

CIVIC AFFAIRS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

22 June 2026
5.35 - 6.42 pm

Present: Councillors McPherson (Chair), Toye Scott (Vice-Chair), Ashton, Bick (Alternate), Davison, and Taylor

In Attendance: Councillors Bennett and Flaubert

Officers:

Chief Financial Officer: Jody Etherington

Chief Audit Executive: Jonathan Tully

Democratic Services Manager (Deputy Monitoring Officer): Dan Kalley

Democratic Services Officer: Matthew Hussey

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: Constitutional Updates:

Recommendations of the Civic Affairs & Audit Committee, which met on 22 June 2026, are outlined below:

The Committee **resolved unanimously** to approve the recommendations on to Full Council.

Accordingly, Council is recommended to:

Approve the following amendments to the Constitution following the meeting on 22 June 2026:

- As set out at Paragraph 4.1 to the report
- Additional wording to the Glossary: Main Oppositions Parties to include -
For the purposes of Cabinet speaking rights and participation in governance arrangements, any formally constituted opposition political group comprising three or more councillors shall be treated as an Opposition Group.'
- That Full Council be requested to include explicit detail on Financial Allowances in the Constitution