



Report to Council

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Subject: Amendments to the Constitution

- (a) Following the disestablishment of the Engineering and Property Department there will be amendments required to the Council's Constitution to reflect the new roles and responsibilities of officers.

The references to the Head of Engineering and Property will require to be deleted and the responsibilities which are currently borne by the post will be allocated as below:

1. Those functions and delegations which relate to the work of the Estates and Valuation Section and Standing Orders for Dealings with Land to be given to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services;
 2. Those functions and delegations which relate to all other remaining residual responsibilities to be given to the Head of Direct Services.
- (b) The Constitution includes as part of the Council's Policy Framework at Article 4.01 "the plan and strategy which comprises the Housing Investment Programme". The title "Housing Investment Programme" has now been superseded by "the Housing Strategy". It is therefore recommended that the reference be amended by the deletion of the words "Housing Investment Programme" and the insertion of the words "Housing Strategy" in their place

It is therefore **recommended** with effect from 1 April 2005, that the Articles of the Constitution, the Standing Orders relating to Dealings with Land and the non-Executive delegations be amended as set out in the report.