

Decisions of the Constitution, Ethics and Probity Committee

22 March 2018

Members Present:-

Councillor John Marshall (Chairman)
Councillor Melvin Cohen (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Ross Houston
Councillor Dr Devra Kay

Councillor Barry Rawlings
Councillor Peter Zinkin (In place of
Councillor Richard Cornelius)

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Richard Cornelius Councillor Joan Scannell

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2018 be approved as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Richard Cornelius who had been substituted for by Councillor Peter Zinkin.

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Joan Scannell.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS (IF ANY)

None.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

None.

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

None.

7. CONSTITUTION REVIEW

The Monitoring Officer and Head of Governance presented the Constitution Review report. Following consideration of the report the Committee **RESOLVED to:**

- 1. Recommend to Council that the Constitution be amended to incorporate the changes detailed in the report and in the amended versions the sections set out in Appendix A to Appendix I subject to the following amendments:**
 - **Section 1.5 be deleted**
 - **Table B, Authorisation and Acceptance Thresholds from Article 10 be added to the Contract Procedure Rules**
 - **Amendments to Article 9 (Chief Officers) be withdrawn and that the Monitoring Officer be delegated authority to make amendments to list various statutory officers**
- 2. Recommend to Council the deletion of the Budget and Policy Framework Rules as these have been subsumed into the revised Financial Regulations.**
- 3. Agree that the Monitoring Officer can use his delegated authority to amend the Constitution to make the changes detailed in section 1.4 of the report subject to:**

Changes in the HR Regulations being amended to state:

“The Chief Executive has authority to make interim Chief Officer appointments for a period of up to a year following consultation with the Leader and the Chief Officer Appointments Panel.

Chief Officer appointments made by the Chief Officer Appointment Panel will be reported to Full Council for information.”

The Chairman noted that Dr Devra Kay was standing down at the forthcoming local election and thanked her for work on the Committee. The Chairman thanked the Committee and, in particular, Councillor Zinkin for their work on the comprehensive review of the Constitution which had taken place during the year. The Committee thanked the Chairman for his work on the Committee over the year.

The meeting finished at 7.32 pm