

## Constitutional Working Party Recommendations in Response to Motion from Council referred to Cabinet on 7th January 2008

<p><b>1. Permitting the public to speak at full Council on any item listed on the agenda.</b></p>	<p>(A) That the current “Deputations and Public Addresses” item on the Council agenda be used for public comments and petitions.</p> <p>(B) This item to be restricted to a maximum of thirty minutes duration.</p> <p>(C) Each public speaker to have three minutes to say whatever they wish to, across any subject or other agenda item except “Motions”.</p> <p>(D) Public speakers to register by 12 noon on the day of the meeting.</p> <p>(E) The Mayor to have discretion to reorder the order of public speakers so as to encourage those who have not addressed Council before or recently and also for the purpose of balancing the contributions. Mayor to also have discretion to either allow more public speakers for items of greater public interest or to request a further Council meeting to hold the discussion.</p> <p>(F) This provision to not prevent a member of the public also registering to speak to a motion.</p>
<p><b>2. Allowing Councillors more time to question portfolio holders in full Council.</b></p>	<p>(A) That Portfolio Holder presentations and questions be extended up to forty five minutes</p> <p>(B) That notwithstanding the existing provisions in the Constitution, the Mayor to ensure that Portfolio Holders do not take longer than the three minutes allotted for their presentations.</p>
<p><b>3. Extending the guillotine to provide adequate time for business.</b></p>	<p>Agreed that the extension of the current Guillotine time by 30 minutes. The decision of whether the 30minute extension be resolved by starting the meeting earlier at 6pm or closing the meeting later at 10pm should be left with the Council to agree.</p>
<p><b>4. Reducing the deadline for submission of written questions from five clear working days</b></p>	<p>(A) That the Council agenda be published seven clear working days before a meeting.</p> <p>(B) That the deadline for submission of written questions be 10:00am on the Monday following publication of the agenda.</p>
<p><b>5. Reducing the deadline for submission of <u>motions</u> from twelve clear working days.</b></p>	<p>(A) That the deadline be eight working days.</p>

