

Item No. 22.	Classification: Open	Date: 27 February 2017	Meeting Name: Audit, governance and standards committee
Report title:		Constitutional changes - Civic awards sub-committee	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the audit, governance and standards committee note the recommended changes to the constitution proposed to council assembly by the constitutional steering panel as outlined in paragraphs 3 - 4 of the report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. This report outlines a constitutional change to the constitution recommended by the audit, governance and standards (civic awards) sub-committee. The constitutional steering panel is requested to consider the suggested change to the constitution and recommend them to council assembly.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3. Who takes decisions Part 3K – Audit, Governance and Standards Committee currently reads:

Matters reserved for decision by the civic awards sub-committee

[...]

43. To appoint non-voting co-opted members.

4. It is proposed that this be updated to transfer the appointment authority to the main audit, governance and standards committee as below:

Matters reserved to decision by the main committee

[...]

40. To appoint non-voting co-opted members of the civic awards sub-committee.

5. This will allow for a more efficient use of resources, including officer and councillor time. If the committee feel it appropriate, they can choose to devolve this authority down to the civic awards sub-committee in any given year.
6. The context for this report is the on-going review of efficient democracy and the current financial climate requiring savings to be identified.

Community impact statement

7. The proposals in this report provide additional benefits to the public and the local community and enhance the council's commitment to diversity and fairness.

Resource implications

8. The financial implications within this report seek to have a positive impact on improving the outcomes and delivery of value for money.
9. The constitution is published on the council's website and is available for viewing online. Limited numbers of the constitution are produced in binder form with loose leaf pages and dividers. This means that any additional costs arising from the reproduction of small sections of the constitution are reduced compared to the reprinting of the whole constitution. It is anticipated that the cost can be contained within existing budgets.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Southwark Constitution	160 Tooley Street London SE1 5LX	Constitutional Team 020 7525 7228

APPENDICES

No.	Title
None.	

AUDIT TRAIL

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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER			
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Director of Law and Democracy	Yes	Yes	
Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	No	No	
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