



Committee and Date

Council

17 December 2020

10.00am

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM MEMBERS

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1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 To consider amendments to Part 4 the Constitution (Council Procedure Rules) relating to questions on notice from members at meetings of the Council.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Part 4 of the Constitution, Council Procedure Rules, be amended by the deletion of the second paragraph of 15.3, "Questions on Notice at Committees and Sub-Committees," and the insertion of an additional paragraph after 15.4 "Notice of Questions" as follows:

15.5 Number of questions

A period of up to 30 minutes shall be set aside at each meeting when normally up to six questions will be heard. If notice is received of more than six questions for the same meeting, priority will be given to questions in accordance with the order in which they were received. At any one meeting, no Member may submit more than two questions.

REPORT

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Rules relating to Questions from Members at meetings of the Council are included in Part 4 of the Constitution at Paragraph 15 "Questions from Members."

- 3.2 The is currently no limit on the number of questions from members that can be asked at full Council which can lead to the member question session becoming cumbersome and repetitive.
- 3.3 The current limit on the number of questions on notice that can be asked at any one meeting of a Committee or Sub Committee contained in Part 4 of the Constitution at Paragraph 15.3 may be appropriate to apply also to full meetings of the Council.
- 3.4 In order to ensure more than one Member has the opportunity to ask questions, it is proposed also to limit the number of questions any one member can ask at any meeting to two

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Council Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of the Constitution.

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)

Peter Nutting

Local Member

All

Appendices

None