

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 JULY 2016

AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

1. Issue for Decision

That Council is asked to approve the recommendations of the Democracy Committee regarding changes to the Council's Constitution.

2. Recommendation Made

- 2.1 That Council be recommended to agree that the Constitution be amended to include the following wording as the penultimate sentence at part 4.5, paragraph 1c of the Constitution:

Members will not be eligible to sit on a Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee until training, which will be open to all Councillors, has been completed.

- 2.2 That the Council be recommended to agree that the Constitution be amended to make it a requirement that Members and Substitute Members of the Planning Referrals Committee undergo training on the policies, procedures, legislation and guidance relevant to the work of the Planning Committee. In connection with this, the following wording be included in section 2.8 of Part 2.1 of the Constitution:

No Member will be able to serve on the Planning Referrals Committee without having agreed to undergo training on the policies, procedures, legislation and guidance relevant to the work of the Planning Committee, the details of which are to be agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leaders of the Political Groups represented on the Committee. The training must be completed before the Committee first meets to discharge its function and must be refreshed as appropriate.