

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

held in the Council Chamber

12 December 2012

commencing at 6.30p.m.

Present:

Cllr Everett ( Chairman)  
Councillors Bannister, Dunton, Hall, Knowles,  
and Smith

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Beesley-Reynolds Galton, King, Liquorish,  
Mrs Robinson and Mrs Wood  
Officers Beth Murgatroyd and V. Wenham.

375 MINUTES

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Constitutional Review Committee held on 10 July 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

376 REVIEW OF AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Committee considered proposed changes to the Constitution. Firstly following the changes to the Scrutiny function at Council (Minute 130 refers) alterations were subsequently required to Article 7 and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in Part 4(5) of the Constitution. The changes included the number of scrutiny panels, their terms of reference, the introduction of Task and Finish groups and increases to the number of Scrutiny Commission Meetings. The Committee made reference to the change of membership of the Scrutiny Commission and asked that all members be made aware that if they were not a member of the Executive then they were a member of the Scrutiny Commission. The Committee considered that clarification on this would be helpful.

Secondly the Committee considered the current requirement for the Chairman or Vice-Chairman to be present when the seal is affixed to documents. The Committee considered that with regard to this issue the status quo should be maintained.

**RECOMMENDED THAT** the amendments to the role and responsibilities of the Scrutiny Panels as set out in Article 7 and Part 4(5) of the Constitution as set out in Appendix A and Appendix B are approved

The Meeting ended at 7.05 p.m.