

## Mayoral Combined Authority Board

Monday, 31 July 2023

### Amended MCA Constitution

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<b>Is the paper exempt from the press and public?</b>	No
<b>Reason why exempt:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Purpose of this report:</b>	Governance
<b>Is this a Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Has it been included on the Forward Plan of Key Decisions?</b>	Not a Key Decision

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#### Executive Summary

At the MCA Board meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June the Board agreed to changes to the governance structure of the MCA. This report seeks approval to the amendments to the MCA's Constitution to reflect those governance changes and to make other changes highlighted in the report.

#### What does this mean for businesses, people and places in South Yorkshire?

The governance changes will better reflect the role and functions of the MCA and assist in ensuring that the MCA has robust and transparent governance and decision-making processes.

#### Recommendations

That the MCA approve the amendments to the Constitution, such amendments as set out in track changes to the Appended version of the Constitution.

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**Consideration by any other Board, Committee, Assurance or Advisory Panel**

Mayoral Combined Authority Board	05 June 2023
Audit and Standards Committee	21 June 2023
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	22 June 2023

**1. Background**

1.1 At the MCA Board meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 it was agreed to implement new governance arrangements. These arrangements included dissolving the four existing Thematic Boards and moving to a model where the Mayor and the four leaders of the Constituent Councils (MCA Members) each led on specific 'portfolios' that reflect the MCA priorities and its functional responsibilities.

1.2 In addition to the changes referred to above there are other amendments proposed, these are:-

1. Changes proposed by the Audit, Standard and Risk Committee to their Terms of Reference;
2. A proposal to increase the threshold for Key Decisions related to capital spend to £1m (presently £250,000). There is no proposal to increase the value for revenue spend. This change would better reflect the materiality of capital spend below this level;
3. Allowing the public to table questions for submission to the MCA Board up to 3 days before the meeting date (reduced from 7 days) to increase transparency; and
4. Minor amendments for clarity.

**2. Key Issues**

2.1 N/A

**3. Options Considered and Recommended Proposal****3.1 Option 1**

The Constitution needs to be amended to reflect the changes approved at the MCA Board on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**3.2 Option 1 Risks and Mitigations**

N/A

**4. Consultation on Proposal**

4.1 N/A

**5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

5.1 N/A

**6. Financial and Procurement Implications and Advice**

6.1 As set out in 1.2 above.

**7. Legal Implications and Advice**

7.1 The Constitution needs to be updated to reflect the governance changes approved at the 5<sup>th</sup> June MCA Board.

**8. Human Resources Implications and Advice**

8.1 N/A

**9. Equality and Diversity Implications and Advice**

9.1 N/A

**10. Climate Change Implications and Advice**

10.1 N/A

**11. Information and Communication Technology Implications and Advice**

11.1 N/A

**12. Communications and Marketing Implications and Advice**

12.1 N/A

**List of Appendices Included:**

A Revised Constitution with changes in track change.