

## ARTICLE 15 - REVIEW AND REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION

This Article deals with the issue of ensuring that the Constitution is kept under review and is revised as necessary. This will be the function of the Audit and Governance Committee.

The relevant legislation is Sections 30 and 37 of the Local Government Act 2000.

### 15.01 Duty to monitor and review the constitution

The Standards and Adjudication Committee will monitor and review the operation of the Constitution to ensure that the aims and principles of the Constitution are given full effect.

#### Protocol for monitoring and review of constitution by the Monitoring Officer

A key role for the Monitoring Officer is to be aware of the strengths and weaknesses of the Constitution adopted by the Council, and to make recommendations for ways in which it could be amended in order better to achieve the purposes set out in [Article 1](#). In undertaking this task the Monitoring Officer may:

- 1) observe meetings of different parts of the member and officer structure;
- 2) undertake an audit trail of a sample of decisions;
- 3) record and analyse issues raised with him/her by members, officers, the public and other relevant stakeholders; and
- 4) compare practices in this authority with those in other comparable authorities, or national examples of best practice.

### 15.02 Changes to the Constitution

- a) **Approval.** Changes to the constitution will only be approved by the full Council.
- b) **The Council** must take reasonable steps to consult with local electors and other interested persons in the area when drawing up any proposals to change from the Leader and Cabinet form of Cabinet to another type of Cabinet model