

FC7. Standing Orders

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services presenting, as an appendix, the Council's Standing Orders for approval.

The Standing Orders are comprised of two documents: the Standing Orders in Relation to Meetings, and the Scheme of Delegation to Committees and Officers. These documents regulate the process of decision making within the Council and set out the composition of its committees. The current Standing Orders had been approved by Council on 29 March 2017 (ref FC 91).

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

- (1) the Executive and Education Executive be reduced from 12 to 10 elected members with a better representation of 6 administration and 4 opposition;
- (2) portfolio remits are realigned to match Service areas and create a portfolio that covers across service areas for Performance, Improvement and Best Value;
- (3) a further report be provided on the remit for each of the realigned portfolio areas which will be brought back to Council;

Portfolios

Convener (Leader of the Council) including resources
Economic and Development Services (including FCT)
Corporate and Housing Services
Children's Services (including Criminal Justice)
Performance, Improvement and Best Value
Health and Social Care

- (4) the Joint Consultative Committee's Terms of Reference are reviewed in consultation with the Trade Unions, and
- (5) Baillies are removed, as their role currently adds no real value to the Council.

In the absence of general agreement the motion was put to the vote, for or against, in terms of Standing Order 20.11.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1, the vote was taken by roll call, there being 30 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (13) – Provost Coleman; Depute Provost Ritchie; Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Collie, Garner, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn, Murtagh and Spears.

Against the motion (17) – Councillors Aitchison, Bissett, Black, Blackwood, Buchanan, Coombes, Flynn, Goldie, Grant, Harris, Kerr, McLuckie, Munro, Nicol, Nimmo, Patrick and Reid.

Decision

The motion was not carried.