

COUNCIL CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Council Constitution Committee held on Wednesday, 6 July 2016 at 6.00pm at Addenbrooke House, Ironmasters Way, Telford

Present: Councillors M J Smith (Chair), A J Eade, I T W Fletcher, R A Overton, C F Smith, and W L Tomlinson

In Attendance: J Eatough, Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement & Commissioning; and D Moseley, Democratic & Scrutiny Services Team Leader.

CCC-01 Apologies for Absence

Councillors R J Sloan and B D Tillotson.

CCC-02 Declarations of Interest

None.

CCC-03 Minutes

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the Council Constitution Committee held on 25 April 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

CCC-04 Update to the Constitution

The Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement & Commissioning presented the revised and updated draft Constitution. There were three elements to the report:-

- To seek approval of the Committee to recommend the revised Constitution to Full Council for adoption;
- To recommend to Full Council that voting rights for Co-optees on the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee be extended for a further three years; and
- To recommend that Full Council accept the removal of printed minutes for noting from future agenda paperwork.

Members queried the process for Members raising questions on Cabinet reports and it was agreed that:-

- No notice of questions on Cabinet reports would be required. Questions on Cabinet reports would be subject to a maximum 30 minute time slot.
- Member questions on other matters would be asked on notice (2 clear working days) in a separate 30 minute timeslot.
- Public questions, subject to a 7 clear working day notice period, would be considered in a further separate time slot of 15 minutes.

Members also requested that a clause regarding the referral of a motion be reinserted in the Constitution.

Clarification of the wording to the procedure rules of the Committees subject to separate procedures in the interests of natural justice was also suggested.

With regard to the delegation to officers by Council Constitution Committee, Members requested an amendment that the Chair would bring changes to the Committee if he considered it appropriate.

Members were advised that the Legal Team was working with Assistant Directors on the full list of delegations to officers and some further cosmetic changes were required to introduce some electronic functionality.

Members made a vote of thanks to the Democratic & Legal Services Manager for his work on the Constitution.

RESOLVED – to RECOMMEND to Full Council that :-

- (a) subject to the revisions noted above, the revised Constitution be adopted**
- (b) voting rights for Co-Optees on the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee be extended for a further three years**

The meeting ended at 6.23pm

Chairman:

Date: