

Item 11 - Governance Arrangements – Standing Orders.

Amend Draft Standing Order 11.0 (Removal from Office)

Delete:

11.0 Removal from Office

11.1 The Council may remove the Provost, Depute Provost(s), Leader, Depute Leader, Convener (excluding Area Conveners), Depute Convener or Spokesperson, where a Notice of Motion is submitted to the next Council meeting, in accordance with Standing Order No. 10. This will form the first item of business at the next applicable meeting. Following debate, a decision as to whether to remove from office the Provost, Depute Provost(s), Convener, Depute Convener or Spokesperson will be decided by not less than two-thirds of members present and entitled to vote at the meeting; or

11.2 Any motion for removing an Area Convener or a member of a Committee or Subcommittee- (excluding Area Committee) may be brought forward at a relevant meeting of the Area Committee, Committee or Sub Committee as appropriate and be carried by a majority vote by those members present and eligible to vote at the meeting at which the motion is put. If a majority decision cannot be reached the matter will be referred back to full Council for determination.

11.3 If the matter was deemed urgent, a special meeting of the Council could be called in accordance with Standing Order No.6.

Add:

11.0 Removal from Office

11.1 The Council may remove the Provost, Depute Provost(s), Leader, Depute Leader, Convener, Depute Convener, Spokesperson, Area Convener or a member of a Committee or Sub-Committee, where either: -

(1) A Notice of Motion to remove the Provost is submitted to the next Council meeting, in accordance with Standing Order No. 10. This will form the first item of business at the next applicable meeting. Following debate, a decision as to whether to remove from office the Provost will be decided by not less than two-thirds of members present and entitled to vote at the meeting; or

(2) A Notice of Motion to remove the Depute Provost(s), Leader, Depute Leader, Committee Convener/Depute Convener, Spokesperson, or a member of a Committee or Sub-Committee, is submitted to the next Council meeting, in accordance with Standing Order No. 10. This will form the first item of business at the next applicable meeting. Following debate, a decision as to whether to remove from office a Depute Provost(s), Committee Convener/Depute Convener, Spokesperson, or a member of a Committee or Sub-Committee may be carried by a majority vote by those members present and eligible to vote at the meeting at which the motion is put; or

11.2 Any motion to remove an Area Convener may be brought forward at a relevant meeting of the Area Committee and be carried by a majority vote by those members present and eligible to vote at the meeting at which the motion is put. If a majority decision cannot be reached the motion will fall.

Or

11.3 If the matter was deemed urgent, a special meeting of the Council could be called in accordance with Standing Order No.6.