

## CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

7<sup>th</sup> October 2013

### 2. Annual Election of Leader of Council

To improve democracy on the county council and ensure that the post of Leader of the Council is treated the same as all other elected member positions and in order that the Leader of this Council remains both effective and accountable, the Liberal Democrat Constitution Committee members Cllr. Jeremy Hilton and Cllr. Paul Hodgkinson would like to propose the following amendment to the council's constitution indicated below: -

#### 1) Article 6 – The Cabinet – Section 6.03

*The term of office of the Leader will start on the day of his election as Leader and end on the day of the next annual meeting unless:*

**Deleted:** *post election*

And that the words highlighted in the box are deleted: -

6.03.1 He or she is removed from office by a simple resolution of the full Council at an earlier date

**Deleted:** but normally only in the event of a change of political control of the Council;

The above amendments therefore reduces the current four year term of office of the Leader to yearly terms with the need for annual re-elections of the current Leader if he or she so wishes to re-stand or the election as Leader of Council. This will ensure that the role of Leader of the Council is treated in the same way as the Chair of the Council and other councillor posts that are elected at the annual meeting.