



POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 25TH MAY 2021

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER OF
COUNCIL**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND
CORPORATE SERVICES**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report and make an appropriate recommendation to Council.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor Kevin Etheridge and is supported by Councillors R. Gough, G. Simmonds, A. Farina-Childs and R. Owen.
- 2.2 The Notice of Motion meets the criteria set out in the Council's Constitution and in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure is referred to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee prior to its consideration by Council

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider the Notice of Motion as outlined in paragraph 5.1 and make an appropriate recommendation to Council.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 Notice of Motion

Councillor Etheridge requests in his notice of motion that a definition of the appropriate rule where a question to the Leader at Full Council with a supplementary question on policy is refused by Officers and the Leader. And is then told it must be

tabled to the Cabinet Member only without a supplementary question (reference to Rule 10, Council Procedural Rules).

10 (2) A member of the Council may ask the Leader any question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the area of the council or any part of it or the inhabitants of the area or any part of it if at least five clear working days' notice in writing of the question has been given to the Chief Executive.

We call on the Council to ensure in the future elected members are allowed to table questions to the Leader and ask a supplementary question without recourse to the Cabinet Member as defined in the above rule.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 As a notice of motion is a procedural matter and must be dealt with in accordance with Council's Constitution, no assumptions have been made.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 This report does not require an Integrated Impact Assessment as it relates to a procedural matter under the Councils Constitution.
- 7.2 The procedural rules regarding a Notice of Motion are contained within Council's Constitution as adopted in May 2002. The Council's Constitution sets out the framework for the decision-making roles and responsibilities.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 There has been no consultation undertaken.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Local Government Act 2000

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Appendices: Appendix 1 Signed copy of Notice of Motion.