Council/ Meeting	Agenda Item:
Meeting Date	19 October 2016
Report Title	Consideration of the two motions referred from Council to General Purposes Committee (GPC)
Cabinet Member	Cllr Andrew Bowles, Leader.
SMT Lead	Mark Radford, Director of Corporate Services and Monitoring Officer
Head of Service	
Lead Officer	Katherine Bescoby, Democratic and Electoral Services Manager
Key Decision	No
Classification	Open
Forward Plan	Reference number:
Recommendations	<ol> <li>Not to amend the constitution to allow adjacent parish/Town Councils to speak at planning Committee on items with adjacent Parish/Town Council areas.</li> <li>Not to amend the constitution with regard to allowing additional speaking from any organisation that wishes to speak on a planning application presented.</li> </ol>

## 1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

1.1 This report sets out the recommendations from General Purposes Committee (GPC) held on 29 September 2016 for consideration and adoption by Council.

#### 2. Background

2.1 Attached to this report is the relevant paper presented to General Purposes Committee.

## 3. Proposals

- 3.1 Council is asked to agree to the recommendations submitted by GPC as follows
  - 1. Not to amend the constitution to allow adjacent parish/Town Councils to speak at Planning Committee on items with adjacent Parish/Town Council areas.

2. Not to amend the constitution with regard to allowing additional speaking from any organisation that wishes to speak on a planning application presented.

#### 4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 There is discretion on the proposals set out in the Working Papers; matters where there is no discretion in relation to law and statutory guidance do not form part of this report.
- 4.2 GPC have considered the working papers and made the recommendations set out in para 3.

#### 5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

5.1 The review of the Constitution is the role of GPC. All members do receive all council agendas and reports and can attend the Committee. All recommendations from GPC have to be agreed by Council

#### 6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Having an up to date Constitution is important for good governance and decision making and is part of the Council to be proud of objective.
Financial, Resource and Property	None at this stage, it is anticipated that the work arising out of the review will be contained within existing resources.
Legal and Statutory	Where there is a change as a result of legislation or regulation, or suggested on the basis of legal advice this is set out in the working papers.
Crime and Disorder	None identified at this stage.
Sustainability	None identified at this stage.
Health and Wellbeing	None identified at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	None identified at this stage.
Equality and Diversity	None identified at this stage.

# 7 Appendices

7.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:

Appendix I: the Head of Planning's Working paper to General Purposes Committee held on 29 September 2016

# 8 Background Papers

None