

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Constitution Committee

Date of Meeting:	14 th July 2011
Report of:	Democratic Services and Registration Services Manager
Subject/Title:	Executive Arrangements and Cabinet Procedure Rules

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To recommend proposed changes to the Executive and Council Procedure Rules as part of the review of the Council's Constitution.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee consider the proposals set out in the report, together with any other matters raised by Members, and where it considers appropriate, make recommendations to Council.

3.0 Wards Affected

- 3.1 All Council Wards are affected by the Constitution, which has application across the Borough.

4.0 Local Ward Members

- 4.1 All local Ward Members are affected for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.0.

5.0 Policy Implications

- 5.1 The Constitution sets out the procedures by which Council policy is set. Any proposed changes to the Constitution would need to align with the requirements of legislation which often stipulates the Council decision-making route associated with the adoption of policies.

6.0 Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications associated with the proposed review.

7.0 Legal Implications

- 7.1 Any changes to the Constitution would need to be agreed by Council, following a recommendation from the Constitution Committee. Proposed changes would need to align with any statutory requirements.

8.0 Risk Management

- 8.1 There would appear to be no risks associated with this element of review of the Constitution. The proposed review will provide an opportunity to ensure that all elements of the document are consistent with one another.

9.0 Background

- 9.1 The Constitution contains both Executive Procedure Rules (pages 183 – 188) and Cabinet Procedure Rules (pages 215 – 220). Both contain similar or duplicate information and a consolidated Cabinet Procedure Rules Section has been produced for consultation with the Cabinet and are attached at Appendix 1.
- 9.2 Cabinet Members and Directors have been consulted and no specific matters have been raised.

10.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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