

COUNCIL MEETING – 13TH OCTOBER 2011

Extract from the Minutes of the Constitution Committee Meeting on 22nd September 2011

23 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES

The Committee considered proposed amendments to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

At its meeting on 14th July 2011, the Committee deferred consideration of a report on revised Contract Procedure Rules to enable further work to be carried out. Council at its meeting on 21st July noted the Committee's decision and resolved that in the interim, and in no way fettering the Constitution Committee, the financial threshold at which the Rules require a formal tendering procedure be increased from £50,000 to £75,000.

The Borough Solicitor had also met the Vice-Chairman of the Committee to consider issues arising from the debate at the last meeting of the Committee, and as a result of that meeting further amendments to the Rules had been made as set out in the report.

Since Vesting Day, the Council had approved a number of amendments to the Constitution. As new legislation came into force, and as the Council found better ways of doing things, building upon experience and best practice, the Constitution would continue to need to be amended. The proposed amendments to the Contract Procedure Rules reflected this approach.

The proposed amendments to the Contract Procedure Rules were outlined in the report and highlighted in the Appendix to the report. These included making permanent the change to the financial threshold for tendering.

RESOLVED

That the amendments to the Contract Procedure Rules (as set out in the Appendix to the report) be recommended to the Council for approval and the Constitution be amended accordingly.