

**CITY COUNCIL
25TH JULY, 2005**

**EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
ON 11TH APRIL, 2005**

'REVIEW OF THE FULL CITY COUNCIL

Prayers

Whilst not seeking to alter the appointment of the Lord Mayor's Chaplain, much debate occurred around the saying of prayers as part of the Full Council Agenda. This raises many issues involving both diversity and heritage. The Committee feels unable to make a specific recommendation on such a sensitive issue and is presenting the following five options for as a separate decision by Full Council:

1. No Change
2. Remove Prayers altogether
3. To Rotate Among Faiths
4. Keep on Agenda But Replace Prayers with a Minute of Silent Reflection
5. To have a separate service in the Chamber shortly before the meeting begins'.

Note:

This matter was deferred at the meeting of the Council on 9th May for consideration at the next ordinary meeting (ie 25th July, 2005).

The City Council will be invited to vote on the above options.