

CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE9 May 2005
(6.00pm- 6.40pm)**PRESENT:** Councillors C Rosenstiel (Chair), Boyce, Hart, Stebbings, Ward.**FOR ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL****05/CIV/14 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The Committee noted a report from the Head of Legal & Democratic Services which detailed the changes required to the Constitution as a result of the agreed resolution on changes to decision making taken at Council on 28th April.

Accordingly, Council is RECOMMENDED

- (i) That the Council approves the changes to the Constitution set out in *Appendix A*.
- (ii) That the Council authorises the Director of Central Services to make other changes to the Constitution where, in her view, these directly give effect to the resolution on decision making passed by the Council on 28 April 2005.

05/CIV/15 ELECTION OF LEADER AND EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS

The Committee noted and agreed the following nominations of the Liberal Democrat Group:

Leader – Cllr Ian Nimmo-Smith
Deputy Leader – Cllr Colin Rosenstiel
Executive Councillor for Customer Services & Resources – Cllr Jennifer Liddle
Executive Councillor for Community Development & Leisure – Cllr Joye Rosenstiel
Executive Councillor for Environmental Services – Cllr Iain Coleman
Executive Councillor for Housing & Health – Cllr Catherine Smart
Executive Councillor for Planning & Transport – Cllr Jenny Bailey

Council is recommended (by 4 votes to 0)

That Cllr Nimmo-Smith be elected Leader for the municipal year 2005/06 and that the Executive be made up of a further six members of the Council as follows:

Deputy Leader (also with responsibility for City Centre Development) – Cllr C Rosenstiel
Executive Councillor for Customer Services & Resources – Cllr Liddle
Executive Councillor for Community Development & Leisure – Cllr J Rosenstiel
Executive Councillor for Environmental Services – Cllr Coleman
Executive Councillor for Housing & Health – Cllr Smart
Executive Councillor for Planning & Transport – Cllr Bailey

for the municipal year 2005/06.

05/CIV/16 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2005/06

The Committee noted the Liberal Democrat Group's proposal to increase Councillor membership on the Housing Management Board from 6 Councillors (4-2 split) to 9 Councillors (a 6-3 split)

Council is recommended (by 4 votes to 0)

- 1) That the size of committees and membership be as indicated below.
- 2) That four Area Committees: North (Arbury, Kings Hedges, East Chesterton and West Chesterton) South (Cherry Hinton, Queen Edith's and Trumpington), East (Abbey, Coleridge, Petersfield and Romsey) and West/Central (Castle, Market and Newnham) be appointed with membership comprising those members representing the wards within the relevant Area Committee.

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	SIZE	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS (ALTERNATE)	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE
STRATEGY	9	Ward, Adigun-Harris, Boyce, Cantrill, Hymans, Phillips (Armstrong)		Barrett-Payton
CUSTOMER SERVICES & RESOURCES	9	Adigun-Harris, Taylor, Armstrong, Ellis-Miller, Hymans, Reid (Churchill)		Barrett-Payton
COMMUNITY SERVICES	9	J Smith, Slatter, Ellis-Miller, Hymans, James, Kightley, (Boyce)		
ENVIRONMENT	9	Reid, Ward, Adey, Baker, Churchill, Holland (Kightley)		
HOUSING MANAGEMENT BOARD	9	James, J Smith, Armstrong, Kightley, Slatter, Stebbings (Ward)		
CITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT	6	Dixon, Boyce, Cantrill, Churchill (Holland)		

REGULATORY COMMITTEE/SUB COMMITTEE	SIZE	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS (ALTERNATE)	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE
PLANNING	9	Baker, Slatter, Dixon, Bailey, Hipkin, Reid (Hymans)		-

LICENSING 2003 Act	15	Liddle, Dixon, Bailey, Boyce, Churchill, Holland, Hymans, Phillips, C. Rosenstiel, Slatter		-
LICENSING Miscellaneous	6	J Rosenstiel, Hymans, Dixon, Liddle (Baker)		-
CIVIC AFFAIRS	6	C Rosenstiel, Boyce, Stebbings, Ward (Taylor)		-
EMPLOYMENT APPEALS SUB	6	Smart, Boyce, J Smith, Stebbings		-
STANDARDS COMMITTEE	8 (including 2 external members who wish to continue Ms Hobbs and Dr Clark).	Taylor, Stebbings, Hymans		Barrett-Payton
CAMBRIDGE ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT AREA JOINT	6	C Rosenstiel, Bailey, Baker, Reid, (Churchill)		-

05/CIV/17 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS 2005/06**

The Liberal Democrat Group proposed that the Vice Chair for Housing Management Board be a tenant elected by the tenants and that the Vice Chair be included in discussions when matters are referred to the Chair and spokes.

Council is recommended (by 4 votes to 0)

That the Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees for 2005/06 are as follows:

	Chair	Vice-Chair
Strategy	Ward	Adigun-Harris
Customer Services & Resources	Adigun-Harris	Taylor
Community Services	J Smith	Slatter
Environment	Reid	Ward
Housing Management Board	James	A tenant rep.
City Centre Development	Dixon	Boyce
	Chair	Vice-Chair
Planning	Baker	Hipkin
Licensing 2003 Act	Liddle	Dixon
Licensing Miscellaneous	J Rosenstiel	Hymans
Taxi Licensing Sub	J Rosenstiel	Hymans
Civic Affairs	C Rosenstiel	Boyce
Employment Appeals Sub	Smart	Stebbins
Standards	Taylor	Louise Hobbs (external member)
	Chair	Vice-Chair
North Area Committee	Ward	James
South Area Committee	Slatter	Stebbins
East Area Committee		
West/Central Area Committee	Hipkin	Cantrill

05/CIV/18 **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2005/06**

The Committee considered a Liberal Democrat amendment to levels of basic and Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) recommended in the Independent Remuneration Panel's report (attached). The Chair explained that the amendment addressed the following: (i) that there should be a SRA for Scrutiny Committee Vice-Chairs and the Chair, Vice-Chair and spokes of City Centre Development (ii) that the Chairs of Standards Committee and Civic Affairs should not receive a higher SRA than Scrutiny Chairs and (iii) that Area Committee Chairs should not receive a

higher SRA than the Chair of Planning Committee. The amendment was agreed by 4 votes to 0.

In response to an amendment from Cllr Hart (which was subsequently withdrawn), the Chair requested that officers report to the next meeting on SRAs for opposition spokes to match the two Environment Executive Portfolios (rather than the Scrutiny Committee).

Accordingly, Council is RECOMMENDED (by 4 votes to 0)

To agree the Scheme of Members' Allowances as proposed in the Independent Remuneration Panel's Report (paragraph 3), and with the levels of Basic and Special Responsibility Allowance as set out in the table.

The meeting ended at 6.40pm

CHAIR