

Summary of Key Changes

- New navigable structure, including a reduction in volume by 40% by avoiding repetition and improving clarity utilising plain English
- Clear introduction
- More concise description of Councillor roles
- Summarised sections on Citizens Rights, Responsibilities, Petitions and Community Rights with guidance sitting outside the Constitution
- New Summary of Executive and Non-Executive functions
- New principles of decision making
- A new diagram for clarity on the committee structure
- Refined Policy Framework
- Statutory and best practice updates
- Updated joint arrangements and area working section to reflect current practice and feedback received including reflecting where Joint Committee Arrangements with the NHS are possible in anticipation of greater integration
- Updated of Portfolio Holder Responsibilities
- Terms of Reference for sub committees of Cabinet added for transparency
- Updates to Council and Cabinet Procedure Rules
- Updated Contract & Finance Procedure Rules
- Updated Planning Protocol.
- New Member Code of Conduct (LGA Model Code).