

## Extract from Council Minutes – March 30<sup>th</sup> 2006

### 111 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL MEETING (Report 17).

The Council considered a report on the revised conclusions and recommendations of the Corporate Issues and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Panel's Steering Group following its review of the operation of full Council meetings. These were prepared following discussion within the political groups and consideration of the contributions received from individual Members as requested by the Council when it last considered the matter on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2005.

On a motion from Councillor Martin Veal seconded by Councillor Hattie Ajderian it was **RESOLVED** that:

1. Having considered the recommendations of the Steering Group at Appendix 1 of the report and the relevant Constitutional changes which would be required to give effect to these recommendations as set out in Appendix 2, the Council approves the recommendations of the Steering Group and the required changes to the Constitution as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 with the following amendments:

a. Appendix 1, paragraph 3.5 Monitoring Executive Activity: In paragraph 3. amend "5 min max" to "10 min max"; delete "Leaders of 2 largest Political Groups" and insert "Leaders of Political Groups with at least 20% of Council seats".

b. Appendix 1, paragraph 3.6 Acting as Community Leader: In paragraph 7. amend "5 min max" to "10 min max"; delete "Leaders of 2 largest Political Groups" and insert "Leaders of Political Groups with at least 20% of Council seats".

c. Appendix 1, paragraph 3.7 Informal Sessions: Add new paragraph 5. to read "Political groups with fewer than 10 members to have one such item reserved for them on the annual plan".

d. Appendix 1, paragraph 3.10 The Council Day and Venue: In paragraph 3. following "b. Improved audio equipment" insert "and that options for alternative venues for Full Council be explored by the Steering Group".

e. Appendix 2, Procedural Rule 14: Amend title to read "Notice of Items for Informal Discussion" and amend "the Group Leaders" to "all Political Group Leaders".

f. Appendix 2, Procedural Rule 32: Delete "Leaders of the 2 largest Political Groups" and insert "Leaders of Political Groups with at least 20% of Council seats".

g. Appendix 2, Procedural Rule 33: Delete "Leaders of the 2 largest Political Groups" and insert "Leaders of Political Groups with at least 20% of Council seats".

h. Appendix 2, Procedural Rule 34: Delete "Leaders of the 2 largest Political Groups" and insert "Leaders of Political Groups with at least 20% of Council seats".

i. Appendix 2, Procedural Rule 26: Delete this additional wording about the waiver of Procedural Rules by the Chair(person).

j. Appendix 1, paragraph 3.5.5 Member Submissions: Delete this proposal to move Member submissions to the end of the Council agenda.

2. Council instructs the Head of Democratic Services to make such changes to the published versions of the Constitution as are necessary to reflect the decisions of the Council on this matter.

3. Council agrees to implement these changes with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006.

(Notes: 1. An amendment moved by Councillor Tim Ball and seconded by Councillor Gail Coleshill, the effect of which would have been to phase in the implementation of agreed changes in consultation with the Political Group Leaders between July 2006 and May 2007, was not carried.

2. The amendments set out in sub-paragraphs 1. a. to h. above were moved by Councillor Matt Davis and accepted by Councillors Martin Veal and Hattie Ajderian as mover and seconder of the original motion. Councillor Brian Barrett moved and Councillor Matt Davis seconded the amendment set out in sub-paragraph 1. i. above

3. The amendment set out in sub-paragraph 1.j. above was moved by Councillor Malcolm Hanney and seconded by Councillor David Hawkins.

4. Councillor Hanney proposed two other amendments which were not carried, the effect of which would have been to delete the proposals for the Chair(person) and Vice-Chair(person) of the Council to be involved in managing and championing community leadership items and pre-planning to ensure a balanced and engaging agenda.)