

**Councillor Jason Kitcat**

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**Date:** 22 March 2010

**Our Ref:** JK/

**Your Ref:**

Dear Councillor Oxley

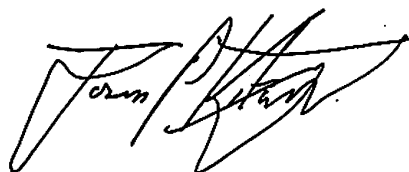
I am writing to you as chair of the Governance Committee to ask that you can clarify issues arising from the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

At briefings before the meeting and during the meeting itself, senior officers cited "common law powers" which enabled the Mayor to make a number of unusual procedural changes to how the business of the meeting was conducted. These changes did not have a basis in the agreed Constitution of the Council, hence the need to call on the common law powers. I believe it would be helpful for all Members and senior officers if a briefing could be provided explaining the basis of the Mayor's common law powers and what they entitle the Mayor to do.

Now that revisions to the Council Constitution were agreed at the 18th March meeting, can I ask that revised pages are sent to Members for inclusion in their personal copies of the Constitution. Furthermore I ask that the copies held in the council chambers be updated to the latest version of the Constitution, as amended.

I look forward to your interest in these matters.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Jason Kitcat

