

CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW WORKING PARTY

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 August 2015 at 10.00 am in Rossetti Room, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Dr Jonathan Sexton (Chairman); Councillors: Elenor, Hayton, Martin and Campbell

In Attendance: Councillor Taylor-Smith

54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

56. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Working Party AGREED that the minutes of the Constitutional Review Working Party held on 11 August 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

57. MEMBER/OFFICER PROTOCOL

Further sections for consideration were highlighted by the Working Party and it was agreed that subject to these amendments, the draft Member/Officer Protocol could be presented at the next meeting of the Standards Committee for consideration.

58. CONSTITUTION - PARTS 1 AND 2

Further sections for consideration were highlighted by the Working Party and it was agreed that subject to these amendments, the drafts of the Constitution Parts 1 and 2 could be presented at the next meeting of the Standards Committee for consideration.

59. CONSTITUTION - PART 4

Councillor Taylor-Smith spoke under Council Procedure rule 24.1 raising points regarding Part 4 of the Constitution and asked for issues around etiquette to ward councillors to be considered in a "Local Member Protocol".

Alex Hallam, Assistant Director of Essex Legal Services outlined the work she had done in reviewing Part 4 of the Constitution.

The Working Party agreed that the Monitoring Officer and Alex Hallam would review the sections highlighted in the meeting and an amended draft would be presented to the Standards Committee.

Meeting concluded : 12.20pm