

Meeting:	COUNCIL
Date:	30 October 2008
Subject:	CHANGE TO BUSINESS OF ORDINARY COUNCIL SUMMONS
Responsible Officer:	Hugh Peart
Portfolio Holder:	David Ashton - Leader
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	No

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendation

This report suggests the addition of a new regular item to the Council Summons entitled “Leader’s Announcements”.

Recommendation:

That Council consider and decide whether to approve the proposed constitutional change by the addition of a new regular item to the Ordinary Council Summons entitled “Leader’s Announcements”.

Section 2 – Report

1. Following the circulation of a proposed “Urgent Matter Reserved to Council” in relation to the addition of a regular item of business to Ordinary Council Summons approval of all three Political Group Leaders was not gained to the proposal.
2. In accordance with the practice identified in the Constitution the item therefore stood deferred for consideration at the next available Council meeting on 30 October 2008.

3. Currently the business to be considered at ordinary meetings of the Council only permits the placing of business on the agenda in relation to allowing the receipt of reports and consideration of recommendations in respect of items within the remit of the Council. Items are added to the Council Summons by reason of special circumstances or urgency by either the Monitoring Officer or the Mayor.
4. Council is therefore asked to consider whether it wishes to agree a change to the Constitution to enable a new regular item being added to the business of Ordinary Council meetings to be entitled "Leader's Announcements". Such an item would enable the Leader to update the Council as a body concerning actions since its last meeting on the general work and progress of the Executive and Council, by the giving of a short presentation and responding to questions on the issues raised within the presentation.
5. There are no financial implications as all resourcing of the meeting is already contained within departmental budgets.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Myfanwy Barrett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Financial Officer
Date: 21 October 2008		
Name: Jessica Farmer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 22 October 2008		

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Pauline Ferris, Senior Professional Democratic Services (Council)
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Background Papers:

None

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	N/A
2.	Corporate Priorities	N/A