

UPDATING THE CONSTITUTION

Report of the Head of Law and Governance

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To propose further amendments to the Constitution.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE DECISION

- 2.1 That Council be recommended to note and endorse the arrangements for the transfer of delegated powers and the position of Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Local Government Act 1972) set out in the report, to give effect to the Council's revised management structure.

3. Transfer of Delegated Powers of the Director of Financial Resources

- 3.1 It is necessary to transfer powers currently delegated to the Director of Financial Resources under the Constitution and all other ad hoc delegations in relation to specific matters which remain extant, to the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services, with effect from 1st January 2011, to reflect the Council's revised establishment structure. The Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services is also designated as Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Local Government Act 1972) for the purposes of Article 12 of the Constitution.

4. REASONS FOR DECISION

- 4.1 It is necessary to revise and update the Constitution for the reasons set out in the report.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 5.1 No alternative options are submitted for consideration.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 Sunderland City Council Constitution.

