

# MINUTES OF THE CONSTITUTION WORKING PARTY

(Extract: 10 June 2015 meeting)

## 5. Constitutional Update

The Head of Law, who was present at the meeting, left the room on consideration of recommendation (b) Employment Procedure Rules.

The Working Party considered a report which set out a number of proposed amendments to the Constitution. They were discussed separately.

(a) Members discussed the proposed amendments to Contract Procedure Rules appearing at Appendix 1 to the report and the Working Party RESOLVED that it recommend to full Council that they be adopted.

(b) Members considered proposals to amend the Employment Procedure Rules as set out at Appendix 2 to the report, relating to the dismissal of the Chief Executive, the Chief Finance Officer, and the Monitoring Officer. The Working Party RESOLVED to recommend to Council that they be adopted. The Chair requested that the report be submitted to Council to clarify the practicalities of appointment of councillors to the Panel referred to in the report.

(c) Members considered the proposed provisions relating to the SACRE at Appendix 3 to the report and RESOLVED that as they reflect current practice, a recommendation be made to Council that they be included in the Constitution as proposed.

(d) The Working Party discussed the proposed establishment of a Public Spending Working Group and RESOLVED to recommend that the Group be established in accordance with the recommendation in the report and Appendix 4, save the reference to the "Labour Group" in paragraph 2 of Appendix 4 should be deleted and the words "majority group" substituted for it.

(e) Members then considered the Scrutiny of cross cutting issues. Following discussion, the Working Party RESOLVED that Article 6 (7) (b) of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"where a particular issue would fall within the remit of more than one overview and scrutiny select committee to decide on the allocation of the issue for consideration. The Business Panel may allocate to a select committee. Alternatively until the AGM in 2016, it may reserve the matter to itself."

The Working Party RESOLVED that a review of this amendment should occur at the AGM 2016.