



Title of Report:	Update to Council's Standing Orders
Committee Report Submitted To:	Corporate Policy & Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	23 September 2025
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed In Committee YES/NO	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)

Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership – Improvement & Innovation
Outcome	Council has agreed policies and procedures and decision making is consistent with them
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

Estimated Timescale for Completion

Date to be Completed	23 September 2025
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Budgetary Considerations

Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	N/A
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	N/A
Staffing Costs	N/A

Legal Considerations

Input of Legal Services Required	YES/NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	YES/NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider a query raised by a Member regarding speaking rights at Committees and the interpretation of Standing Order 15(6) in relation to Motions proposed by Members who are not Members of the Committee to which the Motion is tabled.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Guidance on the query at hand was sought from Council's Legal Services department.

3.0 Legal Services.

- 3.1 The view on Standing order 15(6) is as follows.
- 3.2 Once a motion has been proposed and seconded at full Council it is then moved to the relevant Committee. If not a member of the relevant Committee, the proposer may speak but not vote.
- 3.3 Standing Order 18(2) states that a member may alter a motion which he/she has moved without notice, with the consent of both the meeting and the seconder.
- 3.4 If members wished to add more clarity to this, they could add a clause to Standing Order 15 stating that a member who is not a member of the relevant Committee may amend a motion that they have moved at full Council, at the relevant Committee, of which they are not a member.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 **It is recommended** that Standing Order 18(2) allows Members to alter a motion with the consent of the meeting and the seconder and that Standing Order applies to Committees as well as full Council. This could also be reinforced with an addition to Standing Order 15 stating that a member who is not a member of the relevant Committee may amend a motion that they have moved at full Council, at the relevant Committee, of which they are not a member.