BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

4.00pm 10 MARCH 2009

COMMITTEE ROOM 1, HOVE TOWN HALL

DECISION LIST

Part One

78. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

RESOLVED – That the Notice of Motion be noted and officers be instructed to bring a report back to the next committee meeting on the subject of senior staff salaries.

79. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES - REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

Contact Officer: Mark Wall Ward Affected: All Wards Tel: 29-1006

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND –

- (1) That the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel, as set out in its report be noted;
- (2) That in accordance with the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel as agreed by Council in April 2008, the level of Basic Allowance be increased by the assumed salary rate of inflation of 2.3% for the municipal year commencing 15 May 2009; subject to individual Members' rights to accept or decline the increase;
- (3) That the position be reviewed following the receipt of the Independent Remuneration Panel's report in 2010; and
- (4) That the allowance payable to each of the members of the Independent Remuneration Panel continue to be increased by the council's salary inflation assumption of 2.3% for 2009 with effect from 15 May 2009, in recognition of their time commitment and their important role.

80. SIX MONTH REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

Contact Officer:	Elizabeth Culbert	Tel: 29-1515
Ward Affected:	All Wards	

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the responses received to the invitation fro feedback on the sixth month review of the Constitution be noted;
- (2) That the proposals set out at paragraph 4 of the report, save those reserved to Full Council for decision at (3) below, be recommended to the Cabinet for adoption;
- (3) That the proposals for amendments to the Constitution as set out in paragraphs 4.2, 4.3, 4.4.4, 4.4.6, 4.4.7 and 4.4.9 of the report be recommended to the 30 April Council meeting for approval;
- (4) That the Head of Law be authorised to make the necessary amendments to the Constitution to reflect the above proposals as approved by the relevant body and for those amendments to come into effect from the date of Annual Council, (14 May 2009).

81. LOCAL DEMOCRACY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION BILL

Contact Officer:	Abraham Ghebre-	Tel: 291500
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Ward Affected:	All Wards	

RESOLVED –

- That the provisions of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill ("the Bill" and their implications for the council be noted; and
- (2) That officers be instructed to track the passage of the Bill and to bring a further report to the committee once the Bill is enacted and the timescale for implementing its key provision is known.

82. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT COMMITTEE

Contact Officer: Elizabeth Culbert Tel: 29-1515 Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Cabinet be recommended to approve the dissolution of the East Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove City Council Integrated Waste Management Services and Contract Committee with immediate effect; and
- (2) That the Head of Law be authorised to make the relevant changes to Brighton & Hove City Council's Constitution and to the Joint working Agreement.

83. PROPOSED MEETINGS TIMETABLE FOR 2010/11

Contact Officer:	Mark Wall	Tel: 29-1006
Ward Affected:	All Wards	

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the proposed timetable of meetings for 2010/11 be approved, subject to any necessary changes being identified; and
- (2) That the Head of Democratic Service be thanked for bringing forward the proposed timetable to enable Members to plan their schedules through to 2011.

84. CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO LOCAL GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Contact Officer:	Elizabeth Culbert	Tel: 29-1515
Ward Affected:	All Wards	

RESOLVED – That the consultation questions be noted and the proposed responses as detailed in appendix 1 to the report be agreed.

85. CODE OF RECOMMENDED PRACTICE ON LOCAL AUTHORITY PUBLICITY

Contact Officer: John Shewell Ward Affected: All Wards Tel: 01273 291039

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That in light of the concerns raised, officers be instructed to redraft the report and consult with the Leaders of the Groups so that a formal response to the consultation paper could be submitted by the deadline of the 20 March 2009; and
- (3) That the Director of Strategy & Governance be authorised to submit the response to the consultation paper on behalf of the council.
- Note: The above decisions will be implemented after close of business on 17 March 2009 unless they are called in.