

## **Administration Business Item – 3.1: Councillor Richard Cornelius**

### Committee System

Amendment in the name of Councillor Alison Moore

Delete first paragraph.

Replace “welcomes” in second paragraph to “notes”

Add at the end:

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### **Substantive Business Item to read:**

Council notes the Localism Act 2011 and its provisions permitting a return to the "Committee System" and resolves to call upon the Constitution, Probity and Ethics Committee to devise alterations to the Constitution of the Council to replace the Cabinet, Cabinet Resources Committee, Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Budget and Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee with suitable operating Committees to lead on policy, budgetary and operational matters, to further devise changes to full Council proceedings to ensure the involvement of all Members in the democratic control of the business of council.

Council appreciates that this will increase the workload and responsibilities of most Members but emphasises that at a time of budgetary restraint the changes must be cost neutral.

Council notes that the provisions of the Localism Act allow for changes to the system from an Annual meeting of the Council for a minimum of five years and asks officers and the Constitution Probity and Ethics Committee to bring forward proposals to enable early approval of such change to commence operationally from the Annual meeting  
2014.

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