

COUNCIL MEETING – 20TH OCTOBER 2016

**Extract from the Minutes of the Constitution Committee meeting on
15th September 2016**

14 SUBSTITUTE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee considered a report recommending that a pool of trained members be created to supplement existing arrangements for the provision of substitute committee members at planning committee meetings.

The current substitution arrangements provided that a substitute on a planning committee must have received appropriate training and must be a member of one of the other two planning committees. These requirements made it difficult on occasions for Group whips to find substitutes for planning meetings. It was therefore proposed that a limited pool of additional members with the required training be established and drawn from as required.

RESOLVED

That Council be recommended to approve that

1. a pool of 9 planning substitutes be established (5 Conservative: 2 Labour: 2 Independent);
2. the pool will supplement the existing Constitutional provisions which enable planning substitutes to be drawn from any of the Council's planning committees: Northern Planning, Southern Planning and Strategic Planning Board;
3. subject to the requirement that each member of the pool must have received appropriate and up-to-date planning training, the political groups may nominate their members to the pool as and when necessary; and
4. the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Chairman of the Constitution Committee, be given authority to make such changes to the Constitution as he considers are necessary to give effect to the wishes of Council.