ARTICLE 15 - REVIEW AND REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION

15.1 DUTY TO MONITOR AND REVIEW THE CONSTITUTION

15.1.1 The Monitoring Officer will monitor and review the operation of the Constitution to ensure that the aims and principles of the Constitution are given full effect.

- **Protocol for monitoring and review of constitution**

15.1.2 A key role for the Monitoring Officer is to be aware of the strengths and weaknesses of the Constitution adopted by the Council, and to make recommendations for ways in which it could be amended in order better to achieve the purposes set out in Article 1. In undertaking this task the Monitoring Officer may:

(a) observe meetings of different parts of the Member and officer structure;
(b) undertake an audit trail of a sample of decisions;
(c) record and analyse issues raised with him/her by Members, officers, the public and other relevant stakeholders; and/or
(d) compare practices in this authority with those in other comparable authorities, or national examples of best practice.

15.2 CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

- **Approval**

15.2.1 Changes to Parts 1 and 2 of the Constitution will only be approved by the full Council after consideration of the proposal by the General Purposes Committee and following advice from the Monitoring Officer, save that authority to make certain changes is delegated to the Monitoring Officer as detailed at 15.2.3 below. Changes to the Constitution may be made by simple majority.

15.2.2 Changes to Parts 3 to 7 of the Constitution will be approved by the body or person to whom such authority has been delegated as indicated in the table set out at Annex 1 attached. Where the approval of full Council is required for such changes in Parts 3 to 5 of the Constitution, then they will only be approved by full Council after consideration of the proposal by the General Purposes Committee and following advice from the Monitoring Officer.

15.2.3 The Monitoring Officer is authorised to make any changes to any Part of the Constitution which are required:

- as a result of legislative change or decisions of the Council[1] or Executive[2] to enable him/her to maintain it up to date;
- or for the purposes of clarification only.

15.2.4 All changes made by officers under delegated authority will be recorded as delegated decisions.

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[1] Including Council Committees and Officers acting under delegated authority.
[2] Including Committees of the Executive and Officers acting under delegated authority.

ANNEX 1

Part of Constitution	**Title of Document**	**Body/Person with authority to change the document**
Part 3 Section 1	Responsibility for Local Choice Functions	Full Council
Part 3 Section 2A	Functions of the Full Council	Full Council
Part 3 Section 2B	Council Committees' Terms of Reference	Full Council
Part 3 Section 2C	Officer Delegation Scheme (Council (Non-Executive) Functions)	Full Council
Part 3 Section 2D	Council (Non-Executive) Delegations to and from other authorities	Full Council
Part 3 Section 3A	Responsibility for Executive Functions	Leader of Council
Part 3 Section 3B(a)	Executive Member Portfolios	Leader of Council
Part 3 Section 3B(b)	Executive Members: Oversight of Officer Executive Delegations	Leader of Council
Part 3 Section 3B(c)	Support to Executive Members	Leader of Council
Part 3 Section 3C	Executive Committee and Advisory Committee Terms of Reference	Leader of Council
Part 3 Section 3D	Community Committee Executive Delegation Scheme	Executive Board
Part 3 Section 3E	Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions)	Leader of Council
Part 3 Section 3F	Executive Delegations to Other Authorities	Leader of Council
Part 3 Section 4	Joint Arrangements	Full Council (in relation to Council Functions) Leader of Council (in relation to Executive Functions)
Part 4 a	Council Procedure Rules	Full Council
Part 4 b	Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules	Executive Board (in relation to Executive Functions set out at Rules 1.1 to 1.4, 2.1 and 3.1) Full Council (all other)
Part 4 c	Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules	Full Council
Part 4 d	Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules Guidance Notes	Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

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Part 4 e	Community Committee Procedure Rules	Leader of Council (in relation to executive functions set out in section 3.1-3.5 and section 8) Full Council (all other)
Part 4 f	Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules	Full Council
Part 4 g	Access to Information Procedure Rules	City Solicitor
Part 4 h	Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules	Full Council
Part 4 i	Contracts Procedure Rules	Director of Resources and Housing
Part 4 j	Financial Regulations	Chief Finance Officer
Part 4 k	Officer Employment Procedure Rules	Director of Resources and Housing
Part 4 l	Procedure for Considering Complaints Alleging a Failure to Comply with a Members' Code of Conduct within the Area of Leeds Metropolitan District Council	Full Council
Part 4 m	Licensing Procedure Rules	Licensing Committee
Part 5 a	Members Code of Conduct	Full Council
Part 5 b	Employee Code of Conduct	Director of Resources and Housing
Part 5 c	Protocol on Member/Officer Relations	Standards and Conduct Authority
Part 5 d	Protocol – Roles of Members and Officers in Decision Making	Executive Board
Part 5 e	Monitoring Officer Protocol	Standards and Conduct Committee
Part 5 f	Protocol for the Co-ordination of External Inspection Reports	Director of Resources and Housing
Part 5 g	Planning Code of Good Practice	Chief Planning Officer (In consultation with Joint meeting of the Plans Panels)
Part 5 h	Protocol for Public Speaking at Plans Panels	Chief Planning Officer (In consultation with Joint meeting of the Plans Panels
Part 5 i	Code of Practice for Determining Licensing Matters	Licensing Committee

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Part 5 j	Corporate Governance Code and Framework	Corporate Governance and Audit Committee
Part 5 k	Chief Finance Officer Protocol	Corporate Governance and Audit Committee
Part 6	Members' Allowances Scheme	Full Council