

COUNCIL CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Council Constitution Committee held on Tuesday, 9th November, 2010 at 5.15 p.m. in the Civic Offices, Telford, Shropshire

PRESENT: Councillors S.M. Kelly (Chairman), R.K. Austin, E.J. Carter, G.M. Green, J.M. Seymour, C.F. Smith and V. Tonks

CCC-16 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Council Constitution Committee held on the 14th September, 2010 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

CCC-17 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

Councillor A.J. Eade

CCC-18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

CCC-19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007 – EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS

The report of the Head of Governance informed the Committee that, under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Council was required to change its Executive Arrangements by choosing either a Leader and Cabinet model with a strong role for the Leader, or an Elected Mayor. The legislation required this decision to have been made by 31 December, 2011.

On the 7th October, 2010 Full Council approved the Leader and Cabinet model as the preferred option and consultees were informed. Appendix 3 of the report set out the consultation responses received. To date a total of eight responses had been received, five responses of which were from Parish Councils and three from members of the public. The responses received showed a majority in favour of the Leader and Cabinet model. It was considered that this limited response indicated that there was relatively little public interest in the issue.

In drawing up the proposals, the Authority was required to consider the extent to which, if implemented, the proposals were likely to assist in securing continuous improvements in the way in which its functions were exercised and having regard to the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of the same. A Resolution of the Council was required by the end of December 2010 to implement the change to the Council's Governance arrangements. Following the passing of such a Resolution, the new Governance Arrangements had to be publicised in accordance with the legislation. The existing form of Leader and Cabinet model of governance would continue in force until three days after the Borough elections in May 2011.

The Chairman commented that the cross party agreement shown by the Committee would allow it to recommend to Council that the current system of Leader and Cabinet be retained.

RESOLVED – that Council be **RECOMMENDED** to formally adopt the **Leader and Cabinet model for the Council’s Executive Arrangements with effect from 8 May 2011 following the May 2011 Borough elections.**

The meeting ended at.

Chairman:

Date:

The meeting ended at 5.19 p.m.