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ANNUAL COUNCIL

DECISION SUMMARY

22 May 2013

Item 9 – Proposed Amendments to the Council’s Constitution

- (1) That the proposed changes to the Constitution, apart from those that relate to Executive functions, referred to in the Key Points section of the submitted report, be approved, subject to the following changes:
 - (a) Additional wording be included in CPR12(1) to provide for a 3 minute time limit for the question to be put, subject to the Mayor’s discretion.
 - (b) That approval be not given to the proposed wording in CPR5(1) relative to bringing forward Member Motions.
 - (c) That the proposed 3 minute time limit for individual responses to written questions be changed to 5 minutes
 - (d) That the following additional wording be included in CPR12(9), namely:
“In circumstances where the responding Councillor has elected, pursuant to CPR 12(6)(c), to provide a written answer to a question, no supplementary question will be permitted.”
 - (e) That the proposed amendment to CPR16(1) to provide for a comfort break be not approved.
 - (f) That reference to Corporate Governance and Audit Committee in CPR35(7) be deleted.
 - (g) That in relation to the terms of reference for the Policy Committee, provision be included, within the section on Meeting and Reporting Arrangements, for more than one policy committee to be established and for co-optees to be invited as appropriate; further, replace the current wording in the Overview and Scrutiny section with the following:
“Consultation will take place with the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee in respect of areas of proposed activity in order to avoid duplication of work programmes.”
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Council’s Monitoring Officer to make all agreed and consequential amendments to the Constitution.