

Report to Constitution Working Group

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**Epping Forest
District Council**

Subject: Constitution Review - Article 2 (Members)

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That the Working Group consider the addition of the Members' Charter to Article 2 (Members) of the Constitution.

Report:

1. (Democratic Services Manager) At its meeting on 30 November 2015, the Working Group considered a revised version of Article 13 of the Constitution, relating to the Council's officer arrangements.
2. The initial proposals for the review of Article 13 included the incorporation of the existing Members' Charter. However, the content of the Charter is clearly more focussed on the provision of services, support and facilities for members and it is therefore suggested that it would be more appropriately located within Article 2 of the Constitution, which relates to members. This approach was supported by the Working Group at its meeting in November 2015.
3. A revised version of Article 2 has already been agreed by the Working Group, as part of the ongoing review of the Constitution.
4. The Members' Charter has been reviewed in order to bring it up to date and is attached as an appendix to this report. The Working Group is requested to consider whether this should be added to Article 2 of the Constitution.