REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION FEBRUARY 2011 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

CONSTITUTION SECTION	RELEVANT SUB-SECTION	PROPOSED CHANGES
Part 3 – Responsibil	ities for functions	
Executive members : responsibilities and portfolios	Leader of the Council	Delete reference to the borough partnership and Local Strategic Partnership in function 1.3. Rationale: These no longer exist.
	Cabinet Member for Housing	Add Director of Housing and Regeneration to Cabinet Member responsibility for directorates (in consultation with the Leader). Rationale: New Housing and Regeneration department.
Regulatory and other Committees memberships 2010/11	Licensing Committee – membership Licensing Sub-Committee - membership	Replace Councillor Georgie Cooney with Councillor Thomas Crofts Rationale: This change was approved in October 2010.

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General Scheme of delegation to all Chief Officers	Section A, paras. 6 and 7 - Delegated authority to Chief Officers to accept tenders and quotations of up to £50,000, tenders/awards and quotations over this level being processed as Cabinet Members' Decisions	 Amend to provide for all tenders/awards and quotations over £20,000 to be processed as Cabinet Members' decisions. Similar amendments to be made to the Contract Standing Orders and the Financial Procedure Rules. Rationale: To accord with current limits to delegated authority required by the Leader.
Directors' Schemes of Delegation	Section A para. 17	 Amend to read "In consultation with Human Resources on the application of paragraphs 13(g), 13(h), 18, 20 and 22 below, all Directors are authorised:" Rationale: Correction of paragraph cross-references.
Directors' Schemes of Delegation (cont.)	Directors of Community Services and Environment – detailed Scheme of Delegation: shared powers	3. Transfer functions shared by Director of Community Services and Director of Environment to Director of Housing and Regeneration and Director of Environment. Rationale: New Housing and Regeneration department.

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Directors' Schemes of Delegation (cont.)	Director of Environment – detailed Scheme of Delegation		Transfer functions formerly exercised by the Director of Community Services (currently exercised by Director of Environment) to Director of Housing and Regeneration (pp.251-265 of May 2010 Constitution). Rationale: New Housing and Regeneration department. Amend delegations 191 and 194 (pp. 230-232 of May 2010 Constitution) to allow officers to decide small variations to
			Rationale: To provide for approval of small variations which raise no new departures and which do not warrant the use of Committee time.
		6.	Amend delegations 195, 197, 198 and 199 (pp. 233-234 of May 2010 Constitution) to enable planning officers to authorise, issue, Serve and vary relevant planning enforcement notices, breach of condition and stop notices themselves, and to issue and serve such notices where enforcement action has already been authorised at Planning Applications Committee. Any distinction between types of unauthorised development would also be removed. Rationale: At present, these powers are delegated to the Assistant Director (Legal and Democratic Services). Enabling planning officers to do this themselves will be far quicker and will

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Schemes of Delegation (cont.) Scheme of Delegation (cont.) 7. Add prop (con the legis) Rat 8. Add to the welfa 222 Rati 9. Add Bree Act Dan Frai Gan Dog	ieve a considerable saving in costs. The Assistant Director igal and Democratic Services) supports this proposal. If new delegations to cover S215 and 216 (power to require per maintenance of land and to prosecute) and S224 and 225 trol over advertisements and illegal estate agents' boards) of Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and associated slation. Ionale: To update and clarify existing delegations. Ithe posts of Veterinary Surgeon or Veterinary Practitioner ne list of delegations in respect of the agriculture, animal are and zoo licensing legislation (pp.168, 169, 171, 172, 212, and 247 of May 2010 Constitution), Ionale: Reflecting new post titles. Inew delegations in respect of: enforcement regarding eding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act 1999, the Companies 2006, Criminal Procedures and Investigations Act 1996, agerous Wild Animals Act 1976, Digital Evidence Act 2010, and Act 2006, Health Acts 2006 and 2009, London Olympic mes and Paralympic Games Act 2006, Rabies (Importation of ps. Cats and Other Mammals) Order 1974, Sale of Dogs entification Tag) Regulations 1989, Sunbeds (Regulation) Act

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Directors' Schemes of Delegation (cont.)	Director of Environment – detailed Scheme of Delegation (cont.)	Rationale: New legislation or powers.
	Director of Community Services – detailed Scheme of Delegation	10. Transfer to the Director of Housing and Regeneration all Housing functions and functions exercisable in conjunction with other officers (pp. 267-287 of May 2010 Constitution). Rationale: New Housing and Regeneration department.
	H&F Homes – detailed Scheme of Delegation	 11. Transfer to the Director of Housing and Regeneration (pp. 302-313 of May 2010 Constitution), except responsibilities in respect of enforcement of tenancy conditions (see no. 12 below). Rationale: New Housing and Regeneration department. 12. Transfer as a shared power by the Director Housing and
		Regeneration and the Director of Residents Services (subject to review in 12 months) responsibilities in relation to the enforcement of tenancy conditions under all grounds of the Housing Acts 1985 and 1996, the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003. Rationale: These provisions also have implications for Residents Services department.

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	Detailed Schemes of Delegation passim.	13. Amend cross-references consequent upon the establishment of the new Housing and Regeneration department.
Part 4 – Rules of pro	cedure	
Council Procedure Rules	Section 3 – Other Council Meetings, sub-para. (c)	Add to the provision for the Mayor to call an Extraordinary Council meeting the words: "An Extraordinary meeting may consider any of the matters specified in Rule 2.1 above (Business at ordinary Council meetings)". Rationale: To clarify, in accordance with existing practice, that an Extraordinary Council meeting may consider any of the types of business required to be considered at ordinary Council meetings.
Executive Procedure Rules	Section 2.2 (c): Requests for deputations to be submitted to the Cabinet must be made at least 5 working days before the relevant	Amend in both cases, to provide for requests for deputations to be submitted up to 3 working days before a meeting of the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules	meeting Section 25 (a) (iii): Requests for deputations to Overview and Scrutiny Committees or Task Groups must be submitted at least	Rationale: This is because the current limits give insufficient time for some deputation organisers to organise their deputations, given that Cabinet/Committee agendas and papers are published at the most 10 working days before the relevant meeting.
	10 working days before the relevant meeting.	Delete reference to submission of deputations to Task Groups. Rationale: This is because deputations would not in practice be submitted to ad hoc single issue working groups.