

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

CONSTITUTION UPDATE – STANDING ORDERS FOR THE REGULATION OF BUSINESS

**SUMMARY**

At its meeting on 10th July 2025, the Council considered and approved [updates to the Constitution](#). In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 29 (1), the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders for the Regulation of Business stood adjourned without discussion.

The proposed revisions to the Standing Orders relate to:

- (i) the addition of a new Scheme for Public Questions – new Standing Order 9; and a procedure note to accompany the new Standing Order; and
- (ii) the insertion of the proposed new Audit and Governance Committee, and Licensing and Corporate Business Committee to replace the Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee.

The procedure note to accompany the new Standing Order for public questions (attached at Appendix 4 to the Standing Orders) clarifies that all Members shall be notified of public questions submitted in advance of the Council Meeting and that a record of public questions shall be maintained and available on the Council's website. A time limit of 15 minutes will be provided for this part of the agenda.

The background to proposals to split the functions and responsibilities of the CGAS Committee into two separate committees following the Committee Review led by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS) were set out in Section 3 of the report to Council on [10th July](#), when the terms of reference for the new committees were also agreed subject to final approval of Standing Orders.

It is planned for an Independent Remuneration Panel to be held in late November/early December 2025 (as part of the usual arrangement for the Panel to convene every four years) which will include consideration of any impacts to remuneration arising from the committee changes.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Council is recommended to adopt the revised Standing Orders for the Regulation of Business attached to this report for inclusion in Part 4 of the Constitution.