
CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES: PROPOSED WRITTEN REPORT TO COUNCIL BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

To: **Constitutional Review Working Party – 2 September 2014**

By: **Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **N/A**

Summary: To consider amendments to the constitution arising from the recommendation by the Working Party that Council receives a written report from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel at each of its ordinary meetings

For Decision

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 When the report on a possible review of council procedure rules, particularly in relation to opportunities for backbench Members' participation at meetings of full council, was considered by the Working Party on 1 May 2014, it was AGREED TO RECOMMEND to Standards Committee:

1.1.1 (a) THAT no change to the Council Procedure Rules affecting Members' participation at meetings of full Council is made at the present time;

(b) THAT a written report for information be received at each ordinary meeting of Council from the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel, providing that such reports were not open for debate.

1.1.2 THAT, prior to submitting recommendations at No. 1 above to the Standards Committee, a report be brought to the Working Party, outlining the necessary constitutional changes.

2.0 The Current Situation

2.1 The Working Party may wish to consider whether a new Council Procedure Rule 16.0, as set out at Annex 1, should be added to the constitution to enable written reports to be received by Council from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 Financial and VAT

3.1.1 None apparent

3.2 Legal

3.2.1 Any change in council procedures should be reflected in the constitution

3.3 Corporate

3.3.1 Written reports to Council by the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel should result in a greater awareness by all Members of scrutiny activities being undertaken, and the role of overview and scrutiny in general.

3.4 Equity and Equalities

3.4.1 None apparent

4.0 Recommendation(s)

4.1 THAT the Working Party recommends to the Standards Committee that the amendments to the Council Procedure Rules, as outlined at Annex 1 or otherwise as it sees fit, be approved.

5.0 Decision Making Process

5.1 Recommendations from the Working Party are referred to Standards Committee, which, in turn, makes recommendations for final adoption by Council.

Future Meeting if applicable:	Date:
Standards Committee	16 September 2014
Council	2 October 2014

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Annex List

Annex 1	Suggested amendments to Council Procedure Rules (new CPR 16)
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	<i>n/a</i>
Legal	<i>n/a</i>