



## **CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE – 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2025**

### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

### **REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend changes to the terms of reference of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Bodies set out in Table A of Part 2 of the Council's Constitution.

#### **Background**

2. Article 15 of the County Council's Constitution gives the Chief Executive a duty to monitor and review the operation of the Constitution to ensure that the aims and principles of the Constitution are given full effect. It requires that changes to the document should only be approved by the full County Council after consideration of the proposal by the Chief Executive and the Constitution Committee or, in the case of Financial Procedure Rules, Contract Procedure Rules and Members' Code of Conduct, the recommendations of the Corporate Governance Committee.

#### **Review of Scrutiny Arrangements**

2. Following the election and the Leader's appointment to his Cabinet the terms of reference of the Council's overview and scrutiny committees have been reviewed to align with the newly appointed Cabinet Lead Member portfolios.
3. The changes made are to reflect that the Leader has appointed a Lead Member for Environment and Flooding and a Lead Member for Highways, Transport and Waste. The Environment and Climate Change and Highway and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committees have therefore been renamed to reflect this and the functions regarding flood risk and waste management exchanged between the two.
4. In undertaking these changes the Scrutiny Commission terms of reference have also been amended to provide clarity regarding property energy efficiency matters, which will now fall within its remit. Reference to the Leicester and Leicestershire Local Enterprise Partnership and the Leicester and Leicestershire Transport Board has also been removed and

replaced with the establishment of the Leicester and Leicestershire Business and Skills Partnership.

5. The Adults and Communities and Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committees' terms of reference remain unchanged.
6. There will be consequential amendments to the Constitution arising from the changes now proposed.

### **Recommendation**

That the County Council be recommended to approve the proposed changes to the terms of reference of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees, as set out in Appendix A to this report and to consequential amendments being made to the Constitution.

### **Background Papers**

The Constitution of Leicestershire County Council.

### **Circulation under Local Issues Alert Procedure**

None.

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### **Equality and Human Rights Implications**

None.