

**COUNCIL**

25th November 2010

**PRESENT** – The Mayor; Councillors Baldwin, Barker, Burton, Copeland, Cossins, Coultas, Dixon, Dunstone, Francis, Galletley, Harker, Hartley, Haszeldine, Johnson, B. Jones, Mrs. D. Jones, Lee, Lewis, Lister, Long, D. A. Lyonette, J. M. Lyonette, Maddison, McEwan, Newall, Nicholson, Nutt, Regan, Richmond, A. J. Scott, Mrs. H. Scott, Stenson, Swainston, Swift, Thistlethwaite, Vasey, Walker, Wallis, Williams and York. (41)

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Armstrong, G. Cartwright, M. Cartwright, Freitag, L. Haszeldine, Hughes, Jenkinson, Lawton, Roberts and Ruck. (10)

**ABSENT** – Councillors Curry and Davies. (2)

**30. NEW POLITICAL ARRANGEMENTS** – The Director of Corporate Services submitted a report (previously circulated) to inform members about the results of the consultation in relation to the new political arrangements required by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, and to seek a resolution from Council to introduce the required changes.

The submitted report outlined the provisions regarding new executive arrangements contained within the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, and set out the requirement for Members to agree a form of new arrangements at a Special Meeting of the Council by the end of the year. The options contained within the legislation were a Directly Elected Mayor and Cabinet Model, or a Council Leader and Cabinet Model. The submitted report advised Members that a Mayoral Referendum had been conducted in 2007, in which a proposal for a Directly Elected Mayor had been defeated, and therefore the only option open to Members was that of a Council Leader and Cabinet Model. The submitted report stated that the consultation was limited to whether there should be a provision in the arrangements to remove the Council Leader during his four year term of office. It was reported that one response was received to the consultation, which agreed with the proposed recommendation.

**RESOLVED** – (a) That a Leader and Cabinet form of Executive be implemented following the Local Elections in May 2011;

(b) That provision be included within the arrangements for the Leader to be removed during the four year term of office by a vote of the majority of Council Members.

(c) That the changes to the Constitution set out in Appendix 2 of the submitted report be approved.

**REASON** – To comply with new legislation.