

Committee:	Standards Committee	Agenda Item No.:	5.
Date:	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2011	Category	
Subject:	Executive Governance Arrangements	Status	Open
Report by:	Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer		
Other Officers involved:	Chief Executive Officer Legal and Standards Officer		
Director	Solicitor to the Council		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	This report affects the governance arrangements for the Executive and is not therefore within the remit of any of the Portfolio Holders.		

#### **RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS**

COMMUNITY SAFETY – Ensuring that communities are safe and secure  
CUSTOMER FOCUSED SERVICES – Providing excellent customer focused services

ENVIRONMENT – Promoting and enhancing a clean and sustainable environment

REGENERATION – Developing healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities

SOCIAL INCLUSION – Promoting fairness, equality and lifelong learning.

STRATEGIC ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Continually improving our organisation.

As this concerns the governance arrangements for the Executive, this affects all the Corporate Aims.

#### **TARGETS**

There are no targets associated with the subject of this report.

#### **VALUE FOR MONEY**

Not applicable as there is no expenditure of money.

#### **THE REPORT**

Council has decided in accordance with legislation (the Local Government and Improvement in Health Act 2007) and following consultation, to move to a new form of Executive Leader and Cabinet model of governance. This is commonly referred to as the “Strong Leader” model as it means that once appointed, the Executive Leader:-

- ✓ Remains the Executive Leader throughout the 4 years of the Council following the normal elections. Currently the Leader is elected annually. The Council may decide to include a mechanism for removing the Leader during that period. This Council already has that mechanism within its rules and there is no proposal to change this.
- ✓ Chooses one Councillor to be Deputy Leader. This Councillor will hold this role for the 4 year term unless the Leader “thinks fit” to remove the member.
- ✓ Chooses between 2 and 9 Councillors to be Executive members. Currently it is the Council which chooses and the size of the Executive is set at 9 Councillors.
- ✓ Decides which Portfolios each of the Councillors will have.

These changes require changes to the Constitution. These are attached at the Appendix for your consideration.

### **ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

Whether to recommend to Council that the changes to the Constitution shown in the Appendix should be approved and published on the web site in accordance with the legislation.

### **IMPLICATIONS**

Financial : None  
 Legal : As in the report.  
 Human Resources : None

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the changes to the Constitution listed in the Appendix be recommended to the Council for approval.**

ATTACHMENT: **Y – the Appendix**  
 FILE REFERENCE: **None**  
 SOURCE DOCUMENT: **Local Government and Improvement in Health Act 2007**