

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

COUNCIL - 29TH APRIL, 2010

COUNCIL CONSTITUTION – INTRODUCTION OF SCHEME FOR LOCAL PETITIONS

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNANCE

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To request Council to approve the proposed Scheme for Local Petitions.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That the proposed Scheme for Local Petitions, as attached, be approved;

2.2 That the Council Constitution be amended accordingly.

3.0 SCHEME FOR LOCAL PETITIONS

3.1 At the meeting of the Council Constitution Committee on 8th December, 2009 Members considered the draft Scheme for Local Petitions and asked, that following appropriate consultation, the finalised Scheme be brought back for final approval and recommendation to Council. The amended Scheme was considered by the Council Constitution Committee at its meeting on 13th April, 2010 and one minor amendment for the purposes of clarification was requested. The final Scheme is attached as Annex A and a copy of the flow chart of the process at Annex B.

4.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Council Constitution Committee – 3 September, 2009 (Minute Nos. CCC-04 & 05)

Council – 30 September, 2009 (Minute No. 44)

Council Constitution Committee – 8 December, 2009 (Minute No. CCC-10)

Council – 28 January, 2010 (Minute No. 79)

5.0 OTHER INFORMATION

Equality & Diversity	The business of the Committee considers equality and diversity in an appropriate manner.
Environmental Impact	None arising directly from this report.

Legal Comment	The Local Government Act 2000 requires the Council to have a Constitution. This Committee has been established to review the Constitution and to provide advice and guidance to the Council on any proposed changes.
Links with Corporate Priorities	The Council seeks to deliver its objectives of providing leadership, accountability and high standards in local democracy.
Opportunities & Risks	The opportunities and risks associated with these proposals have been identified and assessed. Arrangements will be put in place to manage the risks and maximise the opportunities that have been identified.
Financial Implications	There are no financial impact implications arising from this report and any changes can be met from within existing budgets.
Ward Implications	Borough wide

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Council Constitution

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