

CONSTITUTION WORKING GROUP – 12 JULY 2010

Suggested revised timetable and arrangements for exploring/adopting a leader/cabinet system

- 29 June 2010 - Council agrees to explore options further with a view to later decision
- 12 July 2010 – CWG meeting to agree process and timetable
- 22 July 2010 – proposed Member workshop to discuss options
- 13/14/15 September 2010 – further workshop on date to be agreed
- 27 September 2010 – final Member workshop (if needed) to guide the final decision; alternatively, this may need to be a CWG meeting to recommend proposals to be prepared – see point below
- 30 September 2010 – scheduled Council meeting (originally intended to adopt detailed proposals, may now be needed to draw up proposals)
- Early October 2010 – final meeting of CWG to finalise proposals to be considered by Council to include:
 1. a timetable for implementation, and
 2. details of any necessary transitional arrangements
- 19 October 2010 – Extraordinary Council meeting to decide whether to adopt proposals for change; if adopted the proposals will be kept on deposit for public inspection and published in one or more local newspapers
- Late October 2010 – if agreed, the proposals are published as set out above
- November to December 2010 – if needed, the CWG can meet again during this period to finalise the detailed arrangements before the resolution is passed by Council
- 14 December 2010 – Full Council will have to pass a resolution by this date to make a change in governance arrangements effective from May 2011
- 5 May 2011 – election of new district councillors
- The new arrangements then become effective immediately (on the third day after the elections) and the Council must cease operating the old arrangements and start operating the new executive scheme as agreed by the previous Council
- 24 May 2011 – Annual meeting of the Council at which the new Leader will be elected; the Leader will then appoint other members of the executive (at least two but not more than nine other councillors)