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**REPORT OF CABINET**

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**MEETING HELD ON 19 JULY 2007**

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Chairman: \* Councillor David Ashton (Deputy Leader in the Chair)

Councillors † Marilyn Ashton \* Janet Mote  
: \* Mrs Camilla Bath \* Paul Osborn  
\* Miss Christine Bednell \* Mrs Anjana Patel  
\* Susan Hall \* Eric Silver  
† Chris Mote

\* Denotes Member present

† Denotes apologies received

[Note: Councillors Ms Nana Asante and Mitzi Green also attended this meeting to speak on the item indicated at Minute 272 below. Councillor Bill Stephenson also attended this meeting to speak on the item indicated at Minute 270 below].

**PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS****RECOMMENDATION I - Key Decision - Comprehensive Equalities Scheme**

The Portfolio Holder for Strategy and Business Support introduced the report, which contained the draft Comprehensive Equalities Scheme and the results of public consultation on the scheme. The report recognised the importance of equalities issues and of ensuring that they were taken into consideration in the Borough.

Cabinet noted that, at present, the Constitution did not require Council approval for Equality Schemes. The delay that would be occasioned by delaying consideration of the Comprehensive Equalities Scheme until the next Council meeting in October 2007 would not be conducive to promoting equality. However, an amendment to the Constitution to include Equality Schemes within the list of issues reserved to Council would recognise the importance and the impact of equalities issues for the future.

**Resolved to RECOMMEND:**

That Article 4.01 of the Constitution, which specifies issues reserved to Council to determine, be amended to include Equality Schemes.