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<b>CONSTITUTION ADVISORY GROUP</b>
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<b>DATE: 18 October 2010</b>
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<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Petition Scheme – cross-reference with the Public Participation Scheme</b>
<b>REPORT OF</b>	Mel Peaston, Acting Committee Services Manager

<b>PURPOSE</b>	To cross reference aspects of the Petitions Scheme with the Public Participation Scheme
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<b>ORIGIN OF PROPOSAL</b>	Chairman of the Constitution Advisory Group
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<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>
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<p><b>that Council be asked to approve the drafting amendments to the Constitution set out at Appendix A.</b></p>
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<b>REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS</b> (To be included in report to Council)
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| <p>(1) <b>The Petitions Scheme does not cross-refer to relevant provisions in the Public Participation Scheme. The proposal seeks to rectify this.</b></p> |
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## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. The Council's Petitions Scheme at Part A4 Annex 2 of the Constitution does not refer to the Public Participation Procedure at Part A4 Appendix A .
2. The Public Participation Procedure, at Section 2, sets out the General Principles governing all public participation and includes provisions detailing where petitions are not permitted.
3. There is no cross reference between the two documents. It would enable ease of reference if cross reference were provided.
4. This could be achieved by the insertion of the following words at Part A4 Annex 2 Petitions Scheme paragraph 1.1 at the end of the first sentence after the words "Monitoring Officer":
  - "subject to the provisions of the General Principles Governing all Public Participation set out at Part A4 Appendix A section 2 of the Constitution."
5. The proposed amendment is set out at **Appendix A** showing the context.

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