

Recommendation to Full Council

11 May 2023

Review of Public Participation Rules

For Decision

Portfolio Holder: Cllr S Flower, Leader of the Council

Local Councillor(s): All

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Recommendation:

That the Procedure Rules for Public Participation be amended as follows:

(a) That the Council accepts the first 8 questions and the first 8 statements received from members of the public or organisations for each Full Council meeting on a first come first served basis in accordance with the current deadline for receipt of questions and statements;

(b) That in exceptional circumstances the Chairman of Council has discretion to allow more than 8 questions;

(c) That any questions received over the first 8 questions, the resident or organisation will be asked if they wish to receive a written response from the Portfolio Holder;

(d) That members of the public or organisations can submit a maximum of 1 question or 1 statement at each meeting of the Full Council;

(e) That each question or statement submitted be up to a word count of 450 and the response from the Portfolio holder be a maximum of 300 words;

(f) That statements received by residents or organisations be published, in full, before the Full Council meeting as a supplement to the agenda and published, in full, as an appendix to the minutes but will not be read out at the Full Council meeting to allow more time for questions and responses.

Appendices

Report to the Audit & Governance Committee 27th February 2023.

Background papers

Link to the Procedure Rules in the current Constitution: Constitution Procedure Rules

[Part 2 Rules of Procedure - Council and Committee Procedure Rules.pdf \(dorsetcouncil.gov.uk\)](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/media/1000000/Part_2_Rules_of_Procedure_-_Council_and_Committee_Procedure_Rules.pdf)