

CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY
DATE: 26 JUNE 2024
REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE
AUTHOR: EMILIE SALKELD

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF FIRE AUTHORITY CONSTITUTION
FOR 2024-25 FOLLOWING REVIEW

Purpose of Report

1. To secure the adoption of the Constitution for 2024-25, following a review by the Governance and Constitution Committee.

Recommended: That

- [1] the recommendations from the Governance and Constitution Committee be considered, with a view to the Constitution for 2024-25 being adopted.

Background

2. The Constitution received a fairly substantial update in 2014. Since then various parts have been updated, with the most substantial change being made when the Members' Code of Conduct was completed replaced. A full review of the Constitution was carried out by the Governance and Constitution Committee during the 2023-24 Municipal Year at meetings in July and November 2023 and April 2024. Members of the Fire Authority were also encouraged to provide comment on some elements of the Constitution at the Planning Day in March 2024.
3. The recommendations of the Committee are reproduced in Appendix 1 to this report. All of the reports to and minutes of the Committee have been supplied to Members by email separately, for ease of reference and so as not to significantly increase the size of this report and Agenda Pack.

Information

4. The Constitution attached to this report as Appendix 2 incorporates the changes that were recommended by the Committee. As there were only minor changes made to many of the Sections, only the changes to the body of Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution are shown 'tracked'. The Table at Page 51 of the Agenda Pack shows a reduced list of plans, strategies and policies that will, in future, be considered/approved by the Fire Authority.

Financial Implications

5. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

6. The Fire Authority should have a Constitution that assists it to carry out its work. The Constitution also contains elements that contribute to the governance of the Fire Authority and Service. The Constitution should be reviewed from time to time to ensure that it remains current and fit for purpose.

Equality and Diversity Implications

7. There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

Environmental Implications

8. There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Reports and Minutes of the Governance and Constitution Committees:

Wednesday 5th July 2023

Wednesday 8th November 2023

Wednesday 17th April 2024