

**RECORD OF OUTCOMES FROM THE CONSTITUTION AND ETHICS COMMITTEE
MEETING
HELD AT 7:00PM, ON
MONDAY, 11 MARCH 2019
BOURGES/VIERSEN ROOM, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

1. OFFICER EMPLOYMENT RULES

The Constitution and Ethics Committee considered and **RESOLVED** (Unanimous) to note and agree the proposed revisions to the Officer Employment Rules (Part 4 Section 9 of the Constitution).

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL STANDARDS

The Constitution and Ethics Committee considered and **RESOLVED** (Unanimous) to:

1. Note the recommendations contained within the Committee on Standards in Public Life ("CSPL") report on Local Government Ethical Standards; and
2. Agree that once the model code of conduct has been revised to request the Monitoring Officer to revise the Members' Code of Conduct, Constitution, Hearings Procedure and Guidance as necessary to bring in to effect the required changes; and
3. To present the proposed revisions to the Constitution & Ethics Committee for consideration and recommendation to Full Council for approval as required.

3. AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS

The Constitution and Ethics Committee considered and **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that:

1. it be agreed to amend the Constitution at Part 4 Section 1 Standing Orders to: (4 for, 3 abstain)
 - a) reflect the revised Council motion and amendment deadlines:
 - Draft Motions - 10.00am, 9 clear working days before the meeting
 - Final Motions - 10.00am, 7 clear working days before the meeting
 - Draft Amendments - 12 noon, 3 clear working days before the meeting
 - Final Amendments - 12 noon, the day before the meeting
 - b) include a section on 'Scope of questions' in relation to questions from Members, as set out in paragraph 4.2.2 of the report. (For 6, 1 against)
2. it be agreed to amend the Constitution at Part 4 Section 1 Standing Orders to allow for motions and amendments to be debated together, as set out in paragraph 4.3.4 of the report, subject to mover and amendment switching order as per 4.3.4 (For 5, 2 abstain)
3. Training to be given if agreed at Full Council (Unanimous)

4. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The Constitution and Ethics Committee considered and **RESOLVED** to:

1. agree the Social Media Code with additional recommendations as agreed by the Committee. (For 6, 1 abstain)
2. issue the Social Media Code to all members of the Council with immediate effect.

5. PETITIONS SCHEME UPDATE

The Constitution and Ethics Committee considered and **RESOLVED** (Unanimous) to recommend to Full Council the updated petition scheme.

6. COUNCIL MEETINGS START TIME

The Constitution and Ethics Committee considered and **RESOLVED** (Unanimous) to agree to a proposed start time of 6pm being included within future schedules of meetings submitted to Full Council.

7. PARISH COUNCIL REGISTER OF INTERESTS – UPDATE

The Constitution and Ethics Committee considered and **RESOLVED** (Unanimous) to:

1. continue to monitor the situation and report back to the Committee.
2. receive an update in six months on progress made with training.

8. WORK PROGRAMME

The Constitution and Ethics Committee considered and **RESOLVED** (unanimous) to note the Committee's work programme for the municipal year 2019/20