

FC29. Standing Orders

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which provided draft revised Standing Orders for adoption. The revisions principally gave effect to the changes to the decision making structure previously agreed by Council on 9 May 2018 (ref FC11). There had been further revisions to address some inconsistencies, repetitions or errors. Gender neutral personal and possessive pronouns had been substituted for their inconsistently used gendered equivalents.

Council's previous decision had altered the composition of the Executives and Scrutiny Committees, the revised Standing Orders made provision for the sharing of convenerships between political groups and flexibility in the appointment of portfolio holders.

Council was asked to consider whether provision should be made in the Standing Orders requiring that motions and amendments were made available in writing. Previous versions of the Standing Orders had included such a provision but there was no such requirement in the current version or the revised version appended to the report.

The report advised that the Chief Governance Officer would carry out a general review of the Standing Orders over the coming year, in consultation with elected members, and report back to Council with a view to producing a simplified more coherent document.

Decision

Council agreed the revised Standing Orders as appended to the report.