

DEALING WITH AMENDMENTS TO RECOMMENDATIONS AND MOTIONS

RECOMMENDATION FROM: CONSTITUTION COMMISSION – 5 OCTOBER 2017

Responsible Councillor: Councillor R Bradburn (Vice-Chair of the Constitution Commission)

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Recommendation:

That the Council be recommended to adopt the revised approach to dealing with Amendments to Recommendations and Motions as set out in the revised Council Procedure Rule 13.

What Action is the Council being asked to take:

The Council is being requested to adopt a revised Council Procedure Rule 13 which deals with the way Amendments to Recommendations and Motions are dealt with.

A revised Council Procedure Rule 13, showing the amendments is attached at **Annex A**.

The main differences the revisions to the Procedure Rule would bring are:

- (a) Amendments will be moved and seconded without an introductory speech from the mover and seconder;
- (b) Parts of Amendments may be accepted by the mover of the original motion;
- (c) There will be no debate on individual amendments not accepted by the mover of the motion;
- (d) Amendments not accepted will be debated together with the original / substantive motion;
- (e) There will be no closing speech by a mover of an amendment; and
- (f) Each amendment / part of an amendment not accepted will be voted on in the order in which they were received.

An illustration of how the revised procedure rule might work in practice is attached at **Annex B**.