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## **REVIEW OF CALL-IN PROTOCOL**

To: **Constitutional Review Working Party – January 2011**

Main Portfolio Area: **Democratic Services**

By: **Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **N/A**

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**Summary:** **The report sets out suggested amendments to the Call-In procedure as requested by the Constitutional Review Working Party at its meeting on 11 November 2010.**

### **For Decision**

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#### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

1.1 The 11 November 2010 meeting of the Constitutional Review Working Party instructed officers to present the Working Party with proposals to amend the Call-In procedure to allow for consideration of called in decisions at scheduled meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

#### **2.0 The Current Situation**

2.1 The current rules for Members to request a call in of an executive decision are set out in Annex 1. Currently if there is not a scheduled meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel

2.3 Annex 2 contains the proposed Call-In procedure taking in to account the request of the last Constitutional Review Working Party.

#### **3.0 Options**

3.1 The Constitutional Review Working Party can recommend to Standards Committee and to Full Council changes to the Call In procedure as outlined in Annex 2, or alternative changes if it so wishes.

3.2 The Constitutional Review Working Party can choose not to make any recommendations to amend the existing Call In protocol.

#### **4.0 Corporate Implications**

##### **4.1 Financial**

4.1.1 There are no financial implications.

##### **4.2 Legal**

4.2.1 The Council is required by Section 22 of the Local Government Act 2000 to allow for the possibility of Calling-In decisions of the Executive that have been made but not implemented.

### 4.3 Corporate

4.3.1 The Council's Call In procedures fits with the Modern Council theme of the Council's Corporate Plan.

### 4.4 Equity and Equalities

4.4.1 None Apparent

### 5.0 Recommendation

5.1 The working party's instructions are requested.

### 6.0 Decision Making Process

6.1 If the Constitutional Review Working Party recommends any changes to the Call In procedure then they would be recommended to the Standards Committee and then on to Full Council.

Meeting: Standards Committee	Date: 8 February 2011
Meeting: Council	Date: 24 February 2011

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### ***Annex List***

Annex 1	Thanet District Council's current Call in Policy
Annex 2	New Call In proposals

### ***Background Papers***

<b>Title</b>	<b>Details of where to access copy</b>
<i>None</i>	

### ***Corporate Consultation Undertaken***

Finance	<i>N/A</i>
Legal	<i>Harvey Patterson, Head of Legal &amp; Democratic Services</i>