

Tyne Port Health Authority Report to the Joint Board Date: Tuesday 7 June 2016

Subject: Annual Review of Constitution

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PART 1

1.1 Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to prompt the Joint Board to undertake the annual review of the Constitution for the Authority.

1.2 Recommendation

It is recommended that no changes are made to the existing Constitution.

2.0 Information

Background

The Tyne Port Health Authority is a joint board constituted in accordance with the Tyne Port Health Authority Order 2010. The Order, which is appended to the proposed Constitution as **Appendix 1**, provides the core constitutional arrangements for the Authority. The proposed Constitution builds upon and reflects these core arrangements providing a framework for the operation of the meetings of the Authority.

The current Constitution of the Authority was last updated during 2011 and amendments approved by the Joint Board at its meeting in October 2011.

The Constitution was last reviewed at the Annual General Meeting of the Authority in June 2015. The Joint Board did not identify that any changes that were required.

The Clerk to the Authority, in consultation with the Legal Advisor, has reviewed the current Constitution and is of the view that there are no matters arising that would necessitate amendment for the new Municipal Year.

It is therefore recommended that the current Constitution remains unchanged.

3.0 Decision Options

The options available to the Joint Board are:

Option 1

Make no amendment to the current Constitution; or

Option 2

Instruct the Clerk to the Authority to consider proposed amendments to the Constitution.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

4.0 Appendices:

4.1 Appendix 1 – The current Constitution of the Tyne Port Health Authority.

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6.0 Background Information:

6.1 The following background papers have been used in the compilation of this report and are available for inspection at the offices of the author of the report:

Tyne Port Health Authority Order 2010
The current Constitution of the Tyne Port Health Authority

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

1.0 Finance and Other Resources:

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

2.0 Legal

As a body with corporate identity, the Authority must have in place appropriate governance arrangements including a Constitution that provides guidance and structure to the operation of the Joint Board through its meetings. The proposed Constitution is compliant with the requirements of the Tyne Port Health Authority Order 2010.