

Council
Tuesday 2 March 2010
Item 5.2
Reports from Other Committees

5.2.1 – Report of Special Committee (Constitution Review)
15 February 2010

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* Chairman: Councillor Melvin Cohen

* Vice-Chairman: Councillor Joan Scannell

Councillors

Jack Cohen

Richard Cornelius

* Mike Freer

Lynne Hillan

* Alison Moore

* Barry Rawlings

* Alan Schneiderman

* Daniel Webb

* denotes Member present

Councillor Monroe Palmer substituted for Councillor Jack Cohen

INDEPENDENT ADVISORS TO AUDIT COMMITTEE (Report of the Acting Democratic Services Manager – Agenda item 6)

The Committee considered a proposal from the Audit Committee, that two independent non-voting members should be appointed to that committee.

The Committee endorsed the Audit Committee's request that the Council's Constitution be amended to include two independent, non-voting Members of the committee with a period of appointment for four years, co-terminus with Council.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND – That the Council make the necessary changes to the Audit Committee's membership in the Constitution as set out in Appendix A.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE (CONSITUTION REVIEW)
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APPENDIX A

Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions

2. Responsibility for Council Functions

Body responsible	Functions	Membership
<p>Audit Committee</p>	<p>Statement of Purpose</p> <p>The purpose of an audit committee is to provide independent assurance of the adequacy of the risk management framework and the associated control environment, independent scrutiny of the authority's financial and non-financial performance to the extent that it affects the authority's exposure to risk and weakens the control environment, and to oversee the financial reporting process.</p>	<p>The proportionality rules apply to the membership of this Committee, which should comprise between 5 and 7 elected members.</p> <p><i>The membership should also include two independent, non-voting Members with a period of appointment of four years, co-terminus with Council.</i></p> <p>The Chairman should not be a member of the Executive, and should preferably be a member of an opposition party. Additionally, the Chairman should not be permitted to serve in that role for more than 4 consecutive years.</p>