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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE  
COMMUNITY  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 4 APRIL 2002**

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**COS.61/02    CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
CONSTITUTION**

The City Solicitor and Secretary submitted report TC.57/02 setting out a number of proposed housekeeping amendments to the Council's Constitution upon which the views of the Executive and this Committee were being sought prior to its submission to the City Council meeting on 30 April 2002.

With regard to paragraph 3.1 to Appendix 1 of the Report dealing with the duration of meetings, a Member considered that Rule 9 of the Council Procedure Rules, providing that a meeting will automatically adjourn after 3 hours unless the majority of Members present vote for the meeting to continue, should not be changed.

Members supported the need for a more fundamental review of the Council's Constitution to be carried out later in 2002 when the outcome of the Organisational Structure Review was known.

**RESOLVED – (1)** That the report be accepted so far as this Committee is concerned and referred to the Executive with the Member's comments regarding Rule 9 of the Council Procedure Rules.

**(2)** That the Executive be recommended to identify an appropriate timescale in which to undertake a full review of the City Council's Constitution with a view to recommendations being made to the Annual Council meeting in May 2003.