

APPENDIX A

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE **CONSTITUTION OF LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** **SEPTEMBER 2015**

| <u>ITEM</u> | <u>PROPOSED AMENDMENT</u> | <u>EXPLANATION</u> |
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| <u>PART 4 A</u> <u>MEETING</u> <u>PROCEDURE</u> <u>RULES</u> | Standing Order 18 Amend to read as follows:- 'A member shall direct his or her speech to the question under discussion (i.e. it shall be directly relevant to the matter under discussion) or to a point of order or a point of personal explanation or information for the meeting, shall not impute motives or use offensive expressions to or about any other member and shall act in accordance with the role of a County Councillor as set out in Article 2.03 of the Constitution.' | <p>To clarify the role of a County Councillor.</p> <p>The amendments confirm that, whilst the overriding duty of County Councillors in their representative role is to the whole community, they have a special duty to their constituents, including those who did not vote for them.</p> <p>They should act in the capacity to which they were elected to the Council and should not speak on behalf of any other local authority.</p> <p>The amendment also clarifies that any speech must be directly relevant to the matter under discussion.</p> |

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| <p><u>PART 4 A –</u></p> <p><u>MEETING</u></p> <p><u>PROCEDURE</u></p> <p><u>RULES</u></p> <p>Standing Order 22</p> | <p>Amend to read as follows:-</p> <p>Standing Order 22 (A) - <i>Points of Order</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A member may rise on a point of order and shall be entitled to be heard forthwith. A point of order shall relate only to an alleged breach of a Standing Order or statutory provision and the member shall specify the Standing Order or statutory provision and the way in which he or she considers it has been broken. 2. The ruling of the Chairman on a point of order shall not be open to discussion. <p><i>Standing Order 22 (B) - Points of Personal Explanation or Information for the meeting</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A member may rise on a point of personal explanation or point for information for the Council and shall be heard forthwith. 2. A point of personal explanation shall be confined to some material part of the former speech by him or her which may have been misunderstood in the present debate. 3. A point of information for the meeting shall be confined to correcting a speaker developing their argument on incorrect facts or figures so as to avoid misleading the meeting. 4. The ruling of the Chairman on a point of personal explanation or point of information for the Council shall not be open for discussion. | <p>Provision added to enable a member to raise a point of information so as to correct a speaker from developing their argument on incorrect facts</p> |
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