

Constitutional Amendments

1. Clarifications - General

Constitution – sections	Change	Rationale
Part 2, Article 4, Functions of full Council	Amend formally to delegate to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee the power to make referrals to the Secretary of State about proposals where the JHOSC consider proposals for service change, or consultations, have been inadequate.	To remove bureaucracy and simplify the process of referrals to the Secretary of State re: health issues which would otherwise require formal notice to Council and referral to the Secretary of State by Council itself
Part 2, Article 12: Decision making	Add footnote to expand upon the defining the meaning of 'significant' for key decisions on revenue spending	To provide greater clarity as to the extent of application of 'significant' with regard to revenue spending
Part 3.1, para.10.1.1 Council Procedure Rules	Insert 'a minimum number of 10 persons' to constitute a valid petition to present to Council	Provides consistency with the Council's Petitions Scheme
Part 8.3, para.11 Table 1 Contract procedure rules	Amend the thresholds for authorised officers so that it is not only Directors and the Section 151 Officer who can authorise expenditure on goods and services exceeding £200,000	To enable greater flexibility in the delegation of authority to commit expenditure, in the interests of efficiency
Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Insert their terms of reference and clarify that these now include the remit to review the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board	To reflect the role of Health Scrutiny in scrutinising the Health and Wellbeing Board following the latter's coming into full operation.

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2. Clarifications – Council Procedure Rules

Procedure Rule	Change
9: Duration of meeting	Harmonise with 5.1 to reflect that meetings will finish at 3.30 unless the Chairman, after consultation with Group Leaders, determines otherwise
10: Petitions	Clarify that “Any person may present a petition” under this section applies to members of the public (not members)
10.1.2: Location for making address	Clarify that it is for the Chairman to ‘determine’ the location in the Chamber from which addresses shall be given
10.3: Chairman’s discretion	Clarify that it is also the Chairman’s discretion to determine not just the length and order of petitions/addresses but ‘who speaks’
12.3.2: Notice of questions	Clarify the conditions under which Proper Officer can reject a question – to include a matter which is not within the powers and duties of the Council.
14.1.4: Suspension of procedure rules	Clarify that a motion can be put to suspend not just a specified procedure rule but ‘part thereof’
15.4.2: Length of speeches	Clarify that the time limit extensions for speaking at the February meeting apply only ‘when discussing the budget’.

NB A track-change version of the Council Procedure Rules will be available in the Members’ Resource Room should members wish to see it.