
Report to: Clackmannanshire Council

Date: 19 December 2013

Subject: Notice of Amendments to Council Standing Orders

Report by: Director of Finance and Corporate Services

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to give notice to the Council of proposed changes to Standing Orders.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended the Council notes that:
- a. amendments to Standing Orders will be submitted to the next Council meeting for approval;
 - b. a briefing for all elected members will be arranged to take place prior to the next council meeting to review the proposed changes.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 Current Standing Orders were approved by Council on 1 June 2012.
- 3.2 It is considered that in light of experience, Standing Orders should be reviewed with a view to removing ambiguities and anomalies; providing a definitions section; improving and clarifying the wording where appropriate; and carrying out some re-arrangement of the contents. Officers are undertaking a review of Standing Orders to produce a draft reflecting the above aims.
- 3.3 A briefing session will be organised for elected members at which the draft will be presented for discussion. The aim of this briefing is to obtain elected member feedback on the draft proposals, in order that these can be considered, prior to submitting the proposed revisions to Council for approval.

4.0 Considerations

Standing Orders

- 4.1 Standing Order 20.7 states: *“The standing orders can only be changed or abolished when (at a meeting of the Council) there has been an indication that proposals to amend standing orders will be brought before the next Council meeting.”*
- 4.2 This report fulfils the requirement set out in Standing Order 20.7.

5.0 Sustainability Implications -

- 5.1 N/A

6.0 Resource Implications

Financial & Staffing Details - none directly from this report

7.0 Legality

- 7.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. YES

8.0 Appendices

None

9.0 Background Papers

Revised draft Standing Orders

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