

AGENDA ITEM 15 - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

REVIEW OF INTERNAL MEMBER FORA

1.00 Purpose of Report

- 1.01 The purpose of this report is to provide the Cabinet with information arising from consideration at the Council meeting on the 13 November 2012.

2.00 Background

- 2.01 At the Council meeting on the 13 November it received a similar report to that being considered by the Cabinet. The original report to the Cabinet meeting had however been completed prior to the Council meeting in order to meet despatch deadlines.

3.00 Considerations

- 3.01 At the Council meeting Councillor R Jones indicated that in relation to the Land Disposal Panel and the Agricultural Panel it was unclear for disposals up to £500K who was responsible for making the decision. For such land disposals the responsibility for the decision rests with the Head of Assets & Transportation. Where either the local Member or the Cabinet portfolio holder does not agree to the disposal, any decision to dispose of the land is to be made by Cabinet.
- 3.02 At the Council meeting comments were made concerning consulting with not only the local Member but the adjoining Member. Whilst it is open to the Cabinet to do so, contrary to the recommendation of the Constitution Committee, the consequence of any such change should be carefully considered. It would increase the potential for differing Member views and more significantly weaken the pre-eminence normally given to the local Member as reflected in paragraph 8.2 of the protocol on Member officer relations.

4.00 Recommendation

- 4.01 As the original report, subject to making clear that the responsibility for the delegated decision rests with the Head of Assets & Transportation.