

Policy prospectus 2007/8 – constitutional items

Annex 3

<u>Title</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Constitutional reference</u>
That the Strategic Policy Panel (SPP) be revived. A method is required which allows a consensus on policy proposals to be arrived at as early in the process as possible	Done	Page 103 <i>To consider published Executive business and associated reports referred to it by any major Group Leader (or Deputy Group Leader or in their absence designated substitute) Subject to any statutory or budgetary requirements</i> <i>To make recommendations to the Executive on such business and reports as may be referred to it in accordance with the above</i>
That the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee be a member of a major opposition party	Done – post held by Cllr. Galvin (CON)	Not specified in constitution
That the Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee be a member of a major opposition party	Done – post held by Cllr. Pearce (LAB)	Not specified in constitution
That members of the Shadow Executive be permitted to be a member of the Audit and Governance Committee	Done	Page 24, Article 9 <i>Chair must not be Exec / Shadow Exec Member but no restriction on ordinary members)</i>
The restriction of no more than 3 recorded votes per Council meeting should be lifted (Understood that this is actually the status quo anyway as this amendment has already been made to the Constitution)	Done	Standing Order 14(f) <i>All matters will be determined by a show of hands unless at least three Members of the Council demand that the names be recorded. In that event, the Chief Executive will record the names and votes of the Members present and include them in the Minutes of the meeting. Any Member is entitled to have his/her own vote recorded in the Minutes whether or not a full recorded vote is taken.</i>
That the Calling period under Part 4 Rules of Procedure – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules – Para 39, Page 167 of the Constitution be amended from 2 working days to 5 working days (NB This refers to the, post decision, calling in time limit	Not done	Post-Decision Call-in page 22 Not fewer than 3 named Councillors must lodge a written notice of their wish to call-in a decision with Democratic Services not later than 4pm two days after the decision has been taken. Upon receipt of a valid notice the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services will arrange for a meeting of the SMC be called. The notice must identify the item to be “called in” and give reasons for the calling in.

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The time limit for the Leader in presenting his report to Council be reduced from 10 minutes to 5 minutes	Done	changes approved at April Council meeting

Constitutional changes to be subject to officer report and review during 2007

Any outstanding business after the operation of the 10:00pm guillotine should be carried over to the appropriate section of the next Council meeting	Not done
Questions to the Executive member giving a written report to Council may be on the report or other area of their portfolio	Not done
That the time limit and opportunities for participation in the debate on the Leaders report to Council be reviewed	Not done
To establish both the West Area and City Centre Area Planning Sub committees in place of the joint West and City Centre area planning sub committee	Not done
To remove the responsibility for dealing with highways schemes from City Strategy EMAP and place it with the relevant area planning committee	Not done
To remove the determination of Public Right of Way (POW) issues from the City Strategy EMAP and either delegate this function to officers (in consultation with ward members) or return them to the area planning committees	Not done
That provision be made so that amendments to minutes or motions can be tabled at meetings of the Council (without notice)	Not done
To allow for the Chair (Lord Mayor) of the Council (ruling) to be challenged if supported by a two thirds majority of those present	Not done
That EMAPs be abolished and appropriate Scrutiny Committees be established for each portfolio/directorate	Not done