



Civic Centre
HARTLEPOOL

7 May, 2024

Councillors Allen, Bailey-Fleet, Boddy, Brash, Buchan, Clayton, Cook, Cranney, Creevy, Darby, Dodds, Dunbar, Feeney, Hall, Hargreaves, Harrison, Holbrook, Jorgeson, Leedham, Lindridge, Little, Male, Martin-Wells, Moore, Morley, Nelson, Oliver, Reeve, Roy, Scarborough, Sharp, Smith, Thompson, C Wallace, S Wallace and Young.

Madam or Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL meeting to be held on THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool to consider the subjects set out in the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

D McGuckin
Managing Director

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EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL AGENDA



16 MAY 2024

at 7.00 pm

**in the Council Chamber,
Civic Centre, Hartlepool.**

- (1) To receive apologies from absent Members;
- (2) To receive any declarations of interest from Members;
- (3) To deal with any business required by statute to be done before any other business;
- (4) To consider the following requisition:-

“The Hartlepool Labour Group call for an extraordinary meeting of Full Council to discuss the proposals of the Constitution Committee held on the 14 May”

Signed: Councillors Harrison, Brash, Creevy, Thompson and Feeney.

A copy of the report to be considered by the Constitution Committee is attached.

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CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

14 May 2024



Report of: Monitoring Officer

Subject: PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S
CONSTITUTION - UPDATE

1. COUNCIL PLAN PRIORITY

Hartlepool will be a place:
- with a Council that is ambitious, fit for purpose and reflects the diversity of its community.

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2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek a view from the Committee regarding proposed changes to the Constitution prior to consideration of changes by Full Council.

3. BACKGROUND

- a. The Council's Constitution at Article 13 ("Review and Revision of the Constitution") requires that the Monitoring Officer "will monitor and review the operation of the Constitution to ensure that the aims and principles of the Constitution are given full effect." It goes on to say that "Changes to the Constitution Changes to the Constitution will only be approved by Full Council after consideration of the proposal through recommendations of the Constitution Committee."

4. PROPOSALS

4.1 PART 3 – Responsibility for Functions

The functions currently the responsibility of the Economic Growth and Regeneration Committee are as follows:

Economic Growth and Regeneration Committee Membership			
Membership	7 Councillors	Quorum	3 Councillors

No	Economic Growth and Regeneration Committee Function
1	Inward Investment and Economic Growth (EDDNRS)

It is proposed to move the following functions from the Finance and Policy Committee to the Economic Growth and Regeneration Committee:

- Communications and Marketing
- Strategic Procurement
- Capital Programme Delivery and Monitoring
- Estates and Asset Management
- Business Growth and Engagement
- Approval of any Grant Aided Schemes related to Economic Growth and Regeneration
- To receive and examine quarterly reports on the monitoring and outcome of contract letting procedures, including outputs, values, value for money considerations and performance (incorporating if necessary, provider comparative analysis) where lowest/highest price is not payable/receivable

Furthermore, it is proposed that the following functions be moved from Adult and Community Based Services Committee to the Economic Growth and Regeneration Committee:

- Culture and Events
- Learning and Skills

4.2 Other Proposals

Members are asked to discuss the Constitution and any further proposals for immediate change to the Constitution to be considered by Full Council.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 That the Committee consider the proposals and makes recommendations for submission to Full Council.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 It is the responsibility of the Monitoring Officer to monitor the Constitution to ensure that the aims and principles of the Constitution are given full effect.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Hartlepool Borough Council's Constitution

8. CONTACT OFFICERS

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CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

14 MAY 2024

The meeting commenced at 4.00 p.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillors: Dodds, Hall, Harrison and Little

Officers: Denise McGuckin, Managing Director
Hayley Martin, Director of Legal, Governance and Human Resources.
Amanda Whitaker, Legal and Democratic Services Team Manager

10. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Lindridge, Moore and Young

11. Declarations of interest by Members

None

12. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee, held on 13 November 2023 were confirmed.

13. Periodic Review of the Council's Constitution – Update *(Monitoring Officer)*

The Committee considered proposed changes to Part 3 of the Constitution. The functions currently the responsibility of the Economic Growth and Regeneration Committee were set out in the report. It was proposed to move the following functions from the Finance and Policy Committee to additional functions of the Economic Growth and Regeneration Committee:

- Communications and Marketing
- Strategic Procurement
- Capital Programme Delivery and Monitoring
- Estates and Asset Management
- Business Growth and Engagement

- Approval of any Grant Aided Schemes related to Economic Growth and Regeneration
- To receive and examine quarterly reports on the monitoring and outcome of contract letting procedures, including outputs, values, value for money considerations and performance (incorporating if necessary, provider comparative analysis) where lowest/highest price is not payable/receivable

Furthermore, it was proposed that the following functions be moved also from Adult and Community Based Services Committee to the Economic Growth and Regeneration Committee:

- Culture and Events
- Learning and Skills

Members discussed further proposals for immediate change to the Constitution to be considered by Full Council as follows:-

Article 6 – 6.2 (e) to be amended to delete reference to the Leader of the Council chairing the Safer Hartlepool Partnership.

Part 3 to be amended to co-opt a parish representative, from each of the Parish Councils, as a non-voting member on each of the Policy Committees.

Following concerns expressed by a member regarding moving the listed functions from the Adult and Community Based Services Committee to the Economic Growth and Regeneration Committee, it was clarified that there would be no change with regard to officer responsibilities.

Decision

The Committee recommended that Full Council agree the following:-

- (i) Update Part 3 of the Constitution to reflect the proposed changes to the functions of the Economic Growth and Regeneration Committee as set out above.
- (ii) Amend Article 6 to delete reference to the Leader of the Council chairing the Safer Hartlepool Partnership
- (iii) Amend Part 3 to co-opt a parish representative, from each of the Parish Councils, as a non-voting member on each of the Policy Committees.

The meeting concluded at 4.10 p.m.

CHAIR