

Extract of the minutes of the Implementation Executive dated 29 October 2008

116. Constitution for Wiltshire Council

The Implementation Executive considered the report of the Service Director, Legal & Democratic Services. The constitution for Wiltshire Council would be based on the Wiltshire County Council's constitution as the continuing authority. Many parts of the constitution would not change as they are governed by legislation and statutory guidance.

Members of the IE were asked to nominate representatives from their respective authorities on the Focus Group and noted the list of volunteers which had been generated in conjunction with the members' survey.

Members suggested that in addition to the formal constitution a summary version for the public's use should be considered.

Resolved:

a) To note the work being undertaken and timescales involved to prepare a constitution for Wiltshire Council and that a draft constitution will be presented to the Implementation Executive on 13 January 2009 for consideration.

b) To establish a Focus Group comprising five elected members and a representative of the Standards Committee with terms of reference as outlined in paragraph 31 of the report to assist with the progress of work on the constitution.

Reasons for Proposal:

To advise the Implementation Executive on the work being undertaken to prepare a constitution for Wiltshire Council and the timescales involved.