

# Appendix A

The proposed changes to the Constitution are shown in red below.

## PETITIONS SCHEME

### 1. Submission and Content of Petitions

- 1.1 Members of the public may present the Council, or the Executive, or a committee with petitions, upon giving at least 7 clear working days notice in writing of the petition to the Monitoring Officer, subject to the principles of the General Principles Governing All Public Participation set out at Part A4 Appendix A section 2 of the Constitution. If, following consideration of the petition as provided in paragraphs 5 to 7 below, the petition organiser is not satisfied with the response, he/she may request that the response be reviewed by the relevant overview and scrutiny committee in accordance with the procedure in paragraph 10.

A new section 7 would be inserted after existing section 6, and the document re-numbered accordingly.

### 7. Petitions on matters which may be affected by the setting of the Council's Budget

- 7.1 Petitions on matters which may be affected by the setting of the Council's budget shall be considered first by the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee and then by the Customer and Central Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee which meets prior to the Executive's consideration of the proposed budget.
- 7.2 The Customer and Central Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall make recommendations to the Executive on the matters set out in the petitions.
- 7.3 The Executive shall have regard to the recommendations arising from the petitions when determining its budgetary recommendations to Council.
- 7.4 If any petitions on budgetary matters are received outside of this timeframe, they may be referred to the appropriate body for consideration, but there is no assurance that they would be taken into account in the budget setting process.

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