

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION
OF LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 2016**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PROPOSED AMENDMENT</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>
<u>PART 2 - ARTICLES</u> Schedule 2	Add the following to the list of Plans determined by the Executive:- “Q Local Flood Risk Management Strategy” Renumber the remaining Plans accordingly	To reflect current practice
Schedule 3 Table A	Amend the scope of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee to read as follows:- “1. The executive functions of the County Council in respect of Children and Family Services. 2. To monitor the performance and activities of any partnerships that are associated with the executive functions outlined in 1. above”	To reflect changes in the partnership structure of the County Council.
Schedule 3 Table C	Amend number 8 in the functions and areas of responsibility of the Chief Executive to read as follows:- “8. Provision of professional advice in connection with and managing the effective provision of services in respect of:- (a) Strategic Planning. (b) Communities and Economic Strategies, and related partnerships. (c) Emergency Management.”	To reflect changes in the departmental structure.

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	<p>Amend the post of ‘County Solicitor’ to read ‘Director of Law and Governance’.</p> <p>Amend number 1 in the functions and areas of responsibility of the Director of Children and Family Services to read as follows:-</p> <p>“1. Provision of professional advice in connection with and managing the effective provision of children and family services, youth justice and safer communities.”</p>	To reflect changes to the name of the department.
Schedule 3 Table D	<p>Amend the post designated as Chief Financial Officer to read ‘Director of Finance’.</p> <p>Amend the post designated as Scrutiny Officer to read ‘Head of Law.’</p>	To reflect changes in job title.
<p><u>PART 3 - RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS</u></p> <p>Section A: Responsibility for “Local Choice” functions</p>	Amend note (c) to refer to item 11 below.	Item 13 has previously been deleted.
Section D: General Scheme of Delegation to Heads of Department	<p>Amend paragraph (c) of the note to read as follows:-</p> <p>“(c) That in respect of the proper officer functions and other delegated powers and functions allocated to the Chief Executive and Director of Law and Governance, the following officers be authorised to act in their absence:-</p> <p>Director of Law and Governance (in own right and on behalf of Chief Executive)</p>	To reflect staffing and job title changes

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	Assistant Chief Executive Head of Democratic Services Head of Law.”	
Section E: Panels	Amend the role of the Fostering Panel to read as follows:- “(k) Fostering Panel: to consider applications from people who wish to be registered as foster carers to ensure that they comply with the National Standards laid down for the fostering of young children and make recommendations to the Fostering Agency (i.e. Children and Family Services).”	To reflect changes to the name of the department
<u>PART 4B: ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES</u> Rule 14: The Forward Plan	Amend (1) to read as follows:- “(1) At least 28 <u>clear</u> days before decisions of the nature set out in paragraph (2) are to be taken by a decision making body exercising executive functions the Chief Executive will produce a Forward Plan setting out the details. The Forward Plan will be published on the County Council’s website and made available for inspection by members of the public.	To clarify that the requirement is for the Forward Plan to be produced 28 clear days before a meeting of the Cabinet (this excludes the day of postage and the day of the meeting).
<u>PART 4E – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES</u> Rule 18: Matters within the remit of more than one overview and scrutiny committee	Change the reference to the three Scrutiny Commissioners to “the four Scrutiny Commissioners”	To reflect the current number of Scrutiny Commissioners

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<u>PART 6: MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME</u>	<p>Amend paragraph 17 to read as follows:-</p> <p>“17. This provision is effective from 1 May 2003. However, since 31 March 2014 new councillors have not had access to the Local Government Pension Scheme. Those existing members already in the Scheme as at 31 March 2014 will continue to accrue rights until the end of the term of office which that member is serving on 1 April 2014, or age 75, whichever is the earlier. All pension arrangements will cease in May 2017.”</p>	<p>To reflect changes in Councillor pension arrangements</p>
<u>PART 10: PETITIONS SCHEME FOR LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL</u>	<p>Change the contact telephone number to 0116 305 5483</p> <p>Amend the last bullet point of paragraph 7 to read as follows:-</p> <p>“be received by the Chief Executive’s Department eight clear days before the relevant meeting at which it is to be presented, if it is to be considered at that meeting”</p>	<p>To reflect staffing changes</p> <p>Aligning the guidance with Standing Orders for consistency.</p>

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