

# **Borough of Douglas**

Town Hall,

Douglas,

9<sup>th</sup> April, 2014

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2014, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the TOWN HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

# The Mayor

# COUNCILLOR MRS CAROL ELIZABETH MALARKEY, JP

# Councillor

| Mrs C.A. Corlett          | Miss D.A.M. Pitts |
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| Mrs S.D.A. Hackman        | Mr W.M. Malarkey  |
| Mr S.R. Pitts             | Mr R.H. McNicholl |
| Mr D.J. Ashford, JP       | Mr J.E. Skinner   |
| Mrs R. Chatel             | Ms K. Angela      |
| Mr J. Joughin             | Mr S.C. Cain      |
| Mr D.W. Christian MBE, JP | Mrs E.C. Quirk    |
| Mr G.J. Faragher          |                   |

Apologies were submitted by Messrs Councillors E.A. Joyce, C.L.H. Cain.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Borough Treasurer and the Borough Engineer and Surveyor were in attendance.

## 1. Minutes – 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 were approved and signed.

# 2. **Minutes – 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2014**

The minutes of the special private Council meeting held on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 were approved and signed.

## 3. Standing Order 39 – Question Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford

The following question addressed by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford to the Chairman of the Regeneration and Community Advisory Committee, and the Chairman's reply, were noted on the minutes:-

#### Question:

After years of neglect and patchwork maintenance, what plans are in place to restore the wall in Victoria Crescent and what assessment of the current structure's stability has been undertaken?

#### Reply:

There are no plans currently to restore the wall at Victoria Crescent. There was a provision made in the estimates for 2005/06 but the work was deferred and that happened year after year until 2012/13 when the provision was finally removed altogether.

The structure has not been the subject of any recent full survey in relation to its stability as that would not be normal practice in case of a structure of this height. However periodic basic maintenance is carried out as and when necessary.

## **Supplementary Question:**

Considering the state of the wall should the Council not be maintaining its property in the same way it would expect from a private landowner?

#### Reply:

The wall is structurally sound but looks messy. When sufficient funds are put in the budget it will be tidied up.

## 4. Executive Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, Clauses A1 – A17 inclusive

Resolved unanimously, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee as contained in Clauses A1 to A17 inclusive of report of meeting held Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

# 5. Executive Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, Clause B18

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee as contained in Clause B18 of report of meeting held Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, be received, approved and adopted by the Council subject to correction of the minutes to include an amendment of the proposed wording of Standing Order 81 which was inadvertently omitted; namely to appoint all the Members of the Regeneration and Community Committee to be Members of the Allotments Committee; and to provide for any member of the Environmental Services Committee to be the Council's representative on the Joint Civic Amenity Site Committee and the Richmond Hill Consultative Committee."

Amendment moved by Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, seconded by Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, "That amendment be made to Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution, Article 6 – the Executive, Paragraph 6.2; and to Standing Order 83 so as to allow attendance and voting of the Vice-Chairman in meetings of the Executive Committee, when the corresponding Committee Chairman has given apologies and is unable to attend the Executive meeting."

Question put on Amendment. On division being challenged, there voted **For:** Councillors Mesdames C.A. Corlett, S.D.A. Hackman, Mr Councillor J. Joughin, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, Messrs Councillors G.J. Faragher, W.M. Malarkey, Councillor Ms K. Angela, Mr Councillor S.C. Cain, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk - **9** 

**Against:** Messrs Councillors S.R. Pitts, D.J. Ashford, D.W. Christian, Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Messrs Councillors R.H. McNicholl, J.E. Skinner, Mayor - 7

## Amendment carried.

Question put on amended Motion. On division being challenged a vote was taken electronically and the amended Motion was carried unanimously.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 1 – Summary and Explanation – How the Council Operates – Paragraph 3, final sentence was amended to read:

Here Members decide the Council's overall policies, and set the budget each year; agree the Council's main plans; like the Corporate Plan; and approve the Council's contribution as a partner to the Douglas Community Partnership.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 1 – Summary and Explanation – How Decisions are Made – Paragraph 2 was amended to read:

Three Policy Committees undertake the development of those policy guidelines. These are the Housing and Property Committee, the Regeneration and Community Committee, and the Environmental Services Committee. Their respective areas of responsibility are set out in Part 3 of the Constitution, "Delegation and Assignment of Responsibilities."

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution – Article 2 – Members of the Council – Paragraph 2.1(a) was amended to read:

The Council comprises eighteen Councillors, otherwise called Members. Three Members will be elected by each ward.

In addition to the elected Members, the Council appoints to each of the Standards and Pensions Committee an Independent Member.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution – Article 2 – Members of the Council – Paragraph 2.3(a) was amended to read:

(a) Key Roles

All elected Members will:

- (i) Collectively be the ultimate policy-makers and carry out a number of strategic and corporate functions, taking a Borough-wide view;
- (ii) Represent their communities and constituents whose views they will bring into the Council's decision-making process;

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution – Article 2 – Members of the Council – Paragraph 2.2 was amended to read:

The regular election of Members will be held on such a day in April as determined by the Government under the Local Government Elections Act 1986 every four years. A Member will be elected for a four year term. If a Council seat becomes vacant for any reason, there will be a by-election to elect a new Councillor to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the four year term for that seat.

Where a vacancy occurs within six months before the day on which Members sould normally have retired, a by-election will not be held as above, unless the total number of unfilled vacancies in the Council exceeds one-third of the Members.

Independent Members shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the appropriate Committee following advertising and the selection by the Committee of a preferred candidate.

The appointment of Independent Members will be for a two-year period, concurrent with elected Members' terms of office, and may be extended for a further term of two years. The appointments shall be advertised as vacant, and applications invited, at least every four years.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution – Article 2 – Members of the Council – Paragraph 2.3 was amended to read:

## (c) Independent Members

Independent Members of Committees should demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to perform these roles, and to fulfil the requirement for an independent input to the respective Committees' decision-making process.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution – Article 2 – Members of the Council – Paragraph 2.4 was amended to read:

Members will at all times observe the Members' Code of Conduct set out in Part 5 of this Constitution.

The Council is required to maintain and update a Register of Interests of its Members and Independent Committee Members. The Register is available for public inspection at the Council's offices.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution – Article 2 – Members of the Council – Paragraph 2.5 was amended to read:

Members, including Independent Members of Committees, will be entitled to receive allowances in accordance with the Members' Allowances Scheme set out in Part 6 of this Constitution.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution – Article 2 – Members of the Council – a new Paragraph 2.6 is added and reads:

Appointment of Independent Members

In order to promoted public confidence in the good governance and standards of the Council, the Council appoints Independent Members to the Standards Committee and the Pensions Committee, who have no other link to the Council.

Both Independent Members' positions will be advertised at least every four years and applications considered by the respective Committee which will produce a recommendation to Council.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 2 – Article 3 – The Public and the Council – Paragraph 3.1(a) was amended to read:

A member of the public who is on the electoral roll for the Borough has the right to vote in local elections.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution – Article 4 – The Full Council – Paragraph 4.1(a) was amended to read:

The policy framework comprises the following plans and strategies:

Corporate Plan

Douglas Community Partnership Charter

Housing Strategy

Capital Strategy

Asset Management Strategy

Treasury Management Policy

Risk Management Strategy

Procurement Strategy

**Equalities Strategy** 

Medium Term Financial Strategy

Communications Strategy

Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution – Article 5 – Chairing the Council – Paragraph 5.4 was amended to read:

The Deputy Mayor will have the following responsibilities:

- To assist and deputise for the Mayor in carrying out the responsibilities of that Office;
- To attend such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and the Mayor may determine to be appropriate.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution – Article 5 – Chairing the Council – Paragraph 5.5(c) was amended to read:

Problems (legally) may arise if the outgoing Mayor or Deputy Mayor is a candidate for the post again (ie a second or subsequent term), as he/she has a direct interest.

The Mayor/Deputy Mayor should therefore absent him/herself from the Chair of the meeting during the election, but may remain within the meeting and may vote in the election.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution – Article 6 – The Executive – Paragraph 6.2 was amended to read:

The Executive Committee will consist of the Leader, the Chairs of

- Environmental Services Committee;
- Regeneration and Community Committee; and
- *Housing and Property Committee*;

and one other Member elected by the Council who shall neither be a Member nor Chair of any of those three Committees, nor the Mayor, nor the Leader of the Council.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the **Constitution: Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution – Article 6 – The Executive – Paragraph 6.3** was amended to read:

The Leader will be a Councillor elected to the position of Leader by the Council. The Leader will hold office for two years or until the date of the second private Council meeting that takes place under Standing Orders 8 and 81 unless:

- a) he/she resigns from office;
- b) he/she is no longer a Councillor;
- c) he/she becomes Mayor.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution – Article 8 – The Standards Committee – Paragraph 8.2 was amended to read:

(a) Membership

The Standards Committee will comprise:

- A Chair appointed by the Council;
- Three Council Members appointed by the Council;
- One person appointed by the Council who is not a Member or officer of the Council or any other body having a Standards Committee (the Independent Person)

#### (b) Independent Person

The Independent Person will be entitled to vote at meetings and will be reckoned in calculation of the quorum.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution – Article 9 – Joint Arrangements – Paragraph 9.6 – second bullet point was amended to read:

A 'Cleaner Safer Greener' Charter was developed by the Council and supported by five Government Departments. This development and facilitation of workshops to discuss antisocial behaviour and local environmental quality legislation led to the formation of the Douglas Community Partnership (DCP). The DCP is a strategic group committed to improving the quality of life within the Borough of Douglas for all persons. The membership comprises representatives from:

- Douglas Borough Council
- Department of Infrastructure
- Department of Health and Social Care
- Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture
- Department of Education and Children
- Department of Home Affairs via IOM Fire and Rescue Service and the Douglas Neighbourhood Policing Team

The Douglas Community Partnership aims to improve the quality of life in Douglas.

A strategic plan was developed by the Partnership using all the research and baseline available from the studies to ensure a strategic approach is implemented, so the Borough of Douglas is a Clean, Safe and Green place to live, work and enjoy, and that the quality of life within the Borough is constantly improved.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution – Article 10 – Officers – Paragraph 10.1(c) was amended to read:

(c) Assistant Chief Officers

The Council will engage persons for the following posts, and their responsibilities will be as set out in the table "Assignment of Responsibilities by Council and Committee" in Part 3 of this Constitution:

Assistant Chief Executive;

Assistant Town Clerk;

Assistant Chief Officer (Human Resources);

Assistant Chief Officer (Corporate and Development);

Assistant Chief Officer (Finance);

Assistant Chief Officer (Income);

Assistant Borough Engineer;

Assistant Chief Officer (Housing and Property).

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution – Article 14 – Suspension, Interpretation, and Publication of the Constitution – Paragraph 14.3(b) was amended to read:

The Chief Executive will ensure that copies are available for inspection at the Town Hall and can be purchased by members of the local press and the public on payment of a reasonable fee.

The Chief Executive will also ensure that a copy is available for public viewing on the Council's website.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions and Scheme of Delegation Structure Chart was amended to read:

Executive Committee

Council Leader +

3 Chairs (of Environmental Services, Regeneration & Community, and Housing & Property Committees) +

1 Council Member who is not a Chair of Member or any of the three named Committees, nor Leader, nor Mayor

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions and Scheme of Delegation Table of Responsibilities – Council Responsibilities was amended to read:

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|    | Adoption and amendment of Constitution, including Standing Orders  |  |
|    | Election of Mayor  |  |
|    | Election of Leader   |  |
|    | Appointment of Committee Chairs (Chair of Regeneration and Community Committee also to be Chair of Allotments Committee)   |  |
|    | Terms of Reference of Executive and Committees   |  |
| •  | Appointment of Members (including Independent Members) to Standards and Pensions<br>Committees   |  |
|    | Appointment of Representatives to Joint Committees and outside bodies. (Representatives on Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee and Richmond Hill Consultative Committee to be chosen from Members of Environmental Services Committee) |  |
|    | Approval and adoption of budget and Policy framework   |  |
|    | Approval of annual budget  |  |
|    | Rate setting   |  |
|    | Decisions outside the policy framework and/or budget   |  |
|    | Approval and adoption of Bylaws  |  |
|    | Amendment of Ward and Borough boundaries   |  |
|    | Conferment of Honorary Freedom of the Borough  |  |
|    | Appointment of Chief Executive, Borough Treasurer, and Borough Engineer  |  |
| j  | Promoting or opposing the making of local legislation  |  |
| j  | Members' Allowances  |  |

Any other matter which by law must be reserved to the Council

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part I - Interpretation was amended to read:

In these Standing Orders, where not inconsistent with the provisions thereof, "The Mayor" shall mean the person chairing a meeting of the Council or of a Committee, for the time being.

The ruling of the Mayor or Chair upon the construction and application of these Standing Orders at a meeting shall be final.

The term "Chief Executive" shall include any properly nominated person acting in that capacity.

Terms within these Standing Orders that imply gender shall be interpreted as applying equally to both genders.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 7 was amended to read:

The Chief Executive shall convene a special private meeting of the Council on the last Friday in each year for the purpose of selecting the Mayor for the ensuing Municipal year. If the Council is unable to make such a selection or if the selected member is no longer a Member of the Council by 1<sup>st</sup> May, a person will be selected either at a special meeting convened in accordance with Standing Order 8 or at another special meeting convened by the Chief Executive especially for the purpose in May before the Annual Meeting.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 22 was amended to read:

#### Special Council Meeting - Election of Leader, Chairs and Members of Committees

In every year of the general election of Councillors, and every two years thereafter, the Chief Executive shall convene a special public meeting of the Council between 1<sup>st</sup> May and the Annual Meeting of the Council. At such meeting the business will be as set out in Standing Order 81 (Election of Leader, Chairs, and Members of Committees) but in the year of a general election of Councillors that business shall be preceded by the confirmation of the selection of Mayor.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 7 was amended to read:

The proceedings, resolutions and reports of every Committee shall be presented to the Council by the Member that chaired the meeting. Should that Member not be in attendance at the Council meeting, another member of the Committee who was in attendance may present the proceedings.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 23 was deleted and the number left vacant.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 30 was amended to read:

If the subject matter of any Motion of which notice has duly been given comes within the province of any Committee, it shall, upon being moved and seconded, stand referred thereto without discussion, for consideration. Any consequent recommendation to Council shall be reported no later than the third Council meeting after the Motion was put. No action shall be taken in relation to the subject of the Motion until the Council has completed its consideration of the subject.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 35 was amended to read:

The Mayor, if present, shall chair every meeting of the Council.

If the Mayor is not present, or being present, declares an interest and leaves the meeting temporarily (Standing Order 118), the Council Members present shall elect another of their number to take the chair of the meeting or part of the meeting as the case may be.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 37 was amended to read:

The Council may, upon a motion duly made and seconded and voted for without debate by a two-thirds majority of the members present, agree that any particular business be discussed or transacted in private. In

such event that business shall, unless otherwise directed by the Mayor, be forthwith postponed until the conclusion of the rest of the business before the meeting, and then transacted in private.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 39 was amended to read:

A member of the Council may submit a question in writing to the Chief Executive by noon on the last working day of the week preceding the date fixed for holding any ordinary meeting of the Council asking the Mayor or the Chair of any Committee any question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers of duties, or which affects the Borough.

Alternatively the written question may be submitted electronically from the Member's specific email address. The same deadline for receipt of Questions shall apply to electronic and written forms. The Chief Executive shall acknowledge receipt of any question received in electronic form, print it and thereafter treat it as though it had been submitted in written form but if any question transmitted electronically is not received by the Chief Executive for any reason, it shall be void.

In the absence of the Mayor or a Chair, a question may be directed to the Deputy Mayor, or Vice-Chair of the appropriate Committee. A question may be in a number of parts, but the total of all words included in the question shall not exceed 200.

The Chief Executive, in consultation with the person to whom the question has been directed, may deem that the question is of a nature such that the matter should be presented to the Council in private. However, by a simple majority of Members present, the Council may allow the matter to be presented in public.

One hour before the scheduled commencement of the Council meeting at which questions are to be presented, the Chief Executive shall distribute a copy of each question and the answer thereto, on the desks of each member together with copies for the press and public, save when the matter is considered private the questions and answers will be in sealed envelopes marked "Private and Confidential" and copies only given to press and public if Council subsequently decides that the matter be made public. All answers shall be written, and the minutes of the Council shall record details of each question and answer, provided only those matters presented in public shall be printed on the public minutes. There shall be no discussion on a question, but a person to whom the question, or supplementary question, as described hereunder, has been put can:

- (i) Decline to give an answer;
- (ii) Give such answer as is thought appropriate;
- (iii) Where the desired information is in a publication of the Council, make a reference to that publication;
- (iv) Where the reply to the question cannot be conveniently given at the time of Council, undertake to provide a written answer to be circulated to Members of the Council in due course;
- (v) Indicate that a written private and confidential answer will be circulated to all Members in due course.

A Member who has submitted a written question may submit a further written question as a supplementary to the Mayor at least fifteen minutes before the scheduled start of the meeting. A supplementary question must be directed to the person who answered the original question, and must arise directly from the answer given to the original question. The Mayor will consult with the person to whom the question has been directed, informing him of the nature of the question, and then decide if the supplementary question is to be presented in public or in private. If the supplementary question and/or answer is deemed to be private, it will be considered at the commencement of private business, provided that if the Council at that time decide by a simple majority that the matter should be public, copies of the question and answer will be forwarded to the press by the Chief Executive as soon as is convenient after the Council meeting. At the appropriate time, the Mayor will call upon the person who is to put the supplementary question, and for the reply to be given. The answer may be in one of the forms set out above, except that it will be given orally and not written. Only one supplementary question may be asked; but it may be in a number of parts, but the total of words in the question shall not exceed 50.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 40 was amended to read:

A Member of the Council may ask any person moving a report or any Committee proceedings, any question upon an item of the report when that item is under consideration by the Council. A person to whom the question has been put may answer immediately or indicate that an answer will be given at the conclusion of the debate on that report, but prior to the report being voted upon. There shall be no discussion upon the

answer given, but the person giving the answer to a question or supplementary question shall reply orally and can:

- (i) Decline to give an answer;
- (ii) Give such answer as is thought appropriate;
- (iii) Where the desired information is in a publication of the Council, make a reference to that publication;
- (iv) Where the reply to the question cannot be conveniently given at the time of Council, undertake to provide a written answer to be circulated to Members of the Council in due course;
- (v) Indicate that a written private and confidential answer will be given, but circulated to all Members in due course.

A Member who during consideration by Council of a report has asked a question, may immediately after receiving an answer and with the consent of the Mayor put a supplementary question arising directly from the answer received to the original question. Only two supplementary questions can be asked by each Member, but each may be in a number of parts. The person to whom the supplementary question is put may answer each supplementary question as it is put, or indicate to the Mayor that an answer will be given when all further supplementary questions have been asked, but answers when given shall be in the form applying to answers to original questions.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 41 was amended to read:

A Member of the Council may submit a question to the Mayor as a matter of urgent business one hour before the scheduled commencement of the Council meeting. The Mayor will consult with the person to whom the question is to be put, and thereupon decide if the matter is indeed urgent business. If it is considered to be urgent business, the question may be put in the same manner and under the rules applying to supplementary questions on written questions listed in Standing Order 39 (Questions – Written). If the matter is not considered by the Mayor to be urgent, the Chief Executive will immediately inform the person who was to put the question that the matter will not be considered and there will be no further discussion.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 46 was amended to read:

A Member shall direct his speech to the matter under discussion or to a personal explanation or to a point of order. No speech shall exceed ten minutes except by prior consent of the Council. Any extension of time shall not exceed five minutes without the further consent of the Council, indicated by a vote if necessary.

This Standing Order shall not apply to the presentation of the annual budget by the Leader of the Council, nor to the Leader or any Committee Chair in replying to debate.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 51 was amended to read:

Motions which may be moved during debate

When a Motion is under debate no other Motion shall be moved except the following:

- (a) To amend the Motion;
- (b) To adjourn the meeting;
- (c) To adjourn the debate;
- (d) To proceed to the next business;
- (e) That the question now be put;
- *(f) That a Member be not further heard;*
- (g) By the Mayor under Standing Order 55 (Disorderly Conduct) that a Member do leave the meeting.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 54 was amended to read:

If at a meeting, any Member of the Council, in the opinion of the Mayor notified to the Council, misconducts himself by persistently disregarding the ruling of the Chair, or by behaving irregularly, improperly, or offensively or by wilfully obstructing the business of the Council, the Mayor of any other Member may move,

"That the Member named be not further heard", and the Motion if seconded shall be put and determined without discussion.

If carried, the named Member shall then not be permitted to speak or take part in any debate, except to vote, for the remainder of the meeting.

If the Member named continues in his misconduct after a Motion under the foregoing paragraph has been carried, the Mayor shall:

EITHER move "That the Member named do leave the meeting" in which case the Motion shall be put and determined without seconding or discussion;

OR adjourn the meeting of the Council for such period as he in his discretion shall consider expedient;

AND shall refer the matter to the Standards Committee for investigation and consideration.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 55 was deleted and the number left vacant.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 67 was amended to read:

When resolutions are to be proposed for petitions or memorials or other Motions on matters not immediately connected with local business of the Borough, they shall be taken into consideration only after all business connected with the Borough shall have been disposed of.

A copy of every petition or memorial proposed to be submitted to or adopted by the Council shall be deposited with the Chief Executive seven clear days previous to the meeting of the Council at which the same is proposed to be submitted or adopted.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 68 was deleted and the number left vacant.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 70 was amended to read:

In the event of any deputation desiring so to wait upon the Council or a Committee to give expression to their view upon any question under the control of the Council, such deputation shall give at least seven days' notice in writing of the desire to the Chief Executive, together with a statement of the nature and objects of the application. Such notice and the matter mentioned therein shall if the Chief Executive and Mayor concur that it is appropriate, be included in the Agenda of the meeting which the deputation proposes to attend.

Should the Council or a Committee agree to hear the deputation except at public meetings of the Council, the deputation will comprise a maximum of three members and in any event three members only of the deputation shall be at liberty to address the Council, except by leave of the Council.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 71 was deleted and the number left vacant.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 73 was amended to read:

All plans referred to in the report of any Committee which may require the consideration of the Council will be available at the office of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor for at least two clear days before the meeting of the Council at which it is proposed the same shall be considered, and shall be available for viewing by any Member of the Council in the Council Chamber from 10.00a.m. on the day of the Council meeting, unless the public interest would be prejudiced thereby. In such case, the Chief Executive shall report accordingly to the Council.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 76 was amended to read:

The Mayor shall be ex-officio a member of every Committee appointed by the Council with the exception of the Standards Committee, but shall not be counted in constituting a quorum for the purpose of Standing Order 84 (Quorum of Committee). Although entitled to speak as any other Member, the Mayor shall not vote in Committee nor propose or second any motion or amendment.

The Mayor's ex-officio membership of Committees shall be in addition to the numbers of members of the respective Committees set out in Standing Order 81 (Election of Leader, Chairs, and Members of Committees).

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 77 was amended to read:

In the year of every general election of Councillors, and every two years thereafter, the Council shall at the special private Council meeting to be held in accordance with Standing Order 8 (Special Council Meeting – Election of Leader, Chairs, and Members of Committees) between 1<sup>st</sup> May and the annual meeting to be held in May in each year appoint such Committees as they are required to appoint by and under any statute or under Standing Order 81 (Election of Leader, Chairs, and Members of Committees) and may at any time appoint such other Committees as are necessary to carry out the work of the Council, but, subject to any statutory provision in that regard shall not appoint any member of a Committee so as to hold office for longer than two municipal years. The Council shall at the same time appoint an Independent Member to each of the Standards and Pensions Committees and such Independent members shall be treated in similar manner to Councillors except that they may not take part in meetings of the Council. Their attendance shall count towards the quorum of the Committee and they will be required to vote in Committee in similar manner to Councillors.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 78 was amended to read:

At the Council meeting to be called in pursuance of Standing Order 81 (Election of Leader, Chairs, and Members of Committees) between 1<sup>st</sup> May and the annual meeting in every year of the general election of Councillors, and every two years thereafter, prior to consideration of any other business the Council shall by ballot elect the Leader of the Council who shall also be Chairman of the Executive Committee for the ensuing two municipal years. The Member so appointed to be Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Executive Committee shall not be a member of any other Committee but shall be entitled to receive the agendas and minutes of meetings of all Committees.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 79 was amended to read:

In any year where there is no general election of Councillors, and no general revision of Memberships under Standing Order 81 (Election of Leader, Chairs, and Members of Committees) the outgoing Mayor unless elected to the office of Leader of the Council or Chair of a Committee, shall assume the Memberships vacated by the incoming Mayor.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 80 was amended to read:

The Executive Committee of the Council shall be appointed at the special Council meeting convened biennially in accordance with Standing Order 81 and shall consist of five Members, being the Leader of the Council, three Members elected by the Council to be Chair of the following Committees:

Housing and Property;

Regeneration and Community;

Environmental Services;

and one Member elected by the Council who shall not be a Chair or Member of any of those three Committees.

In every year of the general election of Councillors, and each two years thereafter, the Executive Committee will appoint four further Members in respect of each of the above-named Committees.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 81 was amended to read:

At the Special Council meeting convened under Standing Order 8 (Special Council Meeting – Election of Leader, Chairs and Members of Committees) in each year of a general election of Councillors, and each two years thereafter, the Council will appoint, in the following sequence:

- The Leader of the Council;
- Chair of Housing and Property Committee;

- Chair of Regeneration and Community Committee;
- Chair of Environmental Services Committee;
- One Member to the Executive Committee who shall not be appointed Chair of Member of any of the three Committees represented on the Executive Committee;
- Chair of Pensions Committee;
- Chair of Standards Committee.

The Council will then adjourn while the Executive Committee meets to appoint four Members to each of the Environmental Services, Regeneration and Community, and Housing and Property Committees. On resumption of the Council meeting, those appointments will be reported and the Council will then proceed to appoint:

- Four Members to the Pensions Committee;
- One Member to the Pensions Committee who is not a Member of the Council;
- Three Members to the Standards Committee;
- One Member to the Standards Committee who is not a Member of Council.

In making these appointments, the provisions of Standing Order 82 (Limitation of Membership) shall apply.

*The Council shall then proceed to the appointment of:* 

- Members of any other Committee constituted by the Council under Standing Order 77 (Appointment of Committees);
- The whole of the Regeneration and Community Committee to the Allotments Committee;
- Two allotment holder representatives (who shall not be Council members) to the Allotments Committee:
- A Member (which may be the Chair) of the Environmental Services Committee to be the Council's representative on the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee;
- A Member (which may be the Chair) of the Environmental Services Committee to be the Council's representative on the Richmond Hill Consultative Committee;
- Members as Council Representatives on outside bodies as required.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 82 was amended to read:

#### Restriction of Memberships and Chairs

The Leader of the Council shall not be appointed a Chair or Member of any Committee other than the Executive Committee.

A Member appointed as Chair of any of the Environmental Services, Regeneration and Community, or Housing and Property Committees shall not be appointed as Chair or Member of any other of those three Committees, nor of the Standards Committee.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 83 was amended to read:

Each Committee shall, at its first regular meeting in any municipal year, elect a Vice-Chair, who shall act in place of the Chair when the latter is absent or indisposed; and may also take the Chair's seat on the Executive Committee when the Chair is absent or indisposed.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 86 was amended to read:

On any casual vacancy occurring in any of the offices appointed under Standing Order 81 (Election of Leader, Chairs and Members of Committees) it shall be filled by appointment by either the Executive Committee or the Council, whichever had made the original appointment.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 87 was amended to read:

Reports and minutes of proceedings of the Committees of Council shall be printed, and a copy thereof accompany the summons of the Council Meeting at which they are to be presented. Reports so submitted shall be considered as received by the Council. The Leader of the Council or Chair of any Committee may give instructions to the Chief Executive as to the non-publication of any minute of the relevant body, the printing of which would, in their judgement, be injurious to any private or public interest. Such minute will however be presented to the Council in private.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 101 was amended to read:

No member of the council shall disclose to the public details of any matter dealt with by or brought before a Committee (including Council-in-Committee) without its permission until the Committee shall have reported to the Council or otherwise have concluded action on the matter. No Member or Officer of the council may disclose details of any matter which has been considered in private without permission of the Council.

Any member contravening the provisions of this Standing Order shall be reported to the Attorney General by the Chief Executive as contravening Section 65 of the Local Government Act 1985 and may be removed by resolution of the Council from all or any of the Committees of which he is a member for a period of time to be determined by the Council. Any officer of the Council contravening the provisions shall be dealt with under the Council's approved disciplinary procedure.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) – Part II – Council – Standing Order 105 was amended to read:

Any Standing Order, except those Standing Orders which are a part of the Statute law, may be suspended, subject to the consent of a two-thirds majority of Council Members present and voting.

Any motion to suspend Standing Orders shall cite the reasons for the proposal, the matter it is proposed to consider during the suspension, and the Numbers of the Standing Order or Orders it is proposed to suspend. Any suspension approved shall be limited in duration to consideration of the matter cited.

The Chief Executive shall keep a register of every suspension of Standing Orders in accordance with Section 27 of the Local Government Act.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 2 – Access to Information – Clause 7(c) – was amended to read:

(c) Reports relating to items when the meeting was open to the public, including reports by Officers where there is no specific reason for confidentiality.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 2 – Access to Information – Notes of Definition of Public Interest – first bullet point – was amended to read:

The public interest in disclosure is particularly strong where the information in question would assist public understanding of an issue that is subject to current national debate.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 5 – Officer Employment Procedure Rules – Paragraph 4 – was amended to read:

The appointment of Chief and Assistant Officers will be made by a panel of no more than three members and advised by three officers, and will usually include the Leader and Chair of the relevant Committee.

The officers will normally be the Chief Executive, the relevant Chief Officer and the Assistant Chief Officer (Human Resources) or their respective nominees.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the **Constitution: Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 6 – Standards Committee Determination Rules – Interpretation** – was amended to read:

1. The detailed pre-hearing and hearing procedures are set out in the Standards Committee Determinations Procedure Rules.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 5 – Codes and Protocols – Section (c) – Member Support Protocol – Paragraph 5 – was amended to read:

| Committee | Committee Administrator | Support Officers                   |
|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Executive | Executive Officer       | Chief Executive* Borough Treasurer |

| Committee                   | Committee Administrator                  | Support Officers   |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
|                             |  | Borough Engineer and Surveyor  |
| Standards                   | Democratic Services Officer              | Assistant Town Clerk*  |
| Housing and Property        | Democratic Services Officer              | Assistant Chief Officer (Housing<br>and Property)*<br>Housing Manager        |
| Regeneration &<br>Community | Assistant Democratic Services<br>Officer | Assistant Chief Executive* Assistant Chief Officer (Corporate & Development) |
| Environmental<br>Services   | Democratic Services Officer              | Assistant Borough Engineer*  |
| Pensions                    | Assistant Democratic Services<br>Officer | Borough Treasurer*   |
| Council                     | Assistant Town Clerk                     | Chief Executive* Borough Treasurer Borough Engineer and Surveyor             |

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the Constitution: Part 5 – Codes and Protocols – Section (c) – Member Support Protocol – section 6 of Appendix A (Report Template) and section 6 of Appendix B (Report Template Guidance Notes) were both deleted and subsequent elements of the template and guidance note renumbered accordingly.

As a consequence of the amended Motion being carried, the **Constitution: Part 6 – Members' Allowances** – was amended to read:

Appendix A: Statutory provision (Local Government Act 1985, Schedule 2)

Appendix A1: Local Government (Members' Attendance Allowances) Order 2013

Appendix B: Revised Schedule of Approved Duties

Appendix C: Revised Members' Allowances Claim Form

## 6. Pensions Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

Resolved unanimously, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in report of meeting held Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel declared an interest in the item and retired whilst it was considered.

# 7. Standards Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, Clause B7

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Standards Committee, as contained in Clause B7 [regarding the re-appointment of the Independent Member] of report of meeting held Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

In approving this Clause, the Council formally agreed the appointment of Mr Derek M Booth to act as Independent Member for the Standards Committee for a further two –year period ending 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985, Mr D.M. Booth declared an interest in the item and retired from the public gallery whilst it was considered.

# 8. Standards Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, Clauses A1 – A6 inclusive

Resolved unanimously, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Standards Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to A6 inclusive of report of meeting held Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, be received, approved and adopted by Council."

# 9. Eastern District Amenity Site Joint Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2014

Motion moved by Mr Councillor W.M. Malarkey, seconded by Mr Councillor G.J. Faragher, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Eastern District Amenity Site Joint Committee, as contained in report of meeting held Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

Question put on Motion. On division being challenged, a vote was taken electronically and the Motion was approved unanimously.

## 10. Housing and Property Advisory Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Advisory Committee, as contained in report of meeting held Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, be received approved and adopted by Council."

Amendment moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, "That Clause C4 of the Private Agenda be considered in public."

Question put on Amendment. On division being challenged, a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For:** Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, Councillor Mesdames C.A. Corlett, S.D.A. Hackman, Mr Councillor G.J. Faragher, Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl - **6** 

**Against:** Messrs Councillors D.J. Ashford, J. Joughin, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, Messrs Councillors D.W. Christian, W.M. Malarkey, J.E. Skinner, Councillor Ms K. Angela, Mr Councillor S.C. Cain, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, Mayor - 10

Amendment failed.

Question put on Motion, which was carried unanimously.

# 11. Regeneration and Community Advisory Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 – Clauses A1 – B7 inclusive

Resolved unanimously, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Advisory Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 to B7 inclusive of report of meeting held Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, be received, approved and adopted by Council."

## 12. Regeneration and Community Advisory Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 – Clause C8

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Mr Councillor G.J. Faragher, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Regeneration and Community Advisory Committee, as contained in Clause C8 of report of meeting held Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, be received, approved and adopted by Council."

Amendment moved by Mr Councillor W.M. Malarkey, seconded by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, "That the loan period be reduced from thirty years to twenty years and the figure in resolution (ii), which authorises the Borrowing Petition, be amended accordingly."

The Council adjourned from 4.21pm to 4.35pm to allow officers to clarify the figures and the specification of the works.

Question put on Amendment. On division being challenged, a vote was taken electronically and the Amendment was approved unanimously.

Amended Motion approved unanimously.

## 13. Attendance

Mr Councillor G.J. Faragher left the meeting at 4.45pm during consideration of the previous item.

## 14. Environmental Services Advisory Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

Resolved unanimously, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Advisory Committee, as contained report of meeting held Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

## 15. Adjournment and Resumption of meeting

The meeting adjourned at 5.15pm and resumed at 5.27pm. The following Members were present: Councillors Mesdames C.A. Corlett, S.D.A. Hackman, Messrs Councillors S.R. Pitts, D.J. Ashford, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, Messrs Councillors J. Joughin, D.W. Christian, Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Messrs Councillors W.M. Malarkey, R.H. McNicholl, J.E. Skinner, Councillor Ms K. Angela, Mr Councillor S.C. Cain, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor.

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# 16. Executive Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

Resolved unanimously, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

## 17. Pensions Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

Motion moved by Mr Councillor J. Joughin, seconded by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

It was unanimously resolved that the Council move into Committee for consideration of the item.

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, "That proceedings be resumed in Council."

Question put on Motion. On division being challenged, a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the Motion: Councillor Mrs S.D.A. Hackman, Messrs Councillor J. Joughin, D.J. Ashford, Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Mr Councillor S.C. Cain, Mayor - **6** 

**Against:** Councillor Mrs C.A. Corlett, Messrs Councillors S.R. Pitts, D.W. Christian, W.M. Malarkey, R.H. McNicholl, J.E. Skinner, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, Councillor Ms K. Angela - 8

Motion failed.

On resumption of proceedings in Council, question put on Motion. On division being challenged, a vote was taken electronically and the Motion was approved unanimously.

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel declared an interest in the item and retired whilst it was considered.

#### 18. **Standing Order 9 – Duration of Meeting**

At 6.29pm the Mayor drew attention to the provisions of Standing Order 9 and the Council agreed unanimously to continue the meeting to complete the outstanding business on the agenda.

# 19. Housing and Property Advisory Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, Clauses A1 – A2

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Advisory Committee, as contained in Clauses A1 and A2 of private report of meeting held Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, be received, approved and adopted by Council."

Question put on Motion. On division being challenged, a vote was taken electronically and the Motion was approved unanimously.

# 20. Housing and Property Advisory Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, Clauses C3 – C4

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing and Property Advisory Committee, as contained in Clauses C3 and C4 of private report of meeting held Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

Amendment moved by Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, seconded by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, "That resolution (i) of Clause C4, relating to establishment of a Douglas Market Hall Management Team, be withdrawn for further consideration by Committee."

Question put on amendment. On division being challenged, a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the Motion: Councillors Mesdames C.A. Corlett, S.D.A. Hackman, Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, Mayor: **9** 

**Against:** Messrs Councillors J. Joughin, D.J. Ashford, W.M. Malarkey, J.E. Skinner, S.C. Cain, Councillor Ms K. Angela: **6** 

Amendment carried. Question put on amended motion. Carried unanimously.

## 21. Environmental Services Advisory Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

Resolved unanimously, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Environmental Services Advisory Committee, as contained in private report of meeting held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

The Council rose at 7.15pm.