-Orumwense	
LEAD MEMBER:	Councillor Sean Fitzsimons Chair General Purposes Committee	
CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION?	NO	N/A
WARDS AFFECTED:	All	

1 SUMMARY OF REPORT

- 1.1** One of the functions of the Council's General Purposes Committee (GPC) is to consider changes to the Constitution recommended by the Constitution Working Group (CWG), except for the allocation of responsibilities by the Executive Mayor, and referral of any proposals to full Council for approval.
- 1.2** Several proposed changes relating to the Council's Council Procedure Rules and Budget & Policy Framework, Scheme of Co-option and Appointment of Chairs & Deputy/Vice Chairs have been recently considered by the General Purposes Committee.
- 1.3** All proposed changes as recommended by the CWG were discussed and approved for recommendation to Council by the GPC at their meeting held on the 5th November 2024.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 For the reasons set out in this report and appendices, Full Council is recommended to **AGREE**:

Council Procedures Rules and Budget & Policy Framework

- 2.1.1 to **Approve** the amended version (as set-out in Appendix 1 and sub-appendices) of the Council Procedures Rules - Part 4A and Budget & Policy Framework - Part 4C of the Council's Constitution.

Miscellaneous Changes to the Constitution (Scheme of Co-option, and Appointment of Chairs, Deputy Chairs & Vice Chairs of Committees)

- 2.1.2 to **Approve** the amended version (as set-out in Appendix 2 and sub-appendices) of Part 4E (Scrutiny and Overview Procedure Rules); Part 4F (Non-Executive Committee Procedure Rules) and Part 6D (Scheme of Co-option) of the Council's Constitution.

Other

- 2.1.3 If 2.1.1 and / or 2.1.2 agreed, to **Authorise** the Monitoring Officer to update the Council's Constitution accordingly including authority to make any very minor amendments for tidying up, drafting slips, or clarification purposes before publication.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To update the Constitution and make improvements to ensure efficient and effective decision-making processes are in operation.

4 BACKGROUND AND DETAILS

- 4.1 The background and details for each of the proposals were provided and agreed by General Purposes Committee on the 5th November 2024 and detailed in attached Appendices 1 and 2.

5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 As detailed in Appendices 1 and 2.
- 5.2 It should be noted, as part of the consultation for the Council Procedure Rules, a number of further considerations and amendments were raised at CWG by concerning, for example, speaking rights, time allocations etc. The rules will be kept under review by CWG and if approved for recommendation will be presented at GPC.

6 CONSULTATION

Further details provided in Appendices 1 and 2 and proposals were discussed at both CWG and GPC.

8 CONTRIBUTION TO EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S BUSINESS PLAN

8.1 As per the reasons for recommendations, the proposals contribute to delivering:

Outcome 1; Priority 4: Ensure good governance is embedded and adopt best practice.

9 IMPLICATIONS

9.1 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1.1 No identified financial implications for any of the proposals.

9.2 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.2.1 The legal implications for each proposal are detailed in Appendix 1 and 2.

9.3 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.3.1 There are no identified equalities impacts directly arising from the proposed changes.

10 APPENDICES

Please note, each appendix has sub-appendices:

Appendix 1 Recommended proposals related to Council Procedures Rules - Part 4A and Budget & Policy Framework - Part 4C of the Council's Constitution.

Appendix 2 Recommended proposals related to Part 4E (Scrutiny and Overview Procedure Rules); Part 4F (Non-Executive Committee Procedure Rules) and Part 6D (Scheme of Co-option) of the Council's Constitution.

11 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None