

ANNUAL COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY 21 MAY 2003

ITEM 6 - CONSTITUTION

AGREED -

(1) That the recommendation set out at part (ii) of the report of the Solicitor to the Council be amended to read as follows:

- (i) To provide for a report back to the next Council meeting and if necessary subsequent meetings on action regarding deputations and petitions or resolutions from previous Council meetings.

(2) That the recommendation set out at part (viii) of the report of the Solicitor to the Council be not approved.

(3) That Annex 1 to the report be amended as follows:

- (a) Reports referred to Council from Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be considered after item 9 (To receive the report or Minutes of meetings of Cabinet and Committees) of the revised order of Business of Ordinary Meetings of the Council.

- (b) That written replies to Questions be issued within 7 days of the Council Meeting.

(c) That part 10 (iii)(iv) and (v) of Annex 1 be amended to read as follows:

- (iii) Written questions to Chairs of Committees followed by a period (restricted to 15 minutes) for oral questions.
- (iv) Written questions to spokespersons on Joint Authorities followed by a period (restricted to 15 minutes) for oral questions.
- (v) Written questions to Members on public Statements followed by a period (restricted to 15 minutes) for oral questions.

(4) That Article 6 of the Constitution be amended to provide for the appointment of a Lead Member for Corporate Affairs and a Lead Member for External Affairs, both to be included in the membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel for Corporate and External Affairs.

(5) That all other amendments to the Constitution set out and referred to in the report of the Solicitor to the Council be approved and adopted and that the Solicitor to the Council and the Head of Democratic Support Service be authorised to finalise and implement the drafting required to give effect to the amendments.

(6) That the Members' Allowances Scheme, subject to any amendment which may be made by Council be approved and adopted and shall apply for the financial year 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004 and the municipal year period 21 May 2003 to 29 June 2004.