

EX41. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Executive considered a report by the Chief Executive on the forthcoming community council elections proposing that a policy development panel be established to undertake a review of community councils following the elections.

The Council's Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils requires quadrennial community council elections. A timetable for the 2013 elections was presented together with the respective compositions of the 23 community councils in the area and a draft Code of Conduct which, it was expected, would be adopted by the community councils post election. Council had requested, in January 2013, a review of the Scheme and the support provided to community councils. It was now proposed that this review be taken forward by a policy development panel.

The Executive noted the timetable and arrangements for the community council elections 2013 and agreed to:-

- 1) establish a 3 member policy development panel for the purpose of reviewing the Scheme of Establishment for community councils and associated support;**
- 2) appoint Councillor C Martin (as convener) and Baillie Paterson to the panel, and to seek a nomination from the opposition for the remaining place;**
- 3) endorse the code of conduct for community councillors for adoption by each community council.**