

Minutes of a meeting of the Constitution Committee held at County Hall, Glenfield on Tuesday, 13 November 2018.

PRESENT

Mr. N. J. Rushton CC (in the Chair)

Dr. T. Eynon CC
Mr. S. J. Galton CC

Mr. J. B. Rhodes CC
Mr. R. J. Shepherd CC

98. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th July 2018 were taken as read, confirmed and signed subject to the amendment of minute 91 (Election of Deputy Chairman) which should read –

‘That Mr. J. B. Rhodes CC be elected *Deputy* Chairman for the period ending with the date of the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2019.’

99. Question Time.

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

100. 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).

101. Urgent Items.

There were no urgent items for consideration.

102. 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.

103. Review and Revision of the Constitution - Management of Trustee Responsibilities

Members considered a report of the Chief Executive regarding proposals to change Part 3 of the Council’s Constitution to delegate to the Constitution Committee the County Council’s responsibilities when acting as a Trustee. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes.

Members noted that if supported by the Constitution Committee, the proposed change would be considered by the full Council at its meeting in December.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council be recommended to approve the proposed change to Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Constitution as set out in paragraph 9 of this report.

104. Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Annual Report and Group Whip Allowances

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive, the purpose of which was to present the findings of the Independent Remuneration Panel and invite the Committee to consider its content and recommendations to the County Council. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes.

The Committee was pleased to note the increase in the number of Annual Reports submitted by Members, but acknowledged that some were still outstanding which the Panel had requested be submitted at the earliest opportunity.

Members noted the intention of the Panel to review the Group Whip allowances in autumn 2019 when the new arrangements had been in operation for a full year.

In response to a question from Mr Shepherd, the Chief Executive advised that under the scheme, no allowances were payable to assistant group whips and any voluntary sub-payments made by the lead Group Whip would have to be managed outside the County Council's allowance system due to rules regarding the payment of tax and national insurance.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council be recommended to approve the recommendations set out in the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Member Annual Reports and Group Whips Allowance.

12.00 - 12.20 pm
13 November 2018

CHAIRMAN