

## **ITEM 4(c)(vi)**

**MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL**

**16 JULY 2014**

### **REPORT CONSIDERED BY CONSTITUTION COMMISSION 23 JUNE 2014**

#### **Review of Access to Information Procedure Rules – Public Access Arrangement for the Development Control Committee / Panel**

At its meeting on 8 May 2014 (Minute DCC104 refers), the Development Control Committee resolved:

“That the Constitution Committee be recommended to recommend to Council an amendment to the Access to Information Procedure Rules – Annex A (Procedure for the Determination of Planning Applications – Public Participation) by the addition of the following:

‘A representative of a Town or Parish Council, nominated by either the Chair or the Clerk of the Town or Parish Council will be allowed to address the Development Control Committee, or Panel, for a maximum of 3 minutes when an application for a development within that Parish or where in the discretion of the Chair there is a significant impact on another Parish is to be considered. Any representation will be in addition to the limit on the number of public speakers. If the Town or Parish Council is to speak in objection to or in favour of the application the Service Director (Law and Democratic Services) must be advised when submitting the speaking request, and in all cases no less than two clear working days before the meeting, in order that the applicant can be offered the right of reply.’”

The Public Access Arrangement for the Development Control Committee / Panel have been operating on a trial basis for a number of years and appear to have been successful. It is therefore suggested that the Council be recommended to adopt the Public Access Arrangements as currently operating, including the addition detailed above.