

COUNCIL MEETING – 23RD FEBRUARY 2012

Extract from the Minutes of the Constitution Committee Meeting on 26th January 2012

47 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S FINANCE AND CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES

The Committee considered proposed amendments to the Finance and Contract Procedure Rules, which formed part of the Council's Constitution.

The report sought approval for proposed amendments to the Foreword and Sections A, B, C and D of the Rules. Section E (Contract Procedure Rules) had already been approved and Section F would be considered at a later date.

The amendments sought to reflect the recent changes made to the Officer Scheme of Delegation and to improve the alignment of the Finance and Contract Procedure Rules, in terms of wording and content, with other parts of the Constitution. The amendments also took into account updated national best practice recommendations and changes to the way the Council operated. Finally, the amendments had included clarification of ring-fenced budgets and schemes of financial delegation.

The proposed amendments had been endorsed by the Constitution Task Group at its meeting on 16th December 2011. In addition, the Task Group had agreed a number of further amendments, which had been incorporated into the amended Rules.

RESOLVED

That the amended Finance and Contract Procedure Rules be recommended to Council and the Constitution be amended accordingly.