

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities held at 2.00 pm on Thursday, 18 June 2015

Present:

Members: Councillor P Townshend (Chair)
 Councillor A Andrews (Shadow Cabinet Member)
 Councillor R Auluck (Deputy Cabinet Member)

Employees (by Directorate):

Resources: C Goodwin, U Patel, A West

Public Business

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Changes to the Constitution

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Executive Director of Resources which informed of two new statutory instruments that came into force which require changes to be made to the Council's Constitution. The report outlined the proposed changes to take account of the change in law and requested that the amendments be approved.

The changes arose because of a legal requirement to incorporate into the Council's Standing Orders provisions relating to voting at budget or council tax setting meeting and provisions relating to the dismissal of the Head of Paid Service, the Chief Financial Officer and the Monitoring Officer.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities having considered the draft changes to the Constitution set out in the report and in the Appendix to the report and any views of the Constitutional Advisory Panel recommends to Council that:

- 1. The draft changes be incorporated into the Constitution and**
- 2. Ethics Committee be recommended to appoint an additional Independent Person under the Localism Act 2011 to ensure that the Council has two Independent Persons available to sit in any Panel.**

Council is recommended to:

- 1. Approve the draft changes to the Constitution; and**
- 2. Request the Ethics Committee to appoint an additional Independent Person under the Localism Act 2011 to ensure that the Council has two Independent Persons available to sit on any Panel.**

3. Amendments to the Constitution - Proposed Amendments to the Petitions Scheme

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Executive Director of Resources which sought approval to amendments to the Petitions Scheme, which forms part of the Constitution, in order to provide flexibility and to streamline current practice.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities:

1. (i) **Recommends that the City Council approves that proposed amendments to the Petitions Scheme, as detailed in the Appendix to the report, and that Part 31 of the City Council's Constitution be amended accordingly.**

(ii) **Recommends that the changes to the Petitions Scheme be reviewed by the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities – Constitutional Advisory Panel 12 months from the implementation of the changes.**
2. **Recommends the City Council to approve the proposed amendments to the Petitions Scheme, as detailed in the Appendix to the report, and that Part 31 of the City Council's Constitution be amended accordingly.**

4. Any Other Business

There were no other items of business.

(Meeting closed at 2.15 pm)