

Recommendation of the Members' Code of Conduct Committee

Council – 25 March 2021

Amendments to the Constitution

1. At its meeting on 17 March 2021 the Members' Code of Conduct Committee considered a report on revisions to the Council's Constitution which were required to operate a Committee system of governance from the Annual Council in May 2021.
2. The Committee noted that the focus for amendments had been on those parts of the Constitution which were needed to operate a Committee system and that other policies and protocols able to operate as currently written would come forward for revision in due course.
3. The Committee proposed an amendment to Standing Orders in respect of questions from the public and councillors, to change the limit from one question (Sections 15.4 and 16.2 of Part 4a) to two questions.
4. **The Members' Code of Conduct Committee recommends Council:**
 - (i) **to agree the proposed amendments to the Constitution (as appended to the report dated 17 March 2021) for adoption with a move to a Committee system of governance; and**
 - (ii) **to agree to amend Sections 13.4 and 14.2 of Part 4a Council Standing Orders from a limit of one question to two questions.**

Note: The following documents attached to this recommendation have been amended:

- i) Part 3b Terms of Reference - to add clarification on the membership of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee
- ii) Part 4a Rules of Debate flowchart – to align with Part 4a Standing Orders, Section 18.