

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Constitution Committee

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**Date of Meeting:** 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
**Report of:** Head of Governance and Democratic Services  
**Subject/Title:** Corporate Parenting Committee

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### 1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks the Committee's approval to amend the Constitution to include reference to the Corporate Parenting Committee.

### 2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee by Council:
1. the arrangements approved by Cabinet for the establishment of a Corporate Parenting Committee be incorporated into the Constitution; and
  2. Council be informed of the change to the Constitution.

### 3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To include the Corporate Parenting Committee in the Constitution.

### 4.0 Background and Options

- 4.1 The establishment of a Corporate Parenting Committee was considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The report considered by Cabinet is attached. Cabinet resolved as follows:

*"That*

- 1. a Corporate Parenting Committee be appointed with cross party membership of 12 Elected Members and the terms of reference at Appendix 1 to the report;*
- 2. the Committee shall have the status of an advisory committee and include representative young people from the Children in Care Council to perform an advisory role to the Committee;*
- 3. the Committee shall, once its membership has been agreed, formally commence its role;*
- 4. the existence of the Committee be noted in the Council's constitution;*  
*and*

*5. all Members of the Council receive a progress report on a quarterly basis.”*

- 4.2 Resolution (4) requires that the existence of the Corporate Parenting Committee be noted in the Constitution. In the past, this would involve a report to the Constitution Committee with recommendations to Council in order to obtain the necessary authority to amend the Constitution. However, at the Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October the following powers were delegated to the Constitution Committee. They relate to changes which are ‘not major’.

*“The Constitution Committee be given the delegated authority to make all changes to the Council’s Constitution which are not major, subject to the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer and Chief Operating Officer (s151 Officer) agreeing that the proposed changes are not major and to Council subsequently being informed of such changes, provided that such changes as are considered by the Committee and agreed by the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer and Chief Operating Officer (s151 Officer) to be major shall be referred to Council for approval;”*

The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer and the Chief Operating Officer both agree that the proposal to incorporate the Corporate Parenting Committee into the Constitution is not a major change and can therefore be approved by the Committee.

## **5.0 Wards Affected**

- 5.1 Nil

## **6.0 Local Ward Members**

- 6.1 Nil

## **7.0 Policy Implications**

- 7.1 Nil

## **8.0 Financial Implications**

- 8.1 Nil

## **9.0 Legal Implications**

- 9.1 The legal implications relating to corporate parenting committees are set out in the attached Cabinet report. This report merely seeks approval to incorporate the arrangements approved by Cabinet into the Constitution in accordance with the new powers delegated to the Committee by Council.

## **10.0 Risk Management**

10.1 Nil

## **11.0 Access to Information**

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

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