

Item 7 (e) – Motions on Notice at Full Council

The attached report was considered by the Governance Committee, and the relevant minute extract is below:

Motions on Notice at Full Council (30 January 2024, Minute 15)

The Committee considered the report which set out amendments to the constitution relating to Motions on Notice. The proposed amendments were sought for agreement to insert a new paragraph to include limitations of motions to ensure that there was not an unacceptable strain on the general wellbeing, mental and physical health of Members and Officers, with additional impacts to home and family obligations.

Members debated the proposed amendment, noting that the constitution, as it stood had limitations in regards to debate and discussed whether additional limitations were necessary. Some members expressed concern that it could limit topics for discussion. Members considered whether it was a good use of time, as there were other forums for matters to be raised. Members discussed the Advisory Committees and its forum for policies and hearing from all political groups. It was proposed and duly seconded that the Governance Committee forms a working group to establish procedures for motions at full Council.

The motion was put the vote and it was lost.

It was moved by the Chairman that the recommendations in the report be agreed.

The motion was put to the vote and it was

Resolved: That it be recommend to Council that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to insert a new paragraph 20.6 into the Constitution, substantially in terms as set out in the report.

*Cllrs Clayton and Streatfeild requested their vote against the recommendation be noted.