

URGENT DECISION BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Decision relating to the Amendment of Standing Order 24 to replace SO24a-f adopted on 27 May 2020

Date of Urgent Decision: 24 August 2020

An urgent Council decision taken by the Chief Executive in response to the above matter in accordance with Standing Order 58 of the council's Procedure Rules.

Prior to exercising Standing Order 58 the Chief Executive has taken account of the views of:

The Leader of the Council: Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson

The Deputy Leader of the Opposition: Cllr Luke Stubbs

The Chair of the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee: Cllr Leo Madden

and is satisfied that it is necessary to invoke Standing Order 58 in the interests of the efficient administration of the Council's services to exercise any of the powers of the Full Council.

Decision

The Chief Executive:

Amended Standing Order 24 so that SO24 a-f adopted on 27 May 2020 is replaced with the following:

For the purpose of a Planning Committee the below provisions will apply (a-f)

- a) Following the publication of the Officers Report (in the agenda) the Applicant and those that have made representations will be contacted by the Council and invited to register to make a deputation (see below at paragraph (f)) in the form of a written further representation should they so choose. Registration to make a deputation must be made either: after the agenda is published and before 12.00 on the day 7 working days preceding the relevant meeting; or before the agenda is published at the time the original representation is made. Any requests to make a deputation after the latter of these times will not be accepted.
- b) The applicant and all those that have registered an interest in making a further deputation to the Committee (in accordance with (a) above) will be written to, no later than five working days in advance of the meeting advising them of the length of written deputation allowed. No deputation will be allowed to be longer than 800 words. The total length of written deputations for those in favour and against a proposal will be 1,600 words respectively. If more than 2 people wish to speak for or against a proposition, the length of deputation allocated to each will be reduced proportionately unless they agree otherwise amongst themselves how to apportion the 1,600 words. The deadline for submitting the requested further written deputation is 12.00 on the day two working days preceding the relevant meeting

- c) Any further representation (in accordance with (b) above) should be received by the Council no later than two days prior to the date of the relevant Committee. Further representations (if any) will be sent electronically to the Applicant to enable the applicant to have a 'right of reply' as part of their own further written representation, which must subsequently be received by the Council no later than 10.00 on the day of the relevant Committee meeting.
- d) The further written representation(s) will be circulated to the Members of the Committee, and, at the discretion of the Committee, will be read out as part of the presentation by an officer prior to the Committee discussion of the application.
- e) Any deputation must relate to the agenda item in respect of which it is made.
- f) For the purposes of this standing order those who have made representations includes any member of the public who supports or objects to the application or proposal being considered prior to the agenda being published.

The amendments are made subject to confirmation that the Chair will have discretion to manage a situation where there are large numbers of deputees (SO24 b) and agreement to a further review within three months.

The amendments will be implemented with effect from the next Planning Committee meeting.

Signed Chief Executive:
David Williams