

Committee:	Standards Committee	Agenda Item No.:	7.
Date:	12 th February 2013	Category	*
Subject:	Council Procedure Rules	Status	Open
Report by:	Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer		
Other Officers involved:	Principle Solicitor Democratic Services Officer		
Director	Chief Executive Officer		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	N/A		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

COMMUNITY SAFETY – Ensuring that communities are safe and secure
CUSTOMER FOCUSED SERVICES – Providing excellent customer focused services

ENVIRONMENT – Promoting and enhancing a clean and sustainable environment

REGENERATION – Developing healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities

SOCIAL INCLUSION – Promoting fairness, equality and lifelong learning.

STRATEGIC ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Continually improving our organisation.

This report proposes changes to the Council Procedure Rules which are the rules the Council follows when it is carrying out its business. The rules do not apply to the Executive. These rules therefore affect all the Council's corporate aims.

TARGETS

The subject matter does not contribute directly to any targets specified in the Corporate Plan.

VALUE FOR MONEY

The rules are about how the Council governs itself and not about the expenditure of money.

THE REPORT

Standards Committee set up a Working Group of members to consider the revision of the Constitution. The members of this Working Group are:-

Cllr Syrett

Cllr Gilmour

Cllr Webster

This Working Group has considered the Council Procedure Rules and is making recommendations for change. The amended version is attached for consideration.

One matter that requires consideration results from changes in the Localism Act 2011. This is in relation to the election of the Leader.

Under previous legislation, the Council amended its Constitution to provide for the Leader to be elected for a 4 year term. The Leader was duly elected for a 4 year term in 2011.

Under the Localism Act 2011, the position is as it was before this change, with the legislation requiring the Council to decide how long the Leader is elected for. (Schedule 2, paragraph 9(l) of the Localism Act 2011). The Council now needs to do this and then we can incorporate it within the Council Procedure Rules in the Constitution.

This is at paragraph 4.1.6 of the draft Rules.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

The changes within the draft Council Procedure Rules. Officers will go through the changes with the Standards Committee at the meeting.

Training – once approved, training on the new Rules will be included in the Standards training being organised for District Councillors.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial : None

Legal : As in the report.

Human Resources : None

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Standards Committee recommend to Council

(1) The period of office for the Leader.

(2) The approval of the draft Council Procedure Rules for inclusion in the Constitution.

ATTACHMENT: **Y – Draft Council Procedure Rules**

FILE REFERENCE: **None**

SOURCE DOCUMENT: ***The Council's Constitution.***