

**Thurrock Constitution – Chapter 2 (Council Procedure Rules)
Points for discussion for Member Constitution Working Group**

Rule	Comment
Current Rule 5.4 – Opening of the municipal year debate	<p>We propose that this is deleted as it has not been used since it was added to the Constitution, suggesting that there is no appetite for it.</p> <p>MCWG to confirm agreement to deletion.</p>
Current Rule 7 – State of Thurrock debate	<p>We propose that this is deleted as this type of meeting has never been used.</p> <p>MCWG to confirm agreement to deletion.</p>
Current Rule 8 – Themed meetings	<p>We propose that this is deleted as themed meetings have never been used. Extraordinary meetings could be used for this purpose, if required.</p> <p>MCWG to confirm agreement to deletion.</p>
Current Rule 13.4 / new Rule 12.6 – Disposal of remaining business	<p>There is an inconsistency in current Rule 13. Motions that have not been dealt with in the main part of the meeting are to be moved and voted on <u>without debate</u> (current Rule 13.2).</p> <p>Current Rule 13.4 then says that, during this process, the only motions that may be moved are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. that the matter be delegated or referred; 2. that the matter be deferred; or 3. <u>motions that may be moved during debate.</u> <p>Is there a particular reason for this or should 3 be deleted?</p>
New Rule 12.9 – Guillotine	<p>We propose that there is a limit on the amount of time that can be added to a meeting for the disposal of remaining business. The time suggested is 30 minutes (meaning that the maximum length of a meeting would be 3 hours 30 minutes).</p> <p>For discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should there be a hard stop for time allocated to disposal of remaining business?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is 30 minutes an appropriate period of additional time? - Is 3 hours 30 minutes an appropriate maximum length for meetings?
<p>New Rule 16.11 – Supplementary questions</p>	<p>We propose that Members are limited to 1 supplementary question. This is partly from a timing perspective, and to keep questions focused. The appointment of political assistants should also help with the quality of questions.</p> <p>For discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should Members be limited to 1 supplementary question?