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## **LEADER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL**

To: **Council – 3 October 2013**

By: **Democratic Services & Scrutiny Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

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**Summary:** **To receive a report from the Leader in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2**

### **For Information**

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#### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

1.1 Council Procedure Rule 2.2 provides that:

The Leader of the Council may make an oral report, not exceeding ten minutes, on key issues arising since the last meeting of Council.

The Leaders of any other Political Group may comment on the Leader's Report. The comments of the Leaders of the other Political Groups shall be limited each to five minutes. The other Group Leaders will comment in an order determined by the number of Councillors within those Political Groups, with the largest Group commenting first, and so on.

The Leader has a right of reply to each Group Leader limited to two minutes, in hierarchical order, to any comments made on his/her report.

The total time (including time slots as mentioned above) will be limited to 31 minutes.

The Leader of the Council and the Leader of any other Political Group may appoint substitutes to speak on their behalf.

No motions may be moved nor resolutions passed under this item.

1.2 As there are now four "other Group Leaders", as referred to in Council Procedure Rule 2.2, it may be necessary to suspend that Rule in so far as it limits the "total time" to 31 minutes, in order to allow each of those Group Leaders five minutes in which to speak.

1.3 A recommendation for amending Council Procedure Rule 2.2 is included at item no. 17k of the agenda for this meeting.

#### **2.0 Corporate Implications**

##### **2.1 Financial and VAT**

2.1.1 Any implications will be covered in the Leader's Report.

## 2.2 Legal

2.2.1 Council Procedure Rule 29.1 allows for the suspension of any Council Rules of Procedure, except Rules 21.6 and 22.2, by motion on notice or without notice if at least one half of the whole number of members of the Council are present. Suspension can only be for the duration of the meeting.

## 2.3 Corporate

2.3.1 Any implications will be covered in the Leader's Report.

## 2.4 Equity and Equalities

2.4.1 Any implications will be covered in the Leader's Report.

## 3.0 Recommendation

3.1 It is recommended that Council Procedure Rule 2.2 be suspended, for this meeting, in so far as it limits the "total time ... to 31 minutes". This is to allow each of the Group Leaders 5 minutes to respond to the Leader's Report.

## 4.0 Decision Making Process

4.1 It is for Council to decide at this meeting whether or not to suspend Council Procedure Rule 2.2, as recommended at paragraph 3.1 above.

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## Annex List

None	
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## Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	

## Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	N/A
Legal	N/A