

STANDARDS COMMITTEE - CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION 2024

<p>Section 10 Council Procedure Rules</p>	<p>3 Extraordinary Meetings - To bring it into line with current arrangements where it is the Monitoring Officer's responsibility to call such meetings but where the Head of Paid Service should be involved in the decision.</p> <p>4. Time and Place. Add limitation to length of Council Meeting to 3 hours with discretion to Chair to extend if business can be finished within a reasonable time.</p>
<p>Section 10 Council Procedure Rules</p>	<p>8. Questions by public</p> <p>Amend to restrict who can ask a question to the following:</p> <p>Those on the Electoral Role Those who are Council Tax Payers Those who pay NNDR 16 and 17 year olds living in NEDDC or attending school in NEDDC</p>
<p>Section 10 Council Procedure Rules</p>	<p>8. Questions by the public</p> <p>The number of words in the question restricted to 200.</p> <p>9.8 Time for Questions - To bring it into line with current arrangements and formally give the Chairman a discretion to extend the period beyond the 15minute limit</p>
<p>Section 10 Council Procedure Rules</p>	<p>10.2 Motions on Notice</p> <p>Monitoring Officer rules out any motion not meeting the criteria for e.g. policy and Constitution changes or breaching one of the grounds listed. To ensure motion goes via correct route.</p>
<p>Section 10 Council Procedure Rules</p>	<p>12.3 Secunder right to reserve speech.</p> <p>Delete/amend so that only with the Chair's agreement.</p>
<p>Section 16 Members Planning Rules</p>	<p>8. Predetermination. Exclude Members from determination of Planning applications where they are the ward member for the application site. Predetermination. Introduce a requirement that</p>

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	<p>Planning Committee Members confirm that they have no predetermination issues at the start of the meeting.</p>
<p>Section 19 Specific Delegations to officers Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer delegation</p>	<p>1.19 Change to MD and HOPS delegation - To bring it into line with current arrangements. Structure changes with budget consequences above £15k must go to Council.</p> <p>4.15 To add changes to a political party's representation on Committees and Sub Committees. These changes are within have to be made at the request of the political party but also currently approved by Council. This results in reports to Council for changes which cannot be refused. It should be remembered that once a year, the membership of Committees and Sub Committees is approved at the Annual Meeting of Council so this would be to deal with changes between.</p>

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<p>Section 19 Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer delegation</p>	<p>4.15 Add to Monitoring Officer's delegation authority to grant dispensations where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So many have interests it would impede business e.g. there is no quorum in Committee Meeting or Cabinet. • That so many have interests that the political proportionality would be so upset as to alter the likely outcome of the vote. • That without a dispensation no member of the Cabinet would be able to participate.
<p>Section 26 Budget and Policy Framework</p>	<p>Section 26 Budget and Policy Framework - To update the list to bring it into line with current legal requirements. These are the decisions which must be taken by Council.</p> <p>New 8 to make clear that where a decision is that of Cabinet, a report can be presented to Council in advance to seek views, inform and give a presentation on the matter.</p>
<p>Section 27 Finance Rules – Senior Risk Officer</p>	<p>To bring it into line with current responsibilities and arrangements where this is the Managing Director and HOPS.</p>
<p>Section 27 Finance Rules – virement of salary related expenditure</p>	<p>16.3 Risk Management.</p> <p>To bring it into line with current needs, responsibilities and arrangements – especially in the current difficult employment market by adding that this can be used for employee training or other employee related expenditure.</p>
<p>Appendix One Members Allowances Scheme</p>	<p>Council decided at its meeting on 6th March 2023:</p> <p>3 That the Members' Allowances Scheme be amended to include an alternative mechanism for increasing the allowances of linking the increase to the percentage increase in scale point 43 of the</p>

	employee pay scales. The suggested wording for Basic Allowances is the same as would be applied to Special Responsibility Allowances.
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