

Minutes of a meeting of the Constitution Committee held at County Hall, Glenfield on Thursday, 2 May 2002.

PRESENT

Mr. H. Barber CC (in the Chair)

Mr. S. J. Galton CC
Prof. M. E. Preston CC

Mr. Mike Jones CC
Mr. J. B. Rhodes CC

In Attendance:

Mr. N.J. Brown CC

31. Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2002

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 March, 2002 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

32. Question Time

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

33. Questions asked under Standing Order 8(3) and (5)

The Chief Executive reported that no questions had been received under Standing Order 8(3) and (5).

34. To Advise of any other Items which the Chairman has decided to take as Urgent on the Agenda

There were no urgent items for consideration.

35. To Receive Declarations of Interests in Respect of Items on the Agenda

No declarations were made.

36. Review and Revision of the Constitution

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive concerning possible amendments to the Constitution relating to the establishment of an Employment Committee and certain aspects of overview and scrutiny. A copy of the report marked 'B' is filed with these minutes.

The Committee also considered comments on the report made by the Scrutiny Reference Group. A copy of the comments is also filed with these minutes.

It was RESOLVED:-

- (a) To receive the report of the Chief Executive on proposed amendments to the Constitution;
- (b) to note and support the comments of the Scrutiny Reference Group on the proposals;
- (c) to recommend the County Council at its annual meeting to amend the Constitution on the basis set out in the appendices to the report namely:

Scrutiny Reference Group - Appendix A
Overview and Scrutiny Committees - Appendix B
Employment Committee - Appendix C
Article 12 - Appendix D

subject to:-

- (i) the amendment to paragraph 3(a) of Appendix C by the deletion of the words "power to appoint staff";
 - (ii) the amendment of paragraph 19 of the Summary to the Constitution by the substitution of "Scrutiny Commission" for "Scrutiny Reference Group" in the third sentence of that paragraph; and
 - (iii) to the officers checking other references in the Constitution to "Scrutiny Reference Group" to determine whether it is necessary to change such references to "Scrutiny Commission"; and
- (d) to note that the allocation of functions between scrutiny committees will need to be considered further when details of the Council's organisational structure have been finalised.

2 May 2002
9.30 a.m. - 10.50 a.m.

CHAIRMAN