

## Member Services

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Dear Mr Tibby,

### **Executive Governance Arrangements**

I am writing regarding your petition relating to options for the Council's executive governance arrangements which you submitted at the end of August.

The petition was reported to the Cabinet on Thursday 23 September 2010 during consideration of the results of the consultation exercise on executive governance proposals. Your petition contained 160 signatures supporting the adoption of a directly elected mayor and cabinet form of governance. The number of signatures required to trigger a referendum on whether or not to have a directly elected mayor under the Local Government Act 2000 is 5% of the total number of local government electors in the revised version of the electoral role having effect on 15 February 2010, which in this case is 3569 valid signatures. As the petition does not meet this requirement it is invalid in this respect. The petition also does not qualify to trigger a debate by the full Council, which under the Council's petition scheme requires 3,000 signatures. The Cabinet therefore treated your petition as an "ordinary" petition and resolved to "note" the petition.

The Cabinet's recommendations for the Council to adopt executive governance arrangements based on a Leader and Cabinet form of executive were considered by the General Assembly of the Council on 11 October 2010 and approved.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Twyman  
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