

## **Council – 19th April 2010**

### **State of Walsall Debate**

#### **1. Summary of report**

To request Council to give consideration to an amendment to Council Procedure Rule 17 – State of Walsall Debate.

#### **2. Recommendations**

That Council Procedure Rule 17 be amended to allow for the debate to be held at the first ordinary meeting of Council in the Municipal Year.

#### **3. Background information**

- 3.1 The present Constitution was adopted by Council in April, 2006 and since that date the State of Walsall debate has been held at the final ordinary meeting of the Council in the Municipal Year.
- 3.2 Council Procedure Rule 17 sets out the details relating to the form of the debate and how the results of the debate will be dealt with.
- 3.3 After some discussions on this matter, the Leader is of the opinion that the timing of the debate and its proposed new content would be better dealt with at the first ordinary meeting of the Municipal Year which will usually take place in early July rather than in April when the meeting falls within the “Elections Purdah period”.

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