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To: County Council – 10 December 2009

Subject: Changes to the Constitution

Summary: This report sets out amendments to the Constitution which were recommended at the Selection and Member Services Committee on 4 December 2009 for approval by the County Council.

Additional Amendments to the Constitution

1 At the meeting of the Selection and Member Services Committee on 4 December 2009 the following additional amendments to the Constitution were recommended to the County Council for approval. An updated version of the Constitution setting out these amendments and incorporating the protocols on Councillor Call for Action and Crime and Disorder Committee, in addition to the consequential amendments already proposed, is attached.

- a) Executive summary (*large page no 11*) last paragraph replace “Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee” with “Policy Overview and Scrutiny **suite.**” (*small page no 2*)
- b) Executive summary (*large page no 11*) at end add “References in this Constitution to any gender shall include every gender, and words and expressions denoting the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.” (*small page no 2*)
- c) Appendix 4, Part 4 (*large page 86*) paragraph 4.7 – delete last sentence “Officers may not otherwise decline to provide information except under conditions advised by the Standards Committee.” (*small page no 77*)
- d) Appendix 4, Part 4 (*large page no 87*) paragraph 4.9) add to the end of the paragraph “or for the purposes of clarification”. (*small page no 78*)
- e) Process for developing the budget – (*large page no 113 -115*) – re-insert reference to Cabinet Scrutiny Committee. (*small number 104 -106*)
- f) Decisions by Officers and Council Committees (*large page no 119*) paragraph 8.18 – all references to “Cabinet Scrutiny Committee should be replaced by “Scrutiny Board”. (*small number 110*)
- g) Property Management Protocol – non-highway acquisitions – (*large page 130*) paragraph 7 – reinsert “Cabinet Scrutiny Committee” in place of “Scrutiny Board”. (*small page number 121*)

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