

<p><u>PART 4A – MEETING PROCEDURE RULES (STANDING ORDERS)</u></p> <p>Standing Order 32: Chairmanship of the Executive, the Commission, Boards and Committees</p> <p>Standing Order 36: Petitions at the Commission, boards, committees or forums</p>	<p>Amend paragraph (4)(b) to read as follows:</p> <p>“he or she is suspended by the Group (although he or she may resume office at the end of the period of suspension);</p> <p>Amend to read as follows:</p> <p>Standing Order 36 Petitions at the Commission, boards or committees</p> <p><i>[Note: This Standing Order should be considered alongside the Petitions Scheme which the County Council has adopted to meet its duty under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009. The Petitions Scheme is set out in Part 10 of the Council’s Constitution.]</i></p> <p>(1) Petitions may be presented at meetings of the Commission, a board or committee. The Commission, board or committee shall receive only such petitions as have been lodged with the Chief Executive eight clear days before the meeting and are presented by a person who resides, studies or works in the County and/or is a recipient of County Council services and is associated with the petition. This Standing Order shall not apply to meetings of the Council or the Executive, subject to paragraphs (5), (6) and (7) below.</p>	<p>To reflect changes in legislation.</p> <p>To remove reference to highway forums following the decision of the Cabinet in June 2017 to disband these.</p>
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	<p>(2) Every petition shall be couched in proper language and be relevant to some question over which the Council or the Commission or board or committee concerned have authority, relates to the Primary Care Trust or which otherwise affects the County and shall involve a call for action. Signatories should record their name, address (and email address for electronic petitions) and date they signed the petition, and any residential, work or study addresses. The Chief Executive shall have the right to refuse to accept any petition which is considered to be frivolous, vexatious, discriminatory or otherwise inappropriate.</p> <p>(3) A petition may be presented by one of the petitioners concerned or may be considered in their absence. It may also be presented by an elected member. If the petitioner is present and wishes to do so, he or she may speak but only to the extent of formally repeating the wording of the petition and stating the number of signatories to it. The Commission, board or committee shall then debate the question raised by the petition at that meeting,</p> <p>(4) Nothing in this Standing Order will prevent a petition being presented elsewhere provided that it relates to a matter which is already before the body concerned.</p> <p>(5) Where a petition attracts significant support from the local community, defined as being signed by at least 10,000 persons living, working or studying in the Authority's area, it will be considered at a meeting of the full County Council.</p>	
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