

Report of	Meeting	Date
Monitoring Officer	Governance Committee	Wednesday 17 April 2024

## Constitution Update - Questions to Council

Is this report confidential?	No
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Is this decision key?	Not applicable
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### Purpose of the Report

- To receive and consider proposed amendments to the Councils Standing Orders in relation to Questions to Council.

### Recommendations

- The Members make a recommendation to Full Council to adopt changes to standing order 13 as detailed in the Report to Council (Appendix A) and any other changes proposed by Committee.

### Reasons for recommendations

- The reasons are detailed in the Report at Appendix A.

### Other options considered and rejected

- It is open for members to reject any changes or to propose amendments which enable council business to be discharged.

### Corporate priorities

- The report relates to the following corporate priorities: (Please bold one)

<b>An exemplary council</b>	Healthy and happy communities
Opportunities for everyone	Green and clean neighbourhood

### Background to the report

6. A report was presented to Council on 27 March proposing to amend standing order 13 of the Constitution, relating to Questions to Council. This report was referred to Governance Committee for consideration of the proposed changes.
7. The report is attached at Appendix A.

### **Additional Proposals**

8. It has already been requested that the proposal be amended to include permission to include a supplemental question. As this has been raised “cross-party” it is suggested the following wording could be included

***A Member who has received an answer to a question given on notice may ask one supplementary question arising from the answer given.***

9. The group leaders have also been contacted and requested to provide observations and suggestions and these will be provided to committee when received. It is hoped this will assist Committee in their considerations.

### **Climate change and air quality**

10. The work noted in this report does not impact the climate change and sustainability targets of the Councils Green Agenda and all environmental considerations are in place.

### **Equality and diversity**

11. These are considered in the report at Appendix A.

### **Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer**

12. There are no financial implications of this report.

### **Comments of the Monitoring Officer**

13. Detailed in the Report at Appendix A.

### **Appendices**

Appendix A Report to Council of 27 April 2024

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