

Urgent Referrals from the
Constitutional Review Working Party - 10th November 2011

1) **MEETING CYCLES – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / O&S**

The Executive Committee is asked to **RECOMMEND** that

meetings of the Executive Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committee be scheduled on a 4-weekly cycle, rather than the current 3-weekly cycle in future calendars of meetings.

(Members noted that this would free up a number of meeting nights for Members mid-week, and that additional meetings could always be set to meet any exceptional need. Urgent agreement is sought, in view of the fact that meeting timetables for the new municipal year are currently being constructed. This matter is for full Council decision, as part of the constitutional arrangements.)

2) **HOUSING APPEALS**

The Executive Committee is asked to **RESOLVE** that

- 1) **for the reasons detailed within the report, the amended Housing Appeals Procedure attached at Appendix 1 to the attached report be approved and adopted with immediate effect; but**
- 2) **Officers seek further legal advice as to possible alternative means for a Member-level involvement in appeals against Officer decisions (with regard to Homelessness and Housing Allocation cases); and**
- 3) **Employment Appeal Processes be similarly reviewed in due course, subject to any necessary further consultation, negotiation and report.**

(Report attached)

(Full Minutes of the CRWP meeting will be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.)