

Item B

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GOVERNANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2009

144 CABINET SUPPORT MEMBERS

The Committee considered proposed changes to the arrangements for Cabinet Support Members in relation to scrutiny committees.

All four Cabinet Support Members had been appointed as members of overview and scrutiny committees.

It was felt, for reasons set out in the report, that there was potential for conflict between the role of the four Cabinet Support Members and their membership of overview and scrutiny committees, due to the executive nature of their role, albeit without direct responsibility for executive decision-making.

RESOLVED

That

- (1) Council be recommended to agree that Cabinet Support Members should not be permitted to be members of overview and scrutiny committees and accordingly, the following Members should not take their place(s) on overview and scrutiny committees:**

Children and Families	- Councillors Rhoda Bailey, Olivia Hunter, Lesley Smetham
Health and Adult Social Care	- Councillor Olivia Hunter
Environment and Prosperity	- Councillors Rod Menlove, Lesley Smetham

- (2) nominations be sought from the Conservative Group to fill the vacancies on each of the above overview and scrutiny committees; and**
- (3) Council be recommended to authorise the Borough Solicitor to make such changes to the Constitution as he considers necessary to give effect to the wishes of Council.**