

Council Constitution - Review and Amendments	16 January 2018
Corporate Policy and Resources Committee	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Provide civic leadership to our citizens
Lead Officer	Head of Policy & Community Planning
Cost: (If applicable)	

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 A Council is required, under section 2 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, to prepare and keep up-to-date a Constitution.
- 1.2 Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council agreed their new Constitution in October 2015. This governs how the Council operates, how decisions are made, and the procedures which are to be followed to ensure efficiency, transparency and accountability to local people. Some of these processes are required by the law, while others are a matter for the Council to choose.
- 1.3 The Council's Constitution is divided into sixteen Articles which set out the basic rules governing the Council's business. More detailed procedures and codes of practice are provided in separate Rules and Protocols at the end of the document.

2.0 Proposed Amendments to Council Constitution

- 2.1 In November 2017 the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee recommended the adoption of amended Standing Orders. This recommendation was adopted by Council and the Standing Orders were duly amended.
- 2.2 As Standing Orders are included within the Council Constitution this means that the Constitution will have to change to include the amended Standing Orders document.

4.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee recommend to Council approval of the proposed amendment to the Council Constitution as outlined in item 2.0.