

 <b>Executive Committee - 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2011</b>		<b>Agenda Item No.</b> <b>11D</b>
<b>Title</b>	West Midlands Councils Constitution	
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<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>	None	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?</b>	No	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>	N/A	
<b>Background Papers</b>	N/A	

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Included within the Forward Plan?</b>	No
<b>Equality &amp; Sustainability Impact Assessment Undertaken</b>	No

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive	19 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2011	Chris Elliott
Deputy Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2011	Author
CMT	19 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2011	Chris Elliott Andrew Jones
Finance	19 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2011	Mike Snow
Council Leader	19 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2011	Councillor Michael Doody
Consultation & Community Engagement		
Final Decision?		Yes
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		

## **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The report recommends Executive endorsement of a new Constitution for West Midlands Councils which was approved on behalf of this Council by the Leader at the Annual General Meeting of West Midlands Councils on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 Executive endorses the new Constitution for West Midlands Councils which has been appended to this report.

## **3. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 This Council has formally approved its membership of West Midlands Councils, a body established to support, represent and promote the collective interests of the local authorities in the West Midlands area and the communities they serve.
- 3.2 On 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011, Leaders of 33 West Midlands Councils attended the Annual General Meeting and as part of their business approved a new Constitution for the Association.
- 3.3 At an earlier meeting the Association had agreed to "ensure that each constituent Council makes appropriate arrangements to secure formal endorsement of that Constitution and provides written confirmation of such to West Midlands Councils".
- 3.4 By agreeing to the recommendation at 2.1, Warwick District Council will be providing the necessary formal endorsement.

## **4. ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S) CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 No alternative options were considered as the new Constitution does not materially change the Association's purpose, objectives or financial impact on this Council but seeks to enable business to be conducted more efficiently.

## **5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 The annual subscription to West Midlands Councils is £7,867 and is within this Council's budgetary framework for 2011/2012 and is also allowed for in the Medium Term Financial Strategy. The new Constitution does not bring with it any increased cost.

## **6. POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 6.1 Endorsing the Constitution has no impact on the Council's Policy Framework.