

Amendments To Chapter 3 of the Council's Constitution

Public Speaking and Questions at Committees

Insert new paragraph 2.28,

2.28 In exceptional circumstances, the ability to submit written questions and statements will be permitted.

Six-month rule: application to service committees

Insert new paragraph 2.43.

2.43 A report on a matter that is the same or substantially the same as that upon which a decision was made by the committee within the preceding 6 months, may only be placed on the agenda with the permission of the Chair of the committee. At the meeting, immediately before the proposed agenda item report is considered, the committee may, by simple majority, decide to accept or reject the report for consideration. If the report is accepted for consideration, the committee may then make a new resolution.

Decision Referral

Proposed amendment to paragraph 4.23.

The Monitoring Officer may discuss the request with the lead Member signatory, the Chair of the relevant service committee and the Mayor with a view to achieving an outcome to resolve the issue without the need for referral to Council. *If an informal decision referral meeting is held to consider alternative options which would resolve the matter without reference to Council, the meeting should include the Group Leader for the largest opposition Group, the Leader/Deputy Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Group whose Member has requested that the decision be reviewed, and the Member who has made the request.*