

**STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Council**

**6 December 2023**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Council Meetings Procedure Rules – Revised Rule 10 - Questions</b>
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	<b>Councillor Mike Gledhill - Leader</b>
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<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>Non-Specific</b>

**Appendix A – Council Meeting Procedure Rules (extract) - Rule 10 - Questions**

**1. Reason for the Report**

- 1.1. To present to Members a revised Rule 10 relating to questions within the Council Meeting Procedure Rules.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1. That Council approves the revised Rule 10 (Questions) within the Council Meeting Procedure Rules.

**3. Executive Summary**

- 3.1 The arrangements for meetings of the Authority's Full Council are contained within Part 4 of its Constitution – Council Meeting Procedure Rules. These rules include provision for councillors to ask questions of members such as the Leader of the Council or other Cabinet portfolio holders.
- 3.2 Following discussions between group leaders and subsequent consideration by the Constitution Review Working Party on 17 November 2023 it is proposed to revise the rule for questions in order to:
- Provide additional time for written responses to be provided.
  - Clarify the timescale by when written responses will be circulated to councillors.
  - Allow for Members to ask formal questions to any member of the Cabinet outside of arrangements for Full Council meetings.

3.3 The proposed amendments to Rule 10 are provided in Appendix A to this report.

#### **4. How this report links to Corporate Priorities**

4.1 Aim 2 - Use resources effectively and provide value for money. Objective - Strong and effective democratic processes.

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**Executive Director (Governance and Commissioning) and Monitoring Officer**

#### **Background Papers**

Revised Rule 10 – Council Meeting Procedure Rules  
(attached – Appendix A)

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