

## **REPORT OF EXECUTIVE CABINET**

### **Executive and Electoral Arrangements**

1. The Executive Cabinet considered at its meeting on 7 January 2010 a report on the implications of the Local Government and Public and Involvement in Health Act 2007 which requires the Council to consult the public sector prior to the amendment of its executive requirements. The Act also provides an opportunity for the Council to amend its electoral arrangements.
2. The Council is statutorily required to alter its executive arrangements and adopt either an elected mayor and cabinet or a new style of "strong" leader and cabinet executive and determine its new executive arrangements by 31 December 2010. However, as the decision is likely to impact on Councillors standing for election in May 2010, the Council's decision needs to be made as early as practicable. We, therefore, propose to recommend the Council to commence the prior consultation exercise in advance of a report proposing new arrangements being submitted to the 2 March Special Council meeting.
3. The Executive Cabinet agreed that, for reasons of consistency and accountability the public consultation exercise should also seek views on the available options for future electoral arrangements.
4. A copy of the report presented to the Executive Cabinet on 7 January is attached for clarification purposes.

### **Recommendation**

5. The Council is recommended to instruct the Chief Executive to commence the required public consultation exercise on the available options to revise both the current executive and electoral arrangements, with a view to a feedback report being presented to the Special Meeting of the Council on 2 March 2010.

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There are no background papers to this report.

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