

Time commenced : 5.03pm
Time finished : 5.39pm

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
23 FEBRUARY 2011**

Present: Councillor Jennings (in the Chair) Councillor Allen, Councillor Bayliss, Councillor Holmes and Councillor Jones.

10/10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Banwait

11/10 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items

12/10 Minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2010

The minutes of the meetings held on 3 November 2010 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

13/10 New Executive Arrangements from May 2011

A report from the Strategic Director of Resources was considered. The Assistant Director – Democratic Services explained that the agreed changes in executive arrangements from May 2011 meant that various changes needed to be made to the Council Constitution. The report detailed these changes and sought approval from the committee to recommend these changes to Council at the Annual Meeting in May.

Members highlighted some discrepancies in the proposed amendments to the Constitution and requested that these be resolved prior to the report progressing to Council.

Resolved to recommend to Council the proposed changes to the Constitution in Appendix 2, as amended, relating to:

- **Part 1 – Summary and Explanation**
- **Part 2 – Article 7 – The Council Cabinet**
- **Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions and Scheme of Delegations**
- **Part 4 – Access to Information Rule AI24**
- **Part 4 – Council Cabinet Procedure Rules EP1-EP7**

14/10 Localism Bill – Governance Provisions

Members considered a report from the Strategic Director of Resources summarising the governance provisions within the Localism Bill, which had been laid before Parliament on 13 December 2010.

Resolved:

- 1) To note the report.**
- 2) To recommend to the Scrutiny Management Commission at its first meeting in the 2011/12 municipal year that it undertake a review of whether the Council should:**
 - Retain the current leader and cabinet model of governance or return to a committee system**
 - Adopt a voluntary code of conduct**
 - Retain a local Standards Committee****and that the Commission make recommendations to Council detailing its conclusions and recommendations.**
- 3) To request the Scrutiny Management Commission to invite all councillors and the independent members of the Standards Committee to participate in the review.**

MINUTES END