

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL

26th February 2029

Changes to the Council's Constitution

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr G Denaro
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton
Ward(s) Affected	All
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	N/A
Key Decision / Non-Key Decision	Non-key

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 This report asks the Council to consider proposed changes to the Council's Constitution in respect of the Substitutes attending Overview and Scrutiny Board meetings. These suggested changes have arisen following discussions between the four Group Leaders, at the most recent meeting of the Constitution Review Working Group.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules and Terms of Reference be amended as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2.

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising directly from this report.

Legal Implications

- 3.2 The Council is required by law to maintain a constitution which sets out how the Council makes decisions.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.3 Following on from discussions held at meetings of the Constitution Review Working Group the Group Leaders have requested that an amendment be made to the attendance of substitutes at Overview and Scrutiny Board meetings, to take account of extenuating circumstances. The final decision in respect of the attendance of a substitute for a Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Board on more than two occasions during a municipal year, would be at the discretion of the Chairman and considered on an individual basis.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.4 There are no specific customer or equalities implications arising from this report.

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4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 The main risks associated with the details included in this report are failure to comply with legislative and governance requirements which may expose the Council to the risk of challenge by way of judicial review or appeal which may result in awards of damages and costs against the Council and loss of reputation.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Overview and Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules

Appendix 2 – Overview and Scrutiny Board Terms of Reference

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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