

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL  
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Recommendations from the Cabinet on 4 April 2017:-

Review of the Constitution (Minute 153.2 refers)

The Cabinet considered a comprehensive review of the Constitution in the light of recent major changes.

In noting that the procedure for the call-in of planning applications was being updated, Officers assured the Cabinet that this was to clarify the reasons for call-in only and that they would have no more ability to impede a call-in than as provided for at present.

- (1) The Cabinet agreed and **RECOMMENDS** to the Annual Council meeting changes to the Constitution relating to the restructuring of the senior management of the Council including responsibility for functions and appointments of Proper Officers, the re-integration of the housing service into the Council, the creation of a property company, external auditor appointments, the formation of a joint building control service, together with general updating, including to Contract and Financial Procedure Rules and the procedure for call-in of planning applications.
- (2) The Cabinet agreed and **RECOMMENDS** to the Annual Council meeting that the Head of Law and Administration as Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend the Constitution to include these changes and to make any other minor amendments where required by Statute or decisions of the Council in accordance with delegated powers.

**(Note:** The link to the Constitution published on the Council's website is as follows:-  
[http://daw/welhat.gov.uk/icm/mediaaccess.cfm?CFID=3c4e153b-a9dc-49a6-ab85-80310935cd87&CFTOKEN=0&file=pdf/7/m/2017.04\\_with\\_track.pdf](http://daw/welhat.gov.uk/icm/mediaaccess.cfm?CFID=3c4e153b-a9dc-49a6-ab85-80310935cd87&CFTOKEN=0&file=pdf/7/m/2017.04_with_track.pdf) )