

### **Item 7 (c) – Review of New Governance Arrangements**

The attached report was considered by the Governance Committee, relevant minute extract below:

#### Governance Committee – 13 March 2014 (Minute 36)

The Chief Officer Legal and Governance presented a report which set out that the Governance Committee had been tasked with reviewing the new governance arrangements which were introduced at Annual Council in May 2013 as well as looking at options for future governance. The report set out the Committee's final recommendations to Council.

The Committee expressed their thanks to the Head of Transformation and Strategy and his team for collating the responses to the Members' survey.

Resolved: That the implementation of the following recommendations **be recommended to Council** to take effect from the date of Annual Council on 13 May 2014:

- a) the Scrutiny Committee changes to a fixed membership of 9 members plus a Chairman and Vice Chairman with all members of the committee being independent of the Cabinet Advisory Committees;
- b) the membership of the Cabinet Advisory Committees increase from 10 members to 12 members including the relevant Cabinet and Deputy Cabinet Members on each of the Cabinet Advisory Committees;
- c) Members be able to sit on more than one Cabinet Advisory Committee;
- d) with the number of Cabinet Advisory Committees remaining at 5 the Committees should normally meet 4 times a year;
- e) the Advisory Committees be able to choose their own Chairman;
- f) the Governance Committee continue to investigate future Governance arrangements in general to allow the newly elected administration in 2015 to consider future governance;
- g) Portfolio Holders to individually present a report to each ordinary Full Council meeting in the same way the Chairmen of the Select Committees did previously; and
- h) a comprehensive training plan for Members be developed for implementation in May 2015.