



meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

date 24th September 2009

agenda item number 13

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SCRUTINY ISSUES

Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To approve revised titles for the Standing Committees.
- 1.2 To appoint a Chair of the Education Standing Committee.
- 1.3 To consider changing the constitution to allow the Chair of the Overview Committee to report to Council on overview and scrutiny matters.

Background

- 2.1 At the Council meeting on 18th June 2009 in addition to the Overview Committee it was agreed to establish three Standing Committees. The areas covered by the Standing Committees were as follows:-
 - Environment, Highways and Community and Culture
 - Adult Services and Health and Children and Young People
 - Education including 14-18 years and Colleges of FE
- 2.2 Following discussions it is proposed that they be named as follows:-
 - Communities and the Environment Standing Committee
 - Health and Wellbeing Standing Committee
 - Education Standing Committee
- 2.3 The recent death of Councillor Peter D Prebble has created a vacancy for Chair of the Education Standing Committee. Council need to make an appointment to this position.
- 2.4 At the moment Cabinet Members have been reporting to Council at each meeting on the issues considered and decisions made relating to their portfolio. It has been suggested that it would be appropriate for a similar facility to exist for the Chair of Overview Committee to report to

Council on issues relating to overview and scrutiny matters. This would require a change to the Council's Constitution.

Statutory and Policy Implications

- 3.1 This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder, human rights and those using the relevant service. Where such implications are material they have been described in the text of the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That the Standing Committees be renamed as follows:-
- Communities and the Environment Standing Committee
 - Health and Wellbeing Standing Committee
 - Education Standing Committee
- 4.2 That an appointment be made to the Chair of the Education Standing Committee.
- 4.3 That approval be given for the Chair of the Overview Committee to report to Council on issues relating to overview and scrutiny matters and that appropriate changes be made to the Constitution by the Monitoring Officer to facilitate this.

Mick Burrows
Chief Executive

Legal Services Comments

The County Council has authority to consider matters set out in the report.(SWB 15/09/09)

Background Papers Available for Inspection

Nil

Electoral Divisions Affected

All