

Petition Scheme – Changes to the Constitution

(Proposed new text in **bold**)

Council Procedure Rules

9A PETITIONS

91. The promoter of any petition with sufficient signatures under the Council's petition scheme (or their nominee) may address the Council for up to 5 minutes when their petition is being considered.

9.2 Council will receive an annual report from the Director of Legal, Democratic and Customer Services on the operation of the Council's petition scheme.

Appendix 1 – Guidance on how the Council works

- 42 Right to Speak - The following will be entitled to speak at meetings of the Committees:
- a) any Councillor on a matter which affects his or her Ward or in respect of which he or she has a special interest, subject to the overriding discretion of the Chairman of the Committee
 - b) the Chief Executive, the Director of Legal, Democratic & Customer Services and the Director of Resources in respect of any matter coming within their statutory responsibilities; they and all other Chief Officers in respect of matters coming within their sphere of responsibility (whether or not covered by a specific statutory provision)
 - c) **the promoter of any petition with sufficient signatures under the Council's petition scheme (or their nominee) may address the Committee for up to 5 minutes when their petition is being considered.**
 - d) any other person, subject to the agreement of the Committee