

Title of meeting:	Governance and Audit and Standards Committee Full Council
Date of meeting:	3 March 2020 17 March 2020
Subject:	Proposed revision to Standing Order 32 - Referral of Motions to other bodies of the Council
Report by:	City Solicitor
Wards affected:	N/A
Key decision:	No
Full Council decision:	Yes

1. Purpose of report

To ask Governance & Audit & Standards Committee to consider recommending to Council that the option to refer Notices of Motion to other bodies of the Council and subsequently report back to Council, be removed.

2. Recommendations

2.1. That the Committee recommends to Council that all the wording after the first sentence in section d of Standing Order 32 be deleted leaving "Motions included in the agenda must be formally moved and seconded."

3. Background

3.1. Proposers of Notices of Motion which are published on Full Council agendas are given 3 minutes to convince Council whether to debate the matter. After this time, Council may decide to either debate the matter or refer it to another body of the Council, such as a scrutiny panel or Cabinet/Portfolio. That body is then required to report back to Full Council within the next 3 ordinary scheduled meetings.

4. Reasons for recommendations

4.1. Removing Council's decision to refer matters to other bodies of the Council would mean that all Notices of Motion will be debated. This would also negate the requirement for proposers to have 3 minutes to determine whether the motion needs to be debated. All matters would therefore be debated and put to the vote and either be carried or fail (irrespective of amendments).

4.2. This would not affect Notices of Motion being brought back to Council after 6 months or being resubmitted if previously abandoned.

5. Integrated impact assessment

This report does not require an Integrated Impact Assessment as it does not propose any new or changed services, policies or strategies.

6. Legal implications

The legal implications are embodied within this report.

7. Director of Finance's comments

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report.

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Signed by:

Appendices: Nil

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location