

**CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERS' DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**13 NOVEMBER 2014**

**COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To provide a summary of suggested changes to the draft Council Procedure Rules following the receipt of independent legal advice from an expert in relation to Council Constitutions.

**BACKGROUND**

2. As part of phase one of the review of the Council Constitution, the Council Procedure Rules have been redrafted. In view of the importance of the Council Procedure Rules, a legal check has also been undertaken to identify any issues pertinent to this Committee's consideration of the Rules.
3. A summary of the key suggested changes to the draft Council Procedure Rules following the receipt of independent legal advice is attached to this report.

**RECOMMENDATION**

4. It is recommended that the changes suggested by the independent expert be incorporated into the Council Procedure Rules and that the Council's Monitoring Officer be authorised to incorporate the changes together with any inconsequential changes that remove ambiguities and correct typographic and grammatical errors.

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