

COUNCIL MEETING – 20 October 2022

Agenda Item 64: Changes to the Constitution -Revised recommendations

Changes are shown in bold italics

REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council agree the following changes to the Constitution, as recommended by the Monitoring Officer via the Constitution Review Working Group that:

- 1) The following proposals relating to the following areas of Council Rules of Procedure be agreed:
 - a. ~~sections relating to Member and public questions as set out in paragraphs 1.1-1.4 of the report;~~ ***recommendation deleted***
 - b. that Rules 4.2.1.1 Timing and order of business [Annual Council] and 4.2.2.1 Timing and order of business [Ordinary Council meetings] be amended as set out in paragraph 2 of the report;
 - c. that Rule 4.2.13.13 Motions on Expenditure or Revenue be deleted and Rule 4.2.11.2 be amended as set out in paragraph 3 of the report;
 - d. ~~proposals relating to statements by the Leader of Council etc and from the Council Owned Companies being incorporated into the Minutes of Committee and Board Meetings and Ward Matters agenda item as set out in paragraph 4 of the report;~~ ***recommendation deleted***
 - e. that Rule 4.2.2.1 Timing and Order of Business (Ordinary Meetings be amended as set out in paragraph 5 of the report;
 - f. that Rules 4.2.9.5, 4.2.10.5, 5.4.29 and 5.4.37 – Scope of Public and Member Questions be amended as set out in paragraph 6 of the report;
 - g. Rules 4.2.8 Duration of Meetings, 4.2.8.1 Consideration of Motions and 4.2.12 Motions without Notice be amended, as set out in paragraph 7 of the report;
- 2) that it be noted that Rule 5.2.10.4 [Responsibilities of Executive Member for Environment, Sport and Leisure] as set out in paragraph 8 of the report, will be amended;
- 3) it be noted that Rule 5.2.7.17 [Responsibilities of Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Housing] as set out in paragraph 8 of the report, will be added;
- 4) that Rule 5.4.19 Timing of the [Executive] meeting be amended as set out in paragraph 9 of the report;

- 5) that Section 6.2 Overview and Scrutiny, be amended as set out in paragraphs 10 and 11 of the report:
- 6) changes to Chapter 8.2 – Planning Committee Procedure Rules as set out in paragraph 12 of the report;
- 7) changes to Chapter 8.3 – Planning Member Guidelines on Good Practice as set out in paragraph 13 of the report

In addition, Council is asked to agree the recommendations included in the supplementary report for this item:

RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED IN THE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT:

Council is asked to agree:

- 1) a Climate Emergency Overview and Scrutiny Committee be established;
- 2) the proposed terms of reference for the Climate Emergency Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Annex A) be approved, subject to Member comments;
- 3) the composition of the Climate Emergency Overview and Scrutiny Committee be four Wokingham Borough Partnership Members and three Conservative Members, plus substitute Members (four/three) as advised by the Group Leaders;
- 4) the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee be elected at the first meeting.