

Changes to the Standing Orders

Officers' Recommendation

That the Authority agrees to the changes to the Standing Orders as set out in this officers' paper.

Background

Typically, procedural matters for the Authority are considered at the Annual General Meeting (AGM); however, considering the exact nature of the changes being proposed, it is beneficial if these are considered before the AGM, enabling changes to be made to the Standing Orders before the AGM.

The current Standing Orders (version 1.5 – September 2021) detail the process for appointments of the Chair and the Vice Chair. In addition, the Standing Orders set out the procedure for voting and when a Member is not able to vote due to declaring a pecuniary interest.

In both scenarios, the Standing Orders lack clarity regarding whether Members should remain in the room during voting. The officers' recommendations are that appropriate wording will be developed to clarify the following and added to the Standing Orders:

- a) When voting on appointments for the role of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee or any Sub-Committee, if there is more than one nominated person for the role, all nominated persons shall leave the room whilst voting takes place.***
- b) If a Member has declared a pecuniary interest in a matter being discussed, they shall leave the room whilst voting on that matter takes place.***

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers

- D&S IFCA Standing Orders (Version 1.5 – September 2021)

End.