

EXERPT OF MINUTES of the meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 20 March 2014 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Richard Speight (Chair), Barry Johnson, Wendy Curtis, Terry Hipsey and Yash Gupta

Apologies: Councillor Charlie Key

In attendance: S. Welton- Performance Officer
K. Wheeler – Head of Strategy
F. Taylor – Head of Legal Services
S. Clark– Head of Finance
R. Harris – Director of Adults, Health and Commissioning
J. Hinchliffe – Head of HR OD & Customer Strategy
R. Parkin – Head of Housing
M. Boulter – Principal Democratic Services Officer

37. REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee noted that two thirds of the whole council membership needed to vote in favour of a four yearly election for it to come into practice. Members queried the process should certain Members not be present at the full council meeting in which the vote would be taken. How would they cast their vote? The Monitoring Officer noted this point and stated she would come back to the committee to clarify.

The Committee noted the well written report but felt they could not make a decision at the meeting as the issue needed to be discussed with groups. There were many implications to consider.

The Committee asked for clarification around when the Police Crime Commissioner elections would take place and whether they would be held in November or with the other elections in May.

RESOLVED that the Committee inform and update their respective groups around the report and its contents and seek to progress debate on the issue in the new municipal year.