

**Request by Member for Scrutiny Review
2010/11 Work Programme**



Please complete the form below to request consideration of your issue by the
Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Proposers Name:	Date of Request
Councillor Mrs D. Collins Leader of the Council	26.5.10
Supporting Councillors (if any):	
Summary of Issue you wish to be scrutinised:	
<p>(a) Appointments</p> <p>My request relates to the Annual Council meeting. I wish to see a review by Overview & Scrutiny of the process for agreeing the various appointments which the Council must be made at each Annual meeting.</p> <p>This review should cover:</p> <p>.(i) briefing of group leaders and independent members regarding pro rata requirements before the elections;</p> <p>.(ii) how consultation between political groups might be improved;</p> <p>.(iii) whether the principle of pro rata allocations on outside organisations is still fit for purpose; and</p> <p>.(iv) how voting on appointments to outside organisations can be made easier, including ways of monitoring appointments made easier to avoid mistakes if pro rata is to be retained;</p> <p>.(v) how the paperwork can be made simpler;</p> <p>.(vi) whether there are other options for making these decisions which do not require full Council decision making; and</p> <p>(vii) how can the ceremonial aspects of the Annual Council meeting be improved.</p> <p>(b) Appointment of Vice Chairman of the Council</p> <p>. a review of the current protocol for the appointment of a new Vice Chairman of the Council each year, examining whether the current system of appointing on merit with candidates being nominated by members of more than one group is appropriate.</p>	

NOTE: ENTRIES BELOW RELATE TO ISSUE CATEGORIES OF THE PICK PROCESS. PLEASE REFER TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THIS FORM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Public Interest Justification:

The Annual Council should be a flagship event for the Council and should present to the public an impression of an orderly transfer of authority at the start of the new Council year.

This is not always achieved.

Impact on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area:

Nothing direct.

Council Performance in this area (if known: Red, Amber, Green):

A previous review of these matters (raised in the context of Council meetings generally) produced some proposals for improvement and a follow up on that work would be useful.

Keep in Context (are other reviews taking place in this area?)

No. The previous review of Council meetings is however relevant.

Office Use:

Pick score:

Considered By OSCC: