

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2012**

MINUTE 22: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

[Note: This additional item was put to the Audit and Governance Committee under Paragraph 4.2.6.1 (b) of the Council's Constitution, expressly that: "The Chairman of the meeting considers that for reasons of special circumstances, the item should be considered at the Meeting as a matter of urgency."]

The Committee considered a report about the setting-up of a sub-committee for the purpose of conducting community governance reviews (CGRs), appointing a Chairman that sub-committee, and instructing the sub-committee to conduct a review and make recommendations to the Audit and Governance Committee as to the future community governance of the Ross Town Council and Ross Rural Parish Council areas.

Council had previously decided that a community governance review of the areas of Ross Town Council and Ross Rural Parish Council, would take place in the autumn of 2013, and had empowered the Audit and Governance Committee to undertake all community governance reviews and to make recommendations to Council on the matter.

Members agreed to proceed with the CGR for Ross Town and Ross Rural Parish Councils, and appointed the members that had been nominated by Group Leaders to the sub-committee. It was further agreed that Councillor Hempton-Smith would chair the sub-committee, and that members would appoint their own Vice-Chairman at their first meeting. It was noted that, once an initial meeting date has been agreed for the sub-committee, the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Resilience would bring forward a report by way of training.

RESOLVED: that

- (a) a Community Governance Review Sub-Committee be formed with a membership of five (three members of the Conservative Group, one member of It's OUR County and one member of the Herefordshire Independents);**
- (b) the nominations of Councillors AM Atkinson, CNH Attwood, PGH Cutter, AJ Hempton-Smith and JA Hyde, be approved;**
- (c) Councillor AJ Hempton-Smith be appointed Chairman of the sub-committee, and a Vice-Chairman be appointed from the sub-committee membership at its first meeting; and**
- (d) the Sub-Committee be instructed to conduct a review and make recommendations to this Committee as to the future community governance of the Ross Town Council and Ross Rural Parish Council areas.**