

MEETING	THE COUNCIL
DATE	21, JANUARY, 2010
TITLE	AMEND THE CONSTITUTION.
PURPOSE	INTRODUCE MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION.
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1. Protocol on implementing the statutory duties of the Director of Social Services

The Board decided at its meeting on the 16th December, 2009 to adopt a series of protocols dealing with the statutory responsibilities of the Director of Social Services. This kind of protocol is one of the statutory documents which forms part of the Council's Constitution. The Council is requested to formally adopt the new protocol as part of the Constitution in place of the present protocol. The new protocol is available in Appendix '1'.

2. Amendments to the Officers Delegation Scheme.

The Officers Delegation Scheme gives powers to officers to act on behalf of the Council in matters which are not the responsibility of a committee. From time to time a gap in the scheme is identified, either because of the introduction of a new legislation or because there is a need to act in a way not required previously. It is important that these powers are in the scheme in order to protect officers and the Council from legal challenge.

3. The Council is requested to make the minor amendments in Appendix 2 in order to keep the plan up to date.

4. Recommendation.

It is recommended that the Council introduces into the Constitution, amendments outlined in paragraphs 1 and 3.