

CONSTITUTIONAL WORKING PARTY		
Report Title	Amendments to the Council's Constitution	
Key Decision	No	Item No. 4
Ward		
Contributors	Head of Business and Committee	
Class	Open	Date: 18 October 2006

1. Purpose of Report

To report an informal approach requesting amendments to the constitution and seeking the views of the Constitutional Working Party.

2. Recommendation

That members indicate if they are prepared to support an amendment to the constitution regarding the introduction of deadlines for amendments to motions.

3. Background

Councillor Walton has previously circulated a message (attached as Appendix A) suggesting an amendment to the council's constitution which would introduce deadlines for the submission of amendments to motions. He has provided examples from three other councils which operate such a deadline.

Motions are currently published in the main council agenda which is dispatched to members eight days before a council meeting. Any introduction of a deadline on the Friday or Monday before a Wednesday council meeting would allow the Governance Support unit to distribute any amendments received in the normal dispatch to members on a Tuesday ie the day before the council meeting.

If you have any queries on this report, please contact Kevin Flaherty, Head of Business & Committee, Governance Support extension 49327.