

Motions Submitted to Council

In accordance with Chapter 2, Part 2 (Rule 15) of the Council's Constitution

Motion 2

Submitted by Councillor Speight

Residents get nine, or at best ten, opportunities a year to see their council in full action. Far too often vital matters are not discussed because of the guillotine regulations which foreshorten debate and discussion. This has led, in the past, to political filibustering and spurious questions to ensure that matters are not discussed in public because of the time limitation.

This is not democracy in action. For full meetings only, councillors and officers should be expected to give whatever time is necessary to discuss matters. This motion does not seek to remove the limits of time individual councillors get to speak, but to remove the guillotine on separate sections of the meeting; henceforth this council calls on cabinet and/or the constitution working group to review the constitution as a matter of urgency and subsequently allow monthly full council meetings to run their full length without the need to invoke standing orders for an extension.

Monitoring Officer Comments:

Rule 15.2 of the Council Procedure and Rules states that a notice of motion must relate to a matter which affects the authority or the authority's area and must relate to a matter in respect of which the authority has a relevant function. The motion relates to the Council constitution and procedures rules.

Section 151 Officer Comments:

There are no specific financial implications arising from the motion.

Is the above motion within the remit of Council to approve?

Yes