

Agenda Item No.8 (iv)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

2nd October 2013

Report of the Director of Legal Services

Cabinet Quorum

1. Purpose of the Report

To invite the Council to consider a reduced quorum for Cabinet meetings.

2. Information and Analysis

The Council's Constitution currently provides that the quorum for a meeting of the Cabinet is five, including the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council.

A quorum of five was appropriate when the Cabinet consisted of nine Members. Now, however, as Cabinet is comprised of six Members, it is considered that it would be more appropriate for the quorum to be three Members, including the Leader or Deputy Leader.

3. Legal Considerations

This proposal would require a change to the Executive Procedure Rules within the Constitution and changes to the Constitution may only be approved by the Council.

4. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors have also been considered: financial, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

5. Background Papers

File held by the Director of Legal Services

6 Officer Recommendation

That the Council agrees to reduce the quorum for meetings of the Cabinet to three.

**John McElvaney
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