

## Council 30 July 2018

Item 8a refers

Recommendations from the Constitutional Review Committee meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**The draft minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> June are attached.**

### 1) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S SCHEME OF DELEGATION – PLANNING FUNCTIONS

The Constitutional Review Committee considered a report setting out proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution in respect of the current Scheme of Delegation relating to planning functions.

**RECOMMENDED to Council:**

- (i) that proposed changes to Part 3, Section B, 1.3 of the Constitution, as set out in Appendix A to these minutes, be approved and adopted; and**
- (ii) that proposed amendments to the Scheme of Delegation to Officers, as set out in Appendix B to these minutes, be approved and adopted.**

### 2) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S PROCEDURE FOR SPEAKING AT PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Constitutional Review Committee considered a report setting out proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution in respect of the current adopted policy on public speaking at Planning Committee ("Public Speaking Policy"). The Council has to ensure that it has in place a robust Constitution. In order for this to be the case it should be reviewed regularly in order to ensure that all decisions are taken effectively and efficiently within the principles of open and accountable local government.

**RECOMMENDED to Council that the proposed amendments to the Public Speaking Policy, as set out in Appendix C to these minutes, be approved and adopted.**

#### **NOTE:**

The amendments recommended by the Constitutional Review Committee have been incorporated into the existing Public Speaking Policy and associated guidance and are attached for members' information as Appendix D.