

Subject:	Update on 6 Months Review of the Constitution
Date of Meeting:	13 January 2009
Report of:	Director of Strategy & Governance
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Wards Affected: All	All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Governance Committee on the 6 months review of the Constitution.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

3. INFORMATION/BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the last meeting of the Governance Committee, members were informed of the proposed timescales with draft documents. At the time, the intention was for all the documents to be sent out in the new year. However, due to the publication date of City News, which was coming out on 12 December with no January edition, it was decided to bring some of the proposed circulation of documents forward.
- 3.2. The article on the 6 months review of the constitution appeared in City News on 12 December 2008. At the same time:
- The questionnaire with an explanatory background note was put on the Council's website.
 - Copies of the questionnaire and explanatory note with prepaid envelopes were placed in Housing Area Offices, Town Halls and Kings' House.
 - Copies of the same were put in the main libraries.
- 3.3. The public were given until 19 January 2009 to contribute to the feedback by returning the questionnaires by post (with prepaid envelopes) or by e-mail or provide any other comments.
- 3.4. On 5 January, a separate questionnaire will go out to Members and Officers. A letter with accompanying shorter version of questions will go to Members of the LSP and business and voluntary sector representatives as agreed by the Governance Committee.

- 3.5. As part of the process, all the Groups in the Council have been offered the opportunity to have a facilitated session with Officers. The response from Members may be given individually or through groups providing responses are received by 19 January.
- 3.6. The responses received will be collated and a report with proposals submitted to the Governance Committee in March.
- 3.7. At the meeting on 13 January, Members will be given an update on the main issues identified from the responses received by then.

4. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 4.1 None arising from this report.

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley Date: 30/12/08

Legal Implications:

- 4.2 None arising from this report.

Lawyer Consulted: Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis Date: 30.12.08

Equalities Implications:

- 4.3 None arising from this report.

Sustainability Implications:

- 4.4 None arising from this report.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 4.5 None arising from this report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 4.6 None arising from this report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 4.7 None arising from this report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

None

Documents in Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None

