

AGENDA ITEM 37

REPORT TO COUNCIL

5TH SEPTEMBER 2007

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR
OF LAW AND
DEMOCRACY**

Changes to Committee Membership

Further to notification received regarding the establishment of Billingham Independent Association as a recognised political group on the Council; it has been necessary, in accordance with the requirements regarding political proportionality, to review the political composition of committee membership insofar as they affect the relevant political groups; namely the Liberal Democrats Group and the newly formed Billingham Independent Association.

Consultation has therefore taken place with each of these groups and the following changes to committee representation are now therefore proposed:-

Executive Scrutiny Committee

Add Cllr Leckonby (BIA)
Remove Cllr Mrs Fletcher (LD)

Planning Committee

Add Cllr Mrs Aggio (BIA)
Remove Cllr Roberts (LD)

Housing Review Panel

Add Cllr Mrs Aggio (BIA)
Remove Cllr Roberts (LD)

Local Joint Consultative Panel

Add Cllr Mrs Apedaile (BIA)
Remove Cllr Mrs Rigg (LD)

Members Advisory Panel

Add Cllr Mrs Apedaile (BIA)
Remove Cllr Mrs Rigg (LD)

Local Development Framework

Add Cllr Leckonby (BIA)
Remove Cllr Mrs Rigg (LD)

RECOMMENDED that the proposed changes to Committee membership be approved to reflect the requirements of political balance.