



**Report to: Council, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Report of: Monitoring Officer**

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**Subject: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION: PART 15, GROUP LEADERS PROTOCOL**

**1. Recommendation**

**1.1 That the Council agrees to the amendments to the Group Leaders Protocol set out in Appendix 1.**

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The Group Leaders Protocol forms Part 15 of the Constitution. It was established when the Council first adopted the committee system of governance and it is subject to annual review.
- 2.2 The version which is currently in force was last reviewed by Council and approved in May 2022. It introduced the concept of Joint Leaders, in circumstances of no overall political control. This year, following a Motion and debate at Council, no changes were made to the Protocol because the Joint Leaders model was maintained.
- 2.3 However, subsequent to the Annual Council meeting, the Joint Leaders have suggested that a set of minor amendments is made to the Protocol so that the document reads clearly and consistently throughout and accurately reflects the operating arrangements which are in place. The draft amendments do not represent any change to adopted policy or governance arrangements.
- 2.4 A clean and track changed copy of the revised Protocol are set out in the Appendices.

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**Background Papers: None**

**Appendix 1: revised Protocol (clean copy) – to follow**

**Appendix 2: revised Protocol (track changes shown) – to follow**