PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Page	Previous Wording	Amended Wording	Reason
28	Article 11 – Health and Wellbeing Board	Article 11 – Health and Wellbeing Board	
	11.02 Composition and Procedure	11.02 Composition and Procedure	
	a) Membership	a) Membership	To reflect the current composition of the
	The Health and Wellbeing Board will consist of 19 members as follows:-	The Health and Wellbeing Board will consist of 18 members as follows:-	Board
	 Seven councillors (including the Chair and Vice Chair) Strategic Director, Community Based Services Strategic Director, Learning and Children Director of Public Health Two Gateshead clinical commissioning group representatives (the Chair of the Clinical Commissioning Group and one representative at Director level or equivalent) A representative of the NHS England A representative of the Local Healthwatch A representative of Gateshead Voluntary Organisations Council A representative of Gateshead NHS Foundation Trust A representative of Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust A representative of Gateshead 	 Seven councillors (including the Chair and Vice Chair) Strategic Director, Care Wellbeing and Learning Director of Public Health Two Gateshead clinical commissioning group representatives (the Chair or Assistant Chair of the Clinical Commissioning Group and one representative at Director level or equivalent) A representative of the NHS England A representative of the Local Healthwatch A representative of Gateshead Voluntary and Community Sector A representative of Gateshead NHS Foundation Trust A representative of Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust 	

	Federation of GP Practices	A representative of Gateshead of Gateshead Federation of GP Practices	
39	Article 13 – Employees of the Council	Article 13 – Employees of the Council	
	13.01 Management Structure	13.01 Management Structure	
	(c) Strategic Directors	(c) Strategic Directors	
	N/A	Insert current posts, functions and areas of responsibility.	To reflect the current management structure and functions and areas of responsibility.
	13.03 Functions of the Monitoring Officer	13.03 Functions of the Monitoring Officer	
	(b) Receiving Reports	(b) Conducting Investigations	
	The Monitoring Officer will receive and act on reports made by ethical standards officers and decisions of the case tribunals.	The Monitoring Officer, following consultation with the Independent Person, will decide if a complaint of failure to comply with the Councillors' Code of Conduct	To reflect the current procedure.
	(c) Conducting investigations The Monitoring Officer will conduct investigations into matters referred by ethical standards officers and make reports or recommendations in respect of them to the Audit and Standards Committee.	merits formal investigation and, if it does, to arrange such investigation. He/she will seek resolution of complaints without formal investigation wherever practicable and refer decisions about investigations to the Audit and Standards Committee where he/she feels that it is inappropriate for him/her to take the decision.	
47	Article 16 – Review and Revisions to the Constitution	Article 16 – Review and Revisions to the Constitution	
	16.02 Changes to the Constitution	16.02 Changes to the Constitution	

	(a) Approval	(a) Approval	
	Changes to the constitution will only be approved by the full Council after consideration of a report by the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer. The report will state what consultation, if any, has been carried out in relation to the proposed change. Such consultation will be proportionate to the scale, scope and extent of change required. In particular consultation will not be required where the changes only reflect the internal management arrangements of the Council or is of a technical nature (for example, to update references to legislation or to correct spelling or grammatical errors).	Subject to Article 13.01, changes to the constitution will only be approved by the full Council after consideration of a report by the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer. The report will state what consultation, if any, has been carried out in relation to the proposed change. Such consultation will be proportionate to the scale, scope and extent of change required. In particular consultation will not be required where the changes only reflect the internal management arrangements of the Council or is of a technical nature (for example, to update references to legislation or to correct spelling or grammatical errors).	To clarify the wording of the article in respect of the power to make changes to the constitution.
48	Article 17 – Suspension, Interpretation and Publication of the Constitution	Article 17 – Suspension, Interpretation and Publication of the Constitution	
	17.01 Publication	17.02 Publication	
	(b) Copies of the constitution will be available for inspection at Council offices, on the Council's website, libraries and other appropriate locations, and may be purchased on payment of a reasonable fee.	(b) Copies of the constitution will be available for inspection at the Civic Centre and on the Council's website, and may be purchased on payment of a reasonable fee.	The constitution is available to view in public libraries and other council buildings through the Council's internet service.
52	Annex 1A – Non-Executive Functions	Annex 1A - Non-Executive Functions	
	Health and Wellbeing Board: Number of Cabinet Members 3 Number of Non Cabinet Members 4	Health and Wellbeing Board: Number of Cabinet Members 3 Number of Non Cabinet Members 4	To reflect the current composition of the Board.

	Total 19 (the total includes 12 non councillor members)	Total 18 (the total includes 11 non councillor members)	
57	Schedule 1 – Non-Executive Functions – Delegations to Council Bodies	Schedule 1 – Non-Executive Functions – Delegations to Council Bodies	
	3. Regulatory Committee	3. Regulatory Committee	
	(ii) Where the Committee exercises the function of determining any application or similar matter, it will do so through a Sub-Committee of five members established by it.	Delete delegation.	This function is now exercised by the full committee.
	Schedule 5 – Executive Functions Delegated to Managers	Schedule 5 – Executive Functions Delegated to Managers	
	Part 1 – Delegations to Individual Managers	Part 1 – Delegations to Individual Managers	
	4. Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance	4. Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance	
90	Service Director, Legal, Democratic and Property Services	Service Director, Legal, Democratic and Property Services	
	(1) To agree terms for the acquisition of land and property (for which there is budgetary provision) or for the disposal of land and property (including legal estates and interests) to secure compliance with the Council's policies up to a value of £50,000 in each case, or up to a value of £250,000 following consultation with the Strategic Director, Corporate Resources.	(1) To agree terms for the acquisition of land and property (for which there is budgetary provision) or for the disposal of land and property (including legal estates and interests) to secure compliance with the Council's policies up to a value of £100,000 in each case, or up to a value of £250,000 following consultation with the Strategic Director,	To keep in line with the general movement in property values and limit the number of routine reports to Cabinet where the asset sits in the Tenanted Non-Operational Portfolio

	(3) To agree terms for the granting or acceptance of any tenancy not exceeding ten years, and any occupational licence other than any housing accommodation and garages used for domestic purposes, at a rent not exceeding £50,000 per annum exclusive of rates in each case.	Corporate Resources. (3) To agree terms for the granting or acceptance of any tenancy not exceeding twenty five years, and any occupational licence other than any housing accommodation and garages used for domestic purposes, at a rent not exceeding £75,000 per annum exclusive of rates in each case.	(for which there is a separate delegation).
92	 6. Assistant Chief Executive (1) To approve individual applications for financial assistance from the Economic Growth Reserve, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, Strategic Director, Corporate Resources and Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance. 	2. Strategic Director, Communities and Environment (10) To approve individual applications for financial assistance from the Economic Growth Reserve, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, Strategic Director, Corporate Resources and Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance.	To reflect the current management structure.
92	6. Assistant Chief Executive Service Director, Economic and Housing Growth (1) In accordance with agreed procedures and eligibility criteria, in consultation with the Service Director Customer and Financial Services, to approve applications for financial assistance to	Transfer delegations as follows: 2. Strategic Director, Communities and Environment Service Director, Economic and Housing Growth (1) In accordance with agreed procedures and eligibility criteria, in consultation with	To reflect the current management structure.

businesses, or individual residents of the Borough seeking employment, training or educational opportunities, in the following categories:

- (a) Financial assistance grants
- (b) Wage subsidy
- (2) To deal with applications received for financial assistance, including grants and loans, as defined in the Council's Housing Strategy and Financial Assistance Policy.
- (3) In relation to the Council's Housing
 Strategy and Financial Assistance Policy,
 following consultation with the Panel
 comprising the Service Director,
 Economic and Housing Growth and two
 members of the Council:
 - (a) to approve applications for loans for relocation and/or renewal that fall outside of the Council's approved loan policies and procedures;
 - (b) to agree a fair equity loan repayment figure in cases where house prices have substantially increased or decreased;
 - (c) to approve requests for moves from clearance areas other than in accordance with the Council's agreed phasing of such clearance.

the Service Director Customer and Financial Services, to approve applications for financial assistance to businesses, or individual residents of the Borough seeking employment, training or educational opportunities, in the following categories:

- (a) Financial assistance grants
- (b) Wage subsidy
- (2) To deal with applications received for financial assistance, including grants and loans, as defined in the Council's Housing Strategy and Financial Assistance Policy.
- (3) In relation to the Council's Housing Strategy and Financial Assistance Policy, following consultation with the Panel comprising the Service Director, Economic and Housing Growth and two members of the Council:
 - to approve applications for loans for relocation and/or renewal that fall outside of the Council's approved loan policies and procedures;
 - (b) to agree a fair equity loan repayment figure in cases where house prices have substantially increased or decreased;
 - (c) to approve requests for moves from clearance areas other than in accordance with the Council's

	(4) To approve financial assistance in the form of occupier incentives to business centre occupiers or prospective occupiers and also to award financial	agreed phasing of such clearance. (4) To approve financial assistance in the	
	assistance to enterprises participating in business support programmes.	form of occupier incentives to business centre occupiers or prospective occupiers and also to award financial assistance to enterprises participating in business support programmes.	
110	Access to Information Rules	Access to Information Rules	
	14. Schedule of Decisions	14. Schedule of Decisions	
	 14.5 The schedule of decisions will be published as widely as possible. In particular, it will be: published on the Internet; distributed to libraries; and sent to every member of the Council. 	 14.5 The schedule of decisions will be published as widely as possible. In particular, it will be: published on the Internet; and sent to every member of the Council. 	The schedule of decisions is available to view in public libraries through the Council's internet service.
117	The Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Statement	The Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Statement	
	What is a Publication Scheme?	What is a Publication Scheme?	
	4. The Council's publication scheme is available on the Council's website www.gateshead.gov.uk and a printed copy is available at the Civic Centre, libraries and other council buildings during normal opening hours.	4. The Council's publication scheme is available on the Council's website www.gateshead.gov.uk.	The scheme is available to view in public libraries and other council buildings through the Council's internet service.
170	Employee Recruitment Rules	Employee Recruitment Rules	

	9. Definitions	9. Definitions	
	'deputy chief officer' means a deputy director;	'deputy chief officer' means a deputy strategic director or service director;	To reflect the current management structure.
251	Part 6	Part 6	
	Councillors' Allowances Scheme	Councillors' Allowances Scheme	
	N/A	Insert current scheme	To insert the current scheme approved by Council on 17 March 2016.
256	Part 7 – Management Structure	Part 7 – Management Structure	
	N/A	Amend Part 7 to reflect the current management structure.	To reflect changes in the management structure since the last review of the constitution.