## **Report of the Constitution, Ethics and Probity Committee**

22 October 2012

Members:-

\*Cllr Melvin Cohen (Chairman) \*Cllr Joan Scannell (Vice-Chairman)

\* Richard Cornelius

\* Anthony Finn \*Alan Schneiderman \* Alison Moore \* Barry Rawlings \*Jack Cohen \* Andrew Strongolou

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### 1. CONSTITUTION REVIEW: 2012/13

The Committee considered a clarification to the arrangements for the Group Leaders Panel for answers to public questions at meetings and;

#### RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND -

- 1. That Council agree where a Group Leader is unable to participate in the consideration of a complaint or where it would be inappropriate for them to do so, the Group Leader shall appoint his/her Deputy or another Member from their Group to substitute for the Group Leader.
- 2. That Council agree written answers to public questions be circulated to the questioner in advance, or at the meeting.
- 3. That the Head of Governance be instructed to make the appropriate amendments to the Council's Constitution.

# 2. REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE – CONSTITUTION, ETHICS AND PROBITY COMMITTEE

The Committee approved the attached revised Terms of Reference (Appendix 2, attached).

#### **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND –**

- 1. That Council approve the revised Terms of Reference to the Constitution, Ethics and Probity Committee (Appendix 1).
- 2. That the Head of Governance be instructed to make the appropriate amendments to the Council's Constitution.