

Minutes of a meeting of the Constitution Committee held via Microsoft Teams video conferencing on Wednesday, 17 March 2021.

PRESENT

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

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

Mr. B. L. Pain CC
Mr. R. J. Shepherd CC

Please note: This meeting was not open to the public in line with Government advice on public gatherings. The meeting was filmed for live and subsequent broadcast via YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWFpwBLs6MnUzG0WjejrQtQ>

17. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2020 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

18. Question Time.

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

19. 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).

20. Urgent items.

There were no urgent items for consideration.

21. 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.

It was noted that all members of the Committee would have personal interests in agenda item 6: County Council Elections 2021 – Scale of Election Expenses.

No other declarations were made.

22. County Council Elections 2021 - Scale of Election Expenses.

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive which sought approval with regard to a scale of fees to be used at the County Council elections in May 2021. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 6', is filed with these minutes.

The Chief Executive clarified that compiling the proposed scale of fees had been a collaboration between the District Councils that were carrying out some of the election work on behalf of the County Council and the County Council itself. It was proposed that the scale of fees also be used for any subsequent by-election taking place before 31 March 2022.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the scale of expenses as appended to the report be used at the County Council elections to be held on 6th May 2021 and for any subsequent byelections held before 31st March 2022.
- (b) That the Chief Executive be authorised to fix a scale for the purpose of by-elections occurring between 1st April 2022 and the next County Council elections.

2.00 - 2.07 pm
17 March 2021

CHAIRMAN