

Minutes of a meeting of the Constitution Committee held at County Hall, Glenfield on Friday, 15 September 2017.

PRESENT

Dr. T. Eynon CC
Dr. R. K. A. Feltham CC
Mr. S. J. Galton CC

Mr. N. J. Rushton CC
Mr. R. J. Shepherd CC

69. Appointment of Chairman.

That Mr N. J. Rushton CC be elected Chairman for the period ending with the date of the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2018.

Mr N. J. Rushton CC – in the Chair

70. Election of Deputy Chairman.

That Mr. J. B. Rhodes CC be appointed Deputy Chairman for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2018.

71. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2017 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

72. Question Time.

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

73. Questions asked by Members.

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

74. Urgent Items.

There were no urgent items for consideration.

75. 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.

No declarations were made.

76. Review and Revision of the Constitution.

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive which proposed amendments to the County Council's constitution as part of the 2017 annual review and in particular presented a revised Petitions Scheme for approval. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 8' is filed with these minutes.

In response to a question from a Member the Chief Executive clarified that under the revised Petitions Scheme there was still the option for the Committee receiving the Petition to decide that the Committee should receive a report on that subject matter at a future meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council be recommended to approve the proposed changes to the Constitution as set out in the appendices to the report.

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

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive which presented the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances and invited the Committee to make recommendations to the County Council on proposals for a new scheme of allowances. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 9', is filed with these minutes.

Members agreed with the Independent Remuneration Panel that more needed to be done to encourage Members to publish annual reports of the work they had carried out during the Council year.

Mr. S.J. Galton CC and Dr. T. Eynon CC indicated that whilst they had reservations about certain matters they would agree to the Independent Remuneration Panel's recommendations being forwarded to Council for approval.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council be recommended to approve the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel and in particular that pertaining to Members producing Annual Reports.