

Request by Member for Scrutiny Review



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

Proposers Name: I Willett	Date of Request 24 April 2006 – Council
Supporting Councillors (if any): N/A	
Summary of Issue you wish to be scrutinised: To review the Constitution with a view to adding provisions relating to the filling of casual vacancies on the Cabinet should they occur at a stage when the timing is such that an immediate appointment by the Council cannot be made. This review would cover the procedure for temporary cover of vacancies pending consideration by the Council and necessary delegated authority, the effect of District Council elections on Cabinet membership, and procedures for maintaining a Cabinet quorum so that Cabinet business is not impeded. This matter has been highlighted during 2005/6 by the ill health of one Cabinet member, the resignation of a second Cabinet member and the results of the District Council elections which resulted in two further Cabinet members being unable to continue until the Annual meeting.	
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 public interest is best served by robust arrangements to ensure that the Cabinet does not lose its quorum that portfolio responsibilities are covered and the relevant authorities are in place so that, if necessary, quick decisions can be made.	

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

Failure of effective decision- making would have an effect proportionate to the scope of the matter concerned.

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

The situation in 2005/6 was not wholly predictable and although it was possible to obtain relevant authority for urgent issues to be dealt with, it was clear that the existing Constitution did not wholly cover this exceptional set of circumstances.

Amber.

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

No.

Office Use:

Pick score:

Considered By OSCC: