

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MEETING PROCEDURE RULES – SEPTEMBER 2010

ITEM	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	EXPLANATION
<p>MEETING PROCEDURE RULES</p> <p>S.O. 20 When a member may speak again</p>	<p>Amend paragraph 1(d) to read as follows:-</p> <p>"(d) to propose or second any of the motions referred to in paragraphs (2) to (12) of Standing Order 12;</p>	<p>Minor correction.</p>
<p>S.O. 32 Chairmanship of the Executive, the Commission boards and committees</p>	<p>Add the following words at the beginning of paragraph (3):-</p> <p>"Except where otherwise agreed by the Council"</p>	<p>To recognise that some appointments are made by the Council in determining membership of Scrutiny Commission.</p>
<p>S.O. 36 Petitions at the Commission, boards, committees or forums</p>	<p>Add the following note at beginning of Standing Order.:-</p> <p>(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.)</p> <p>Amend Paragraph (1) to read as follows:-</p> <p>Petitions may be presented at meetings of the Commission, a board, committee or relevant Highways Forum. The Commission, board, committee or forum 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 (6), (7) and (8) below.</p>	<p>To reflect the requirements of the 'Petitions Duty' contained in the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.</p>

	<p>Delete existing paragraphs (7) and (8) and insert the following in their place:-</p> <p>"(7) 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> <p>(8) Where a body considering a petition believes that a wider debate can be justified, it may report to a meeting of the full County Council, regardless of the number of signatories to that petition.</p> <p>(9) Where a petition attracts enough support from the local community, defined as being signed by at least 2,000 persons living, working or studying in the Authority's area, and where the petition requests that a Chief Officer of the Authority (whether identified by name or description) be called to account at a public meeting of the Authority, that Chief Officer will be required to do so at the relevant standing overview and scrutiny committee.</p> <p>(10) Where petitioners exercise their right to request for a review of the adequacy of the steps taken or which are proposed to be taken in the Authority's response to a petition, this will be undertaken by the Scrutiny Commission which may use any of its powers to deal with the matter, including instigating an investigation, and making recommendations to the Cabinet or full Council, as appropriate."</p>	
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