

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

### AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

#### Purpose of the Report

1. To seek County Council's approval to amend the Constitution in relation to the Petitions section of Council.

#### Information and Advice

2. The Constitution currently allows for any Member to present a petition to the Chairman of the Council on any matter affecting their electoral division and in relation to which the County Council has powers or duties. It is proposed to clarify this so that petitions can be presented on any matter directly arising from their electoral division.
3. It is also proposed that a deadline for notification of petitions to be handed in at the meeting be set at 10am the day before the meeting and that Democratic Services must be notified of the petition and its contents by this deadline.
4. The proposed amendments to the Constitution are set out in **Appendix A** to this Report

#### Reason for Recommendation

5. To enable the timely production of paperwork in preparation for the meeting and to ensure that petitions to be handed in meet the criteria as set out in the Constitution.

#### 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**

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

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### **Constitutional Comments (SLB 24/10/2011)**

7. County Council is responsible for adopting and changing the Constitution and is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

### **Background Papers**

None

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

ALL