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## **CONSTITUTION ADVISORY GROUP MEETING**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday, 1 June 2010</b>			
<b>Time:</b>	<b>2.00 p.m.</b>			
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Room 15A, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford</b>			
<b>Members</b>	Cllrs	Mrs C F Chapman MBE D Jones M Jones	Cllrs	D Lawrence S F Male A J Shadbolt

### **AGENDA**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

To elect the Chairman of the Advisory Group for the 2010-11 Municipal Year.

**3. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

To consider the notes of the previous meeting held on 1 April 2010.

Attached.

4. **REVIEW OF THE POLICY FRAMEWORK - NEW REGULATIONS ON CHILDREN'S TRUSTS, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLANS AND CHILD POVERTY.**

To receive a presentation from the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services on recent changes in legislation relating to the Children and Young People's Plan and the duty relating to child poverty.

Documentation attached

5. **REVIEW OF CONSULTATION AND NEGOTIATION ARRANGEMENTS WITH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (JCNC)**

To propose an amendment to the Constitution to remove the Joint Consultative and Negotiating Committee for Primary and Secondary Education as a subsidiary body of the General Purposes Committee.

Report of the Director of Customer and Shared Services attached.

6. **CONSULTATION STRATEGY**

To consider the aspects of consultation which are already covered in the Council's Communication Strategy, Community Engagement Strategy and Consultation Toolkit (to be developed in 2010) and to consider whether the Constitution Advisory Group recommends having a separate strategy.

Report of the Assistant Director, Communications attached.

7. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

To consider this matter which was deferred from the last meeting (item no. CAG/09/53 of the notes refers).

Report of the Assistant Director, Development Management attached.

8. **CALL-IN OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS BY MEMBERS TO DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

To consider amending Delegation No. 4.3.95.1 to require Councillors requesting the referral of an item to Development Management Committee to provide a material planning reason for the request.

Report of the Assistant Director, Development Management attached.

9. **PETITIONS**

To consider amendments to the Constitution to incorporate new statutory provisions relating to Petitions and e-Petitions.

Report of the Head of Democratic Services attached.

10. **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

To note a revision and a proposed revision to the Scheme of Officer Delegations approved by the Leader of the Council.

Report of the Head of Democratic Services to attached.

11. **WORK PROGRAMME**

To receive the work programme for the Advisory Group.

Attached.

12. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

To note that the next meeting of the Advisory Group will be held on Thursday 29 July 2010 commencing at 2:00pm in Room 13, Priory House, Chicksands.