

**Annual Council**

**25 May 2011**

**Decision Summary**

**Item 7 - Proposed Amendments to the Council's Constitution**

That the proposed changes to the Constitution, apart from those that relate to Executive functions, referred to in the key points section of the submitted report at Item 7 of the Council Summons (taking account of the recommendations of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee of 13 May 2011) be approved and that the Council's Monitoring Officer be given delegated authority to make all the necessary amendments, subject to:-

- (i) Revised wording to Council Procedure Rule 13(5)(i) to provide for the maximum 60 minute period allowed for comments and questions on Minutes to Cabinet Members to commence upon the conclusion of any portfolio holder report made under Council Procedure Rule 13(2)(ii).
- (ii) The recommendation to call for a report back to Council on the renaming of Town and Valley Committees being subject to consultation with the Town and Valley Committees.
- (iii) The Corporate Governance and Audit Committee and/or the Standards Committee (as appropriate) consider the introduction of an open government and comprehensive scheme to publish all public information, thereby providing the public with simpler, less costly to the Council, access to information and consider the introduction of a protocol in relation to handling of Freedom of Information requests.