

## DEMOCRACY & ORGANISATION COMMITTEE

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on Tuesday, 1 November 2011 commencing at 3.30 pm and finishing at 3.45 pm

### **Present:**

**Voting Members:** Councillor Neil Owen – in the Chair

Councillor Sandy Lovatt (Deputy Chairman)  
Councillor Anne Purse  
Councillor Alyas Ahmed  
Councillor Lynda Atkins  
Councillor Mike Badcock  
Councillor Maurice Billington  
Councillor Liz Brighthouse OBE  
Councillor Iain Brown  
Councillor Michael Gibbard  
Councillor Janet Godden  
Councillor Ray Jelf  
Councillor G.A. Reynolds  
Councillor Richard Stevens  
Councillor Alan Thompson

### **Officers:**

Whole of meeting Rachel Dunn, Senior Democracy Officer;  
Geoff Malcolm, Committee Officer

*The Committee considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting and decided as set out below. Except as insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda and reports, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.*

### **16/11 MINUTES** (Agenda No. 2)

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2011 (DO3) were approved and signed.

### **17/11 SCALE OF FEES FOR COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA 2011/13** (Agenda No. 5)

Each year the Council set a scale of expenditure for the holding of elections of county councillors.

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The Committee considered a report (DO5) on the proposed Scale of Expenditure for any by-elections of County Councillors that may be held during 2011/12 and 2012/13, the mileage rate and the Scale of Expenditure for any referendum or mayoral election required to be held under the Local Government Act 2000. Ms Dunn confirmed that it was proposed to review the scale of fees for the next scheduled elections in 2013, with a view to submitting a report to the Committee for consideration in Autumn 2012.

Councillor Godden sought information about the percentage increase for cost inflation included in the budget for election expenses, and whether consideration should be given to a greater percentage increase for 2013 in the light of the huge increase in the costs of, for example, paper and printing. Ms. Dunn undertook to respond following the conclusion of the meeting.

**RESOLVED: to**

- (a) approve the Scale of Expenditure for the financial years 2011/2012 and for 2012/13 for the election of County Councillors;**
- (b) approve the Scale of Expenditure for the financial years 2011/2012 and for 2012/13 for a referendum or mayoral election required under the Local Government Act 2000; and**
- (c) approve the review of the Scale of Expenditure for 2013/14 in time for the next scheduled County Council Elections in 2013.**

..... in the Chair

Date of signing