

# Constitution

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| <p><b>1. Introduction to How the Council Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The County Council members, officers and citizens' rights</li><li>• The County Council and how decisions are made (including principles of decision making, Cabinet Decisions, definition of Key Decisions, definition of Scrutiny)</li></ul>  | <p>(Pages 1 - 4)</p>   |
| <p><b>2. The Constitution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Role, Purpose and Interpretation of the Constitution</li><li>• Review of the Constitution</li><li>• Suspension of the Constitution</li><li>• Publication of the Constitution</li></ul>  | <p>(Pages 5 - 8)</p>   |
| <p><b>3. Members of the County Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Composition, eligibility, election and terms of councillors</li><li>• Roles, functions, rights and responsibilities of all councillors</li><li>• Members Code of Conduct</li><li>• Guidance on Member/Officer Relations</li><li>• Members' Allowances Scheme</li><li>• Parental Leave Policy and Procedure for Members</li></ul> | <p>(Pages 9 - 46)</p>  |
| <p><b>4. Citizens and the Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Citizen's Rights including complaints</li><li>• Petitions Scheme</li></ul>  | <p>(Pages 47 - 54)</p> |
| <p><b>5. Full Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Purpose and Functions of Full Council (including Local Choice Functions)</li><li>• Council Meetings (Including chairing meetings)</li><li>• Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules</li></ul>   | <p>(Pages 55 - 64)</p> |
| <p><b>6. Cabinet</b></p>  | <p>(Pages 65 - 98)</p> |

- Executive Arrangements
- Appointment and terms of office of Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Members
- Role of Cabinet, Cabinet Decisions and Cabinet Member Decisions
- Procedure at Cabinet Meetings (including Conflict of Interest etc)
- Consultation (including Boards)
- Cabinet Member Responsibilities (Including General Delegations)
- Local Choice Functions which are Cabinet Responsibilities
- Property Sub – Committee
- County Farms Tenancies Panel
- Terms of Reference for Boards and Cabinet Sub-Committees
- The Shadow Cabinet

## **7. Select Committees**

(Pages 99 - 112)

- General Role and Function of Select Committees
- Terms of Reference
- Membership and Cooption
- Meetings of Select Committees
- Work Programme and Budget
- Cabinet Member Accountability, Officers Giving Account, Attendance by others
- Policy Advisory Groups
- Policy Review, Scrutiny Reports, Rights of Members to Documents
- Call in

## **8. Other Committees**

(Pages 113 - 128)

- Planning Committee
- Audit and Standards Committee
- Pensions Committee
- Charities and Trust Committee

## **9. All Party Working Groups**

(Pages 129 - 130)

- Role and Purpose of All Party Member Groups
- Membership
- Meetings
- Agenda and Work Programmes
- Relationship between the All Party Working Groups and Select Committees

<b>10. Joint Arrangements</b>	(Pages 131 - 142)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Joint arrangements – General principles</li><li>• Terms of Reference for existing arrangements.</li></ul>	
<b>11. Officers</b>	(Pages 143 - 240)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Management Structure</li><li>• Statutory Officers</li><li>• Conduct, Employment, Exercise of Delegated Powers and Finance, Legal and Contract matters</li><li>• Scheme of Delegation</li><li>• Local Code of Conduct for Officers</li><li>• Whistle blowing Policy<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whistleblowing Policy -Contact Officers List</li></ul></li><li>• Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Theft Policy</li><li>• Officer Employment Rules</li></ul>	
<b>12. Procedural Standing Orders</b>	(Pages 241 - 258)
<b>13. Access to Information Procedure Rules</b>	(Pages 259 - 270)
<b>14. Financial Procedure Rules</b>	(Pages 271 - 342)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Financial Regulations</li><li>• Procurement Rules (including Contract Standing Orders)</li></ul>	