

Full Council

27 February 2017

Report from the Chief Legal Officer

For Action Wards Affected: ALL

Changes to the Constitution

1.0 Summary

1.1 This report proposes a change to the rules of debate at meetings of Full Council.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That Council approves the changes to the Constitution proposed in this report with immediate effect and authorises the Chief Legal Officer to amend the Constitution accordingly.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 It is proposed that Standing Orders 45 and 46 be amended, as set out in Appendix 1, to provide Members who move a motion or an amendment with a right of reply to debate in the chamber before a vote is taken on their proposed amendment or and the motion. It is considered this will enable a more rounded debate to take place.
- 3.2 The proposed amendments also clarify the relationship between Standing Orders 45.46 and 47.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 These are addressed in the body of the report.

6.0 Diversity Implications

6.1 None.

Background Papers

None

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