

## **Constitution Committee**

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**Date of Meeting:** 21 November 2019

**Report Title:** The Future of the Cheshire East Mayoralty

**Senior Officer:** Jan Bakewell, Director of Governance and Compliance

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### **1. Report Summary**

- 1.1. At its meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Council resolved that “this Council asks the Constitution Committee to carry out a review of the Cheshire East Mayoralty and report back to full Council with recommendations before the start of the municipal year 2020/21”.
- 1.2. This report makes a recommendation to the Committee, as to how it might respond to the Council resolution.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. That an eight Member, cross-party, politically proportionate (3:2:2:1) working group be established to review the Cheshire East Mayoralty and make recommendations to the Constitution Committee.
- 2.2. That the Working Group, when established, adopt the terms of reference outlined in Appendix 1.
- 2.3. That the Working Group, when established, be presented with the background-information outlined in Appendix 2.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 Many Members contributed to the debate at Council on 17<sup>th</sup> October on the future of the Cheshire East Mayoralty. It is clear that there is a range of views on this issue. Tasking a Working Group to review this issue in detail would appear to be the most appropriate way to move the issue forward. Such an approach would ensure that all relevant information is taken into consideration and that, if seen to be appropriate, a range of options are developed for discussion at a future meeting of Constitution Committee. The Committee may take the view, as it did with the establishment of the Governance Working Group, that the Real Independent Group are invited to attend meetings, without having voting rights.

- 3.2 The Committee is asked for its views on the suggested Terms of Reference outlined in Appendix 1, and the background information that it is suggested should be provided to a Working Group (Appendix 2).

#### **4. Implications of the Recommendations**

##### **4.1. Legal Implications**

- 4.1.1. There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report, but the legal position will be monitored dependant upon the progress of the review.

##### **4.2. Finance Implications**

- 4.2.1. There could be some financial implications resulting out of the recommendations made by a Working Group to the Constitution Committee. Any recommendations will be fully costed.

##### **4.3. Policy Implications**

- 4.3.1. Council policy in relation to the role of the Mayor may change as a result of recommendations made to Constitution Committee.

##### **4.4. Equality Implications**

- 4.4.1. There are no equality implications.

##### **4.5. Human Resources Implications**

- 4.5.1. There are no direct HR implications.

##### **4.6. Risk Management Implications**

- 4.6.1. There are no risk management implications.

##### **4.7. Rural Communities Implications**

- 4.7.1. There are no implications for rural communities.

##### **4.8. Implications for Children & Young People / Cared for Children**

- 4.8.1. There are no implications for children and young people or cared for children.

##### **4.9. Public Health Implications**

- 4.9.1. There are no implications for public health.

##### **4.10. Climate Change Implications**

- 4.10.1. There are no direct climate change implications, although a change of policy in relation to a Mayoral vehicle could reduce the Council's Carbon dioxide emissions.

## **5. Ward Members Affected**

- 5.1. No individual Ward members are affected.

## **6. Access to Information**

- 6.1. There are no supporting documents.

## **7. Contact Information**

- 7.1. Any questions relating to this report should be directed to the following officer:

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