

# **Report to Constitution and Member Services Standing Scrutiny Panel**

**Date of meeting: 15 February 2011**



**Subject: Councillor Accountability Statements**

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## **Recommendations:**

- (1) To consider further drafts of the Member Accountability Statements with a view to recommending their adoption by the Council; and**
- (2) That when adopted by the Council, all Accountability Statements be referred to the Remuneration Panel to assist them in advising the Council on Member Remuneration.**

## **Report:**

1. At the Council meeting on 20 April 2010, the following resolution was adopted (Minute 169(18)):

“That Overview and Scrutiny be asked to refer the Member Role Accountability Statements which had been revised in order to reflect the changing role of members, to the Constitution and Member Services Standing Scrutiny Panel with a view to recommendations being made for their adoption after consultation with the Remuneration Panel and the Standards Committee as appropriate”.

2. This resolution was referred for consideration by this Panel at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 12 July 2010 (Minute 23). Draft statements were considered at the Panel meeting on 9 November 2010 and various changes requested.
- ... 3. Copies of the revised Statements are attached in the Appendix to this report.
4. The Panel will recall that a further statement in respect of Deputy Portfolio Holders has already been recommended to the Council and was adopted on 2 November 2010.
5. As agreed at the last meeting, the Statement relating to the Chairman of the Standards Committee has been deferred. Similarly, it was agreed that officers draft Accountability Statements for submission to the Audit and Governance Committee at a future meeting for their consideration and report to Council.
6. The Panel is asked to consider the recommendations set out at the commencement of this report.