

COUNCIL – 9TH OCTOBER 2012

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – RECORDED VOTING AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

REPORT BY: MONITORING OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Council of a notice of motion that has been received and to seek a Council decision on the Notice of Motion.

2. THE REPORT

- 2.1 A notice of motion has been received by the Head of Legal & Governance from Councillor David Rees in the following terms:-

"This council approves that all votes undertaken in meetings at full council are recorded and published to show how each member has voted."

- 2.2 In accordance with the provisions of the Council's Constitution, the Mayor has confirmed that this Notice of Motion may be referred directly to Council for a decision without the motion being first discussed at the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.3 Members will be aware that the current voting arrangements for Council meetings are set out in the Council's Constitution, under the Rules of Procedure.
- 2.4 Under R.15.4(1)(a) of the Rules of Procedure a Member can request a recorded vote at a Council meeting and if the request is supported by nine other Members, the voting on any motion shall be recorded so as to show how each member present and voting gave his/her vote.
- 2.5 Under R.15.5 of the Rules of Procedure Members have the right to require that their individual vote on a particular motion is recorded in the Council's minutes. This is a statutory right. The procedure is set out in paragraph 3 of the adopted procedure set out at Rule 15.

3. CONSULTATION

- 3.1 None required.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The Council is asked to consider whether it wishes to support the notice of motion outlined in 2.1 above.

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