

WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CONSTITUTION – PROGRESS REPORT

Schedule of Changes to the Constitution

Section of Constitution	Comment
Part 1 Summary and Explanation	Main changes: Amendments to number and description of Articles Deleting references to disbanded advisory panels Updating rights of members of public Number of elected members
Part 2 The Constitution	Main changes: Number of elected members, boundary details and year of election Complaints against members on Code of Conduct issues being made to Standards Committee Updating policy framework Inclusion of reference to community area boards
Part 3 Responsibility for Functions	Main changes: Updating policy framework (incorporating district council framework items) To include strategic planning committee, area planning committees, licensing committee, audit committee, area boards and changes to standards committee. Deleting references to Wiltshire Customer First Management Board and Salisbury District Joint Transportation Joint Committee which will no longer be required
Part 3A Scheme of Delegation to Cabinet Members	For review by Leader of Council following 2009 elections and appointment of Leader.
Part 3 B Scheme of Delegation to Officers	Being reviewed in light of new committee structure and additional functions of the unitary authority
Part 4 Rules of Procedure – Council	No major changes envisaged
Part 5 Access to Information	No major change other than to reflect the new committee structure of the Council

Procedure Rules	
Part 6 Budget and Policy Framework	To be reviewed in conjunction with Parts 9 and 10
Part 7 Cabinet Procedure Rules	No major changes
Part 8 Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules	No major changes
Part 9 Financial Regulations	Being Reviewed. Progress report to IE 29/10/08
Part 10 Financial Procedure Rules	Being Reviewed. Progress report to IE 29/10/08
Part 11 Contract Regulations	Being Reviewed. Progress report to IE 29/10/08
Part 12 Members' Job Descriptions	To be replaced with Unitary Councillor Job Description
Part 13 Code of Conduct for Members	DCLG currently consulting local authorities on revision to the 2007 Code. Members have been given an opportunity to comment and proposals will be considered by Standards Committee on 10 November. Any new Code will be subject to adoption by Council.
Part 14 Members' Allowances	No change other than remuneration panel will be established to look at additional SRA's in context of new committee structure.
Part 15 Member/Officer Relations Protocol	To be reviewed.
Part 16 Officer Employment Procedure Rules	No change
Part 17 Officers' Code of Conduct	DCLG currently consulting local authorities on introduction of model Code of Conduct for local Government Employees which will be considered by the appropriate body when proposals are published.
Part 18 Management Structure	Change to reflect new management structure
Protocols	To be reviewed including the introduction of any new protocols considered necessary