Constitution Review 28 November 2016



How did the working group complete this work?

- Cross party working group
- Formed in October 2014
- Followed the cfps "rethinking governance" framework





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Design principles agreed November 2015

- Members and officers perform effectively in clearly defined functions and roles
- Maximise member engagement and participation, including the involvement of all members in the development of key policies
- Decision making is informed, transparent and efficient
- The council welcomes public engagement and makes accountability real





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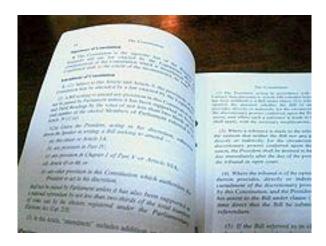
- Consulted with groups
- Distributed questionnaires
- Held focus groups
- All member seminar





What have the working group done?

 Prepared recommendations to produce a revised constitution





Major changes

- Public questions at all meetings with a guide to public participation
- New guide to roles of members
- 3 Scrutiny Committees with clearer arrangements for task and finish and call in
- Smaller committee sizes
- Planning and Regulatory Committee with a licensing sub committee





Next Steps

- Adoption at full Council 16 December
- Training, guidance and templates
 January May 17
- Phase 2 (outstanding codes and procedure rules that require third party consultation)
- Implementation May 2017
- Ongoing subject to annual review



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