RECONVENED COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 9(c)
26 JULY 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

## **EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL**

## (c) AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - UPDATES TO THE CONSTITUTION

Audit Committee, at its meeting of 26 June 2017, received a report which sought the Committee's views on proposed amendments and updates to the Council's constitution, including Regulatory Committee Functions, Standing Orders, and the Petitions Scheme.

At this meeting the Audit Committee agreed to recommend the proposed updates to Council, subject to the replacement of any reference to "sufficient reasoning" to "reasoning" within the Regulatory Committee Functions, and the removal of "from more than one Political Group" within the Council Standing Orders.

These amendments have been made within the attached appendices.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council:

- 1) Agree to suspend standing order 29.2 to allow for variation of Council Standing Orders without the item standing adjourned;
- 2) Approve the updated Regulatory Committee Functions (Appendix A) subject to the replacement of any reference to "sufficient reasoning" to "reasoning";
- 3) Approve the updated Council Standing Orders (Appendix B) subject to the removal of "from more than one Political Group":
- 4) Approve the updated General Standing Orders (Appendix C); and
- 5) Approve the updated Petition Scheme (Appendix D).

## **APPENDICES**

Appendix A - Regulatory Committee Functions;

Appendix B - Council Standing Orders;

Appendix C - General Standing Orders; and

Appendix D - Petition Scheme.

The original Audit Committee report follows these appendices.

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