

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE 2011**

**REFERENCE FROM  
CORPORATE SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**CORPORATE SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –  
CHAIRMAN**

**1. Background**

At its meeting on 24 May 2011 the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the appointment of Chairman for the municipal year 2011- 12.

At the meeting some Members expressed concern that the current overview and scrutiny procedural rules as set out in the constitution at paragraph 7 point 3 do not allow all non executive members to be considered for the position of Chairman and exclude the group(s) currently holding the executive positions:

“The Chairman of the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall come from a political group not represented on the executive, except where all political groups are represented on the executive.”

The Committee have agreed that a report be sent to Council requesting that paragraph 3 of Overview and Scrutiny procedure rule 7 be deleted. Standards Committee are asked to evaluate this in-line with the constitution.

**2. Recommendation**

**Resolved: That**

- c) The Council be recommended to delete the third paragraph of Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 7 the effect of which is to remove the requirement that the Chairman of the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee should come from a political group not represented on the executive, except where all groups are represented on the executive; and
- d) The Standards Committee be asked to evaluate the proposed recommendation to change the constitution set out in (3) above and submit their views to Council.