

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

WEST MIDLANDS COUNCILS CONSTITUTION

EXEMPT INFORMATION

None

PURPOSE

To seek endorsement of the new constitution of West Midlands Councils. (Appendix 1)

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

- i) **Endorse the new Constitution of West Midlands Councils;**
- ii) **Authorise the Leader of the Council to sign the confirmation form on behalf of the Borough Council (Appendix 2).**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tamworth Borough Council is a member of West Midlands Councils (WMC). A new Constitution for the WMC was agreed at its Annual General Meeting on 12th July, 2011.

WMC is legally governed by its Constitution which sets out its modus operandi together with details of how its membership will share its assets and its liabilities. It also includes the terms under which a member organisation may withdraw.

Formal endorsement of the Constitution is required by all member organisations.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

By endorsing the Constitution, Tamworth Borough Council is agreeing to share the assets and liabilities of the WMC organisation together with the other 32 local authority members. Should Tamworth Borough Council decide to withdraw from WMC, or in the event that the WMC is dissolved, then the Borough Council may benefit from its assets or be responsible for its share of the liabilities.

LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND

A review undertaken via the Regional Chief Executive's Group has served to minimise any risk of the WMC dissolving in the foreseeable future thereby minimising the consequential costs of shared liabilities.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

None.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

None.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

APPENDICES

1. WMC Constitution
2. Letter requesting endorsement & Confirmation Form