

PROPOSED REVISION TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES

Add new paragraph 19.2 as follows:

“19.2 Any member of the public or a representative of an outside organisation may address the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on any agenda item (except those dealt with in private session as exempt or confidential business) due to be considered at a meeting. The following rules shall apply to such requests:

- (i) requests must relate to an existing agenda item;
- (ii) requests must not raise new business for the meeting concerned;
- (iii) all requests must be notified to the Council by 4 pm on the day of the meeting;
- (iv) requests accompanied by proposals to circulate written material must be received three working days before the meeting in time to be sent to Overview and Scrutiny Committee members in advance of the meeting;
- (v) requests need not be in writing;
- (vi) a maximum of six persons shall be permitted to address the Committee at any individual meeting;
- (vii) a time limit of 3 minutes per speaker shall apply;
- (viii) the Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall be able to ask questions on any comments made;
- (ix) the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall have discretion as to whether to limit the number of persons wishing to address the Committee if it is considered that the number of such speakers will unduly delay the proper despatch of business at any meeting”.