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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, MONKTON PARK, CHIPPENHAM.

Present:

Cllr Trevor Carbin (Chairman), Cllr Nigel Carter, Cllr Tony Deane (Vice Chairman), Cllr Peter Doyle, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Judy Rooke and Cllr Jonathon Seed

Also Present:

Cllr John Brady, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr John Noeken, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Jane Scott OBE and Cllr John Thomson

11 Future Call-In Procedures

Following extensive consultation revised overview and scrutiny arrangements were agreed at Full Council in May 2012 and included that responsibility for call-in decisions would rest with the Management Committee as part of its overarching role.

A report, which included an extract of the current call-in arrangements, was circulated with the agenda papers. Members of the Committee were asked to consider how the call-in provision should be operated in future, noting the exceptional nature and tight prescribed timescales and the recent case considered by the Environment Select Committee.

In opening discussion the Chairman was of the view that the authority for call-in remain with the appropriate overview and scrutiny committee on receipt of a request from the Chairman or 3 members of the appropriate committee, subject to consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

The Committee debated the proposal made and the other options provided within the report. It was then proposed and seconded that the Management Committee exercise full responsibility over all call-ins.

Ensuing debate included retention of the previous arrangements by delegating responsibility to the select committees as this had not caused difficulties or been particularly abused in the past.

The proposal was put to the vote and it was:

Resolved:

- 1) That the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee exercise full responsibility over all call-ins; and**
- 2) That the decision of the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee in relation to the call in procedure be considered by the Constitution Focus Group.**

(NB: Cllr Jon Hubbard and Cllr Judy Rooke requested that their vote against the proposal be noted. Cllr Jon Hubbard also requested that the Council Solicitor confirm the constitutional issues arising from the decision).