

Please refer to recommendations ii and iii below as recommended to this meeting for approval by the Constitution Working Group on 9 February 2012. The complaints procedure is set out at Appendix B attached.

RECOMMENDED to Full Council on 17 April 2012 that:

- i. the amendments to the Constitution in respect of the appointment and operation of a Standards Committee from 1 July 2012 be approved, as set out in Appendix A of the report to this meeting;
- ii. the role of the officer investigating complaints against members of the Council should include giving an opinion to the Standards Committee, or any relevant sub-committee of it, as to whether a breach of the Code of Conduct has taken place; and
- iii. the complaints procedure set out at Appendix C of the report to this meeting, as already approved by the Standards Committee, be endorsed