

meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

date 19th May 2011

agenda item number **17**

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Purpose of Report

1. To seek County Council's approval to amend the Constitution in relation to Council meetings.

Information and Advice

2. To ensure the smooth flow of business at the Council meeting where the annual budget is considered, it has been usual practice to suspend some Council Procedure Rules. In order to avoid the need to present a report suspending Standing Orders at future meetings, it is now proposed to incorporate the usual provisions into the Constitution.
3. It is also proposed to suspend procedure rules relating to questions at the annual budget meeting.
4. The proposed amendments to the Constitution are set out in **Appendix A** to this Report
5. In addition Council is asked to consider the earlier start time of 10am for all future meetings of the County Council. The proposed amendment to the Constitution is set out in the **Appendix B** to this Report.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder and those using the service and where such implications are material they have been described in the text of the report

RECOMMENDATION

7. That the County Council's Constitution is updated in accordance with the **Appendix A** to this Report.
8. That the County Council's Constitution is updated in accordance with the **Appendix B** to this Report

MICK BURROWS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Comments of the Service Director – Finance (NS 19-04-2011)

There are no financial implications arising from the proposals in the report

Legal Services Comments (SLB 27/04/2011)

The County Council has the authority to approve the recommendations outlined in this report.

Background Papers Available for Inspection

The Council's Constitution is published on its website

http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/home/your_council/howweprovideyourservices/keystrategiesandplans/yc-constitutionplan.htm

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

APPENDIX A

