

FC53. Standing Orders

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which presented revised Standing Orders, as an appendix, to give effect to the changes agreed by Council at its meeting on 25 September 2019. The report also invited Council to consider the size of its committees and their political balance as the matter was continued from the previous meeting and whether a member submitting a motion which stands referred must be present for it to be considered.

Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Bouse, moved that Council agrees:-

- (1) the revised Standing Orders appended to the report;
- (2) to maintain the status quo in regard to committee size and political balance, and
- (3) that members submitting a motion which stands referred must be present in order for that motion to be considered otherwise the motion will fall regardless of the circumstances.

As an amendment, Councillor Bissett, seconded by Councillor Coombes, moved that Council agrees:-

- (1) the revised Standing Orders appended to the report;
- (2) to maintain the status quo in regard to committee size and political balance, and
- (3) to maintain the status quo in regard to motions which stand referred.

In terms of Standing order 22.1, the vote was taken by roll call, there being 26 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (10) – Councillors Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Coleman, Collie, Garner, Hughes, Meiklejohn, Murtagh and Spears.

For the amendment (16) – Provost Buchanan; and Councillors Aitchison, Bissett, Black, Blackwood, Coombes, Flynn, Grant, Harris, Kerr, McLuckie, Munro, Nicol, Nimmo, Patrick and Reid.

Decision

Council agreed the amendment.