

Minutes of a meeting of the Constitution Committee held at County Hall, Glenfield on Tuesday, 10 March 2009.

PRESENT

Mr. D. R. Parsons CBE CC (in the Chair)

Mr. S. J. Galton CC
Dr. M. O'Callaghan CC

Prof. M. E. Preston CC
Mr. N. J. Rushton CC

20. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2008 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

21. Question Time.

The Chief Executive reported that no questions had been received under Standing Order 35.

22. Questions asked under Standing Order 7(3) and 7(5).

The Chief Executive reported that no questions had been received under Standing Order 7(3) and 7(5).

23. Urgent Items.

There were no urgent items for consideration.

24. Declarations of interest.

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to declare any interest in respect of items on the agenda for the meeting.

All members of the Committee declared a personal non prejudicial interest in the report on Members' Allowances (minute 25 below).

25. Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances.

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive presenting the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances. A copy of the report marked 'B' is filed with these minutes.

The Committee noted the comments made by the Scrutiny Commission at its meeting on 4 March 2009, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

Dr O'Callaghan indicated that, in his view, issues of accountability and performance of individual members were addressed through the political

groups. He nevertheless supported the proposal that the Leaders should meet with the Panel to discuss a cross-party approach to achieving consistency in handling these matters.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council be recommended to approve the recommendations as set out in the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances.

26. County Council Elections 2009 - Scale of Election Expenses.

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive which regarding the Scale of Fees to be used at the County Council elections in June 2009. A copy of the report marked 'C' is filed with these minutes.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Chief Executive be authorised to approve the Scale of Fees to apply to the County Council elections on 4 June 2009;
- (b) That the Chief Executive be authorised to approve the Scale of Fees to apply at an by-elections prior to the County Council elections in 2013.

27. Date of Next Meeting.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on 29 June 2009 at 10.00am.

4.00 pm - 4.09 pm
10 March 2009

CHAIRMAN