

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING – 23 MAY 2024
AGENDA ITEM 11

The Council formally rescinds paragraph (iii) of the motion in relation to the Constitutional Review Working Party (ref: 20 February 2024, Agenda Item 17 paragraph (iii)).

The Council notes the application of Council procedure rules to the Council's Committees as defined in the Constitution (ref: 4 (1a) paragraph 27.2).

The Council instructs the Chief Executive to produce a written guidance note to members, specifically to:

- recognise the importance of scrutiny in local authorities. In a committee system, committees are the place where this happens and where questioning and debate should happen
- reiterate the Council procedure rules as they apply to Council committees
- confirm the cessation of written questions from members to officers
- confirm that questions from members to officers without notice should be pertinent to the agenda item and at the discretion of the Chair
- recognise the necessary discretion to the Chairs of the Council's Regulatory committees
- confirm the requirement for regular briefings between opposition spoke persons and the relevant senior officers, in addition to the requirement for briefings with the Chair/Vice-Chair and relevant senior officers

Proposer: Councillor Anna Bailey
Seconder: Councillor Lorna Dupre
Councillor: Councillor Alan Sharp
Councillor: Councillor Kelli Pettitt
Councillor: Councillor Lucius Vellacott