

Minutes of a meeting of the Constitution Committee held at County Hall, Glenfield on Monday, 7 September 2009.

PRESENT

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

Mr. S. J. Galton CC
Mr. J. T. Orson JP CC

Prof. M. E. Preston CC

11. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2009 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

12. Question Time.

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

13. 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).

14. Urgent Items.

There were no urgent items for consideration.

15. 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 in the report on Members' Allowances (minute 18).

16. Review and Revision of the Constitution.

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive which recommended changes to the Constitution as part of this year's annual review. A copy of the report marked 'B' is filed with these minutes.

It was suggested that the word 'small' be deleted from the proposed amendment to paragraph 21 of Part 1 of the Constitution.

RESOLVED:-

That the County Council be recommended to approve the proposed changes to the Constitution as set out in Appendix A to the report, subject to the amendment now suggested.

17. Appointment of Independent Members to the Standards Committee.

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive which sought approval of the proposed timetable for the appointment of independent members to the Standards Committee. A copy of the report marked 'C' is filed with these minutes.

RESOLVED:-

That the proposed timetable for the appointment of independent members to the Standards Committee be approved, subject to the date of the interviews to be conducted by this Committee being changed from Friday 13 November.

18. Members' Allowances 2008/2009.

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive which provided information on the action taken to publicise the level of payments on members' allowances for 2008/2009. A copy of the report marked 'D' is filed with these minutes.

It was noted that any in-year changes to the level of members' allowances recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel would be considered by this Committee prior to approval by the full County Council.

RESOLVED:-

That the action taken by the Chief Executive to publicise the level of payments on members' allowances in 2008/09 be noted and that the details be published with the minutes of this meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

19. Date of Next Meeting.

RESOLVED:-

That the date of the next meeting be changed from Friday 13 November.