



Gloucestershire

COUNTY COUNCIL

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

10.00 am

WEDNESDAY

7 NOVEMBER 2012

**Meeting Room 6 - Shire Hall,
Gloucester**

MEETING PAPERS



CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

TIME: 10.00 am
DATE: Wednesday 7th November, 2012
VENUE: Meeting Room 6 - Shire Hall, Gloucester

A G E N D A

ITEM	TOPIC	CONTACT
1.	Apologies for absence	Simon Harper
2.	Minutes (Pages 1 - 6) To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2012.	Simon Harper
3.	Public Questions To answer any written public questions about matters which are within the powers and duties of the Committee. The closing date/time for receipt of questions is 10.00am on 31st October. To answer any oral question(s) put by members of the public with the consent of the Chairperson.	Simon Harper
<i>Depending on the nature of the questions asked it may not be possible to provide a comprehensive answer at the meeting, in which case a written answer will be supplied as soon as reasonably possible after the meeting.</i>		
4.	Members' Questions To answer any written members' questions. The closing date/time for the receipt of questions is 10.00am on 31st October 2012.	Simon Harper
5.	New Standards Regime for Members (Pages 7 - 46) To consider proposed new arrangements to meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 including a new Code of Conduct for Members.	Nigel Roberts
6.	Access to Information Regulations and changes to Contract Standing Orders (Pages 47 - 64) To consider changes to the Constitution to reflect new Access to Information Regulations and revised Contract Standing Orders.	Christine Wray

7. **New Scrutiny Structure** (Pages 65 - 82)
To consider proposals for a new scrutiny structure following the May 2013 election. Cllr Rob Garnham
8. **Independent Remuneration Panel** (Pages 83 - 84)
To consider the appointment of two new members to the Independent Remuneration Panel. Cllr Mark Hawthorne

NOTES

- (a) **MEMBERSHIP** –Cllr Phil Awford, Cllr Mark Hawthorne, Cllr Tony Hicks, Cllr Jeremy Hilton, Cllr Ceri Jones, Cllr Antonia Noble, Cllr Ray Theodoulou, Cllr Lesley Williams and Cllr Will Windsor-Clive
- (b) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Members requiring advice or clarification about whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact the Monitoring Officer: Nigel Roberts ☎01452 425201 /fax: 426790/e-mail: nigel.roberts@gloucestershire.gov.uk prior to the commencement of the meeting.
- (c) **INSPECTION OF PAPERS AND GENERAL QUERIES** - If you wish to inspect reports relating to any item on this Agenda or have any other general queries about the meeting, please contact

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GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

- (1) *Will Members please sign the attendance list.*

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