

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
MONITORING OFFICER	AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE	15 JUNE 2017	8
CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

A request has been received by the Monitoring Officer for amendments to be made to Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, Procedural Standing Orders for Council and Committees.

RECOMMENDATION

1. To recommend to Council that Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, Procedural Standing Orders for Council and Committees, paragraphs 13.2, 13.7 and 16 be amended as detailed in the report.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

None

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	√
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	√
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	√
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	√
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	√

REPORT

1. The Monitoring Officer has received a request that the following additions are made to the constitution.
2. That "All amendments should be submitted in writing and given to officers prior to the [Council] meeting. If this is not possible, a written copy will be accepted during the meeting so that officers can read it aloud, thus providing clarity for all members". And that "Any challenge to the previous Council Minutes must be submitted to the Monitoring Officer within five working days of the formal publication of the Minutes. Verbal challenges during the meeting will not be accepted".
3. These additions, if recommended by the Audit and Standards Committee, and accepted by Council, would be added to Part 4 of the constitution, Procedural Standing Orders for Council and Committees, specifically paragraph 13.7, and paragraph 16 respectively.

4. Paragraph 13.7 would be amended, with the addition of a new paragraph 13.7 (b) which would read “All amendments should be submitted in writing and given to officers prior to the [Council] meeting. If this is not possible, a written copy will be accepted during the meeting so that officers can read it aloud, thus providing clarity for all members”.
5. Officers recommend, if the above wording is agreed, that for clarity, paragraph 13.2 be amended (*in italics*) in the following way, “Unless it is a notice of motion under rule 12.1, the Mayor *will* require the proposal to be written down and handed to him before it is discussed, *consistent with paragraph 13.7(b) below*.”
6. Paragraph 16 would be amended with the additional words, “Any challenge to the previous Council Minutes must be submitted to the Monitoring Officer within five working days of the formal publication of the Minutes. Verbal challenges during the meeting will not be accepted”. These would follow the current sentence “*The only matter which may be discussed is the accuracy of the minutes.*”

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	No implications
Legal	No implications
Community Safety	None
Human Rights and Equalities	None
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
None		