

MINUTE EXTRACT

CONSTITUTION AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

13 April 2023

34 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Head of Democratic and Member Services introduced the report of the Director of Law and Governance. The report provided a summary of the discussions held by the Governance Working Group in respect to proposed changes to the Constitution. The proposed changes were in relation to: Sharing written responses to public questions with the public (SO 10.9 (c) and 12.6 (c)), sharing of motions and amendments without notice (SO 14(h)), acceptance of grant funding by Officers, and Questions to members appointed to Joint Authorities at Council meetings (SO12.1). Members commented that these changes would allow for further transparency within the council by including written responses to questions within minutes for meetings.

On a motion by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Onwuemene, it was,

Resolved - that the suggested amendments to the Standing Orders as detailed in sections 3.2 to 3.5 of the report be incorporated into the Constitution and presented for approval at the Annual Council Meeting in May 2023.