EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET FORM OF EXECUTIVE (Report by Head of Democratic and Central Services)

1. Introduction

1.1 At the meeting held on 29th September 2010, the Council approved proposals for a change of executive to an Executive Leader and Cabinet in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The proposals have now been advertised and placed on deposit and the Council must now formally resolve to change its governance arrangements.

2. Implications of Change

- 2.1 The change will come into effect three days after the day of elections in May 2011, i.e. 8th May 2011. At the annual meeting to be held on 18th May, the Council will be required to elect an Executive Leader for a maximum period of four years or until such time as the term of office as a councillor of the Member so elected comes to an end.
- 2.2 This will necessitate a series of changes to the constitution to accommodate both the change in title of the Leader and the fact that the Executive Leader will become responsible for the discharge of all of the executive functions of the Council. Where those changes involve amendments to the Council Procedure Rules, they will need to stand adjourned without discussion under those rules until the next ordinary meeting of the Council to be held on 15th December 2010.

3. Conclusion

3.1 The Council is required to move to a new form of executive under the Act with effect from May 2011 and the necessary consultation and formulation of proposals has been undertaken in accordance with the Act.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Accordingly, it is

Recommended

- (a) that the Council resolves to change its form of executive with effect from 8th May 2011 to an Executive Leader and Cabinet in accordance with Section 11(2A) of the Local Government Act 2000; and
- (b) that the Council approves the changes to the constitution listed in the appendix to this report with the exception of the changes to the Council Procedure Rules which should stand adjourned without discussion, after being moved and seconded, to the next meeting of the Council to be held on 15th December 2010.

Background Papers

Consultation exercise and replies on choice of executive

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