

Proposed to Standing Orders on acceptable / unacceptable motions

1. Standing Order B30 – Scope of Motions

- Add additional points (b) and (c), as follows:

"30. Motions must be:

- (a) about matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which directly affect the Council's area
- (b) concise, clear and to the point
- (c) positive, that is require the Council to adopt a course of action"

1. Standing Order B33 - Motions which cannot be Moved

- Add additional points (e) and (f) as follows:

"33. The following motions shall not be accepted by the Chief Executive - any motion which:

- (a) seeks to rescind any resolution or decision which has been passed at a meeting of the Full Council held within the preceding 12 months
- (b) has been voted upon, but not carried within six months of the date of the meeting of the Full Council at which it, or one to the same effect, was voted upon
- (c) would require the Council to act in breach of its own Constitution or legislation
- (d) requires the Council to act in a way that is beyond its powers and responsibilities
- (e) is vague and ambiguous
- (f) merely expresses an opinion and does not require the Council to adopt a course of action "

1. Standing Order B39 - Moving and Seconding of Motions

- Amend to replace the word "negate" with a different form of words to provide clarity in B39(3).

"39 (3) An Amendment must be relevant to the Motion and shall either be:

- (a) to refer the matter to an appropriate body or individual for consideration or reconsideration;
 - (b) to leave out a word or words;
 - (c) to leave out a word or words and insert or add others, or to insert a word or words
- as long as the effect of leaving out and/or inserting a word or words does not amount to a direct contradiction of, or have the same effect as voting against, the motion."

- Additionally, add a new 39(4), and renumber the existing 39(4) as 39(5)

"(4) The following amendments will not be accepted – those that

- (a) propose such a substantial alteration of the motion as to make it a new motion
- (b) are vague, vexatious or obstructive so as to impede the proper transaction of council business
- (c) are irrelevant, bearing no relation to the original motion
- (d) introduce a new topic"