Annual Council

26 May 2010

Decision Summary

Item 7 - Proposed Amendments to the Council's Constitution

(1) That the proposed changes to the Constitution, apart from those that relate to Executive functions, referred to in paragraph 2 of the report at Item 7 of the Council Summons, be approved, subject to:-

(a)   Article 6 relating to the Overview and Scrutiny function being amended at paragraph 6.1.2 to provide for the Council to appoint the Lead Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels, and that paragraph 8.4 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules be likewise amended to reflect this change.

(b)   Council Procedure Rule 13 (4) (i) relating to questions to spokespersons of joint committee and external bodies, being amended at part (c) to refer to the West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority.

(c)   In relation to the Overview and Scrutiny function, the first sentence of Article 6.1.2 being amended to read "The Management Committee shall have seven Members based on a ratio of 2:2:2:1, comprising the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny, the four Scrutiny Lead Members, and two other elected Members".

(d)   In relation to the adoption of a revised Councillors' protocol for Planning Committees and Sub-Committees, paragraph 5.3 relating to pre application discussions being referred to Corporate Governance and Audit Committee for review.

(e)   In relation to the adoption of a revised Councillors' protocol for Planning Committees and Sub-Committees, the consequential effects of the following being referred to the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee for consideration namely:-

*   Paragraph 9.2 (Councillor observer attendance)
*   Paragraph 9.9 (Motions contrary to Officer recommendation)
*   Paragraph 11.10 (Referring applications to Committee)
*   Paragraph 11.12 (Planning applications submitted by serving and former Councillors, their close associates and relatives)

(2) That the Council's Monitoring Officer be given delegated authority to make all the necessary amendments.