

Four points;

Point One:

The Executive can currently sign off payments up to £100,000, any higher requires full council approval. With this new constitution before you, the Executive... (which only needs a Quorum of three)... will be able to sign off and spend Tax payers money up to... half a million pounds! The question begs; Is this fair, just or even financially sensible?

Point Two:

A clause regarding the make-up of the planning committee, passed by the Executive, has been removed, ...the removal of this clause may cause some wards to be without representation... and others to be over represented ... ! The question begs; Is this fair, just or even demographically sensible?

Point Three:

I object to the idea, passed by the Executive, that whilst statutory consultation is underway that any presented petition (on that subject matter) is rolled into the consultation process and not handled by the normal process. If we rewind back a year and apply these changes to the last two consultations than three of the six petitions that triggered a Council meeting over the last year would not have been heard.... So soon after the end of consultation on the draft Local Plan, the question begs; Is this fair, just or even democratically sensible?

Point Four:

If the by-election of the Lovelace ward is anything to go by, I ask the councillors of the Executive this... After the next local elections would you be happy being part of a minority party and having the powers... (or lack thereof)... that your legacy has left councillors here with? I'm not sure a minority party would be happy, in not having the right, to lead the scrutiny committees (a right you have taken away from the opposition), or having decisions made by a ... Majority of Councillors ... being overturned by a smaller Executive of the leading party!

Local Democracy Ltd is seeking a referendum to re-introduce an updated... fit for purpose... committee based system... to replace the current Executive Council system. A system where all 48 councillors, will have the final word on decisions not just a select few. I implore... you... the council... and the public watching and listening to take time and think about this referendum... hopefully like me you will sign it. We already have well over 2000 signatures and rising ... and we need yours as well. Just google 'Guildford Referendum Petition' and follow the links.

So the Question begs; Do you wish to represent and govern by a full council of 48 or are you happy being dictated to by a Quorum of Three! Please sign the Petition. ... It is fair ... It is Just ... it is Financially... Demographically.... and Democratically Sensible!