

APPENDIX A

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2025

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PROPOSED AMENDMENT</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>
<u>PART 2 - ARTICLES</u>		
Article 4 – The full County Council	Amend Article 4.02(e) to read as follows: ‘Agreeing and/or amending the terms of reference for committees, deciding on their composition and making appointments to them including the appointment of the Scrutiny Commissioners and Chairs of the overview and scrutiny committees in accordance with Article 6;’	To reflect changes made to Article 6 detailed below.
Article 5 – Chairing the County Council	Amend Article 5.01(b) to read as follows: ‘distance themselves from the political arena and to preside over meetings of the County Council in a fair manner, ensuring its business can be carried out efficiently and with regard to the rights of all county councillors and the interests of the community;’	To reflect changes to Meeting procedure Rule 2(3) and current Protocol for the Chairman.
Article 6 – Overview and scrutiny committees	Add a new Article 6.06 as follows and renumber the remaining paragraphs:	To reflect the current process for the appointment of Scrutiny Commissioners which is undertaken by full Council.

	‘Appointment of Scrutiny Commissioners The Council will appoint four Scrutiny Commissioners, two from the leading political group and one from each of the two main opposition groups, one of whom will be the Chairman determined in accordance with paragraph 6.05 above.’ Amend the second paragraph in current Article 6.06 (to be renumbered 6.07) to state as follows: ‘Four Scrutiny Commissioners determined in accordance with paragraph 6.06 above.’	To reflect the addition of new Article 6.06 referred to above.
Article 14 – Finance, contracts and legal matters	Amend the first part of Article 14.03 as follows: ‘Legal proceedings The Director of Law and Governance is authorised, and may authorise others, to do the following:…’	To reflect advice following recent case law.
<u>PART 4A – MEETING PROCEDURE RULES</u>		
	Replace the Meeting Procedure Rules with those set out in Appendix B.’	A number of changes made to provide greater clarity regarding the Council’s current procedures and to make these easier for members and officers to navigate.
<u>PART 4E – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES</u>		
Rule 1 – The number and arrangements for overview and	Amend Rule 1, second sentence to refer to the ‘Scrutiny Commissioners’, in place of the ‘Scrutiny	Correction to reflect current practice.

scrutiny committees	Commission'.	
Rule 2 – The Scrutiny Commission	Delete paragraph (3) and move to Rule 2A as detailed below.	Moved to Rule 2A (Scrutiny Commissioners) as approval of Chair and Deputy Chair job descriptions is currently a matter dealt with by the Scrutiny Commissioners.
Rule 2A – Scrutiny Commissioners	Amend the start of Rule 2A to read as follows: ‘1. The Scrutiny Commissioners will be appointed by Council in accordance with Article 6 of this Constitution. 2. The Scrutiny Commissioners will exercise the following responsibilities in relation to overview and scrutiny of the discharge of County Council functions, whilst recognising that scrutiny committees are encouraged to set their own relevant agendas: (a) agree job descriptions for the Scrutiny Commissioners and for the Chairmen, Deputy Chairmen and Spokespersons of the overview and scrutiny committees; (b) approve an annual’	To reflect changes made to Article 6 and the current practice regarding approval of job descriptions as detailed above.
Rule 3 – Membership of overview and scrutiny committees	Add new paragraph 1 and renumber as follows: ‘1. Membership of the Scrutiny Commission and other overview and scrutiny committees will be determined by full Council.	To reflect the Meeting Procedure Rules and the functions of the County Council.

Rule 6 – Chairmanship and meetings of the overview and scrutiny committees	Amend paragraph (a) to refer to Article 6.07. Add new paragraph (b) to read as follows: ‘(b) The appointment of chairmen of review panels will be a matter for the Scrutiny Commissioners to determine for those relating to County Council functions and for the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to determine for those relating to Health Service functions.’ Delete the note at the bottom of this Rule.	To reflect the renumbered Article 6 outlined above. To reflect current practice regarding the process for establishing Review Panels. The note duplicates the updated Meeting Procedure Rules outlined above .
Rule 7 – Work programme	Amend to read as follows: ‘The Scrutiny Commission and other overview and scrutiny committees will each be responsible for setting their own work programmes. In formulating their work programmes they shall take into account the wishes of members on that committee who are not members of the current political administration of the County Council.’	To reflect current practice – each scrutiny committee is responsible for its own work programming.