

AMENDMENTS AND WRITTEN QUESTIONS – FULL COUNCIL – 25 APRIL 2018

AMENDMENTS

1. AGENDA ITEM 8 – MOTION 547 (Councillor Mrs J Roach – 11 April 2018)

Amendment submitted by Councillor: Mrs J Roach

To amend the motion to read: This Council recognises that the right of the Chairman to use a casting vote is enshrined in law and cannot be removed from the constitution. However Council recognises that there are a number of issues around the present use of a casting vote, including an issue of predetermination, that the matter should be discussed by the Standards committee.

WORDING IF AMENDMENT APPROVED:

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WRITTEN QUESTIONS

1. AGENDA ITEM 8 – MOTION 548

Question submitted by Councillor Mrs J Roach and the response of the Cabinet Member for Housing

Please may I have the correct answers to the question that I submitted at the last Council meeting re motion 543.

RESPONSE:

The written response to Motion 543 included at (3) a reference to the sale of a toilet block in Silverton, this dictated the previously agreed terms of the sale and also stated that the payment amount had been received in full. This one specific point was queried during the meeting and I promised to investigate and come back to Cllr. Jenny Roach with an update.

After consulting the Property Services and Legal teams on Thursday 22 February 2018 I sent an email response to Cllr Jenny Roach on Friday the 23 February 2018 which confirmed – “That the Council had agreed to accept the total amount of £30k on the following basis. The full amount to be paid over 5 equal instalments. The first has been paid – i.e. £6k, the next one is due on the 24/2/18 followed by three further instalments, finalising on the 24/2/21. Please accept my apology for any confusion caused.

2. AGENDA ITEM 9 – PLANNING COMMITTEE – 21 MARCH 2018 - MINUTE 139

Question submitted by Councillor Mrs J Roach and the response of the Monitoring Officer

How can it be fair that members in a double or treble member ward can speak in total for 15mins whilst a single member ward member only gets 5 mins.

RESPONSE:

The council's Standards Committee had a full debate on public speaking at Planning Committee and there is a recommendation to Full Council (as proposed to be amended by the Planning Committee) as a result of that - papers from both meetings which will be presented to Full Council. This was not something that was put on the table during the discussion at Standards Committee. It was also not something that was raised by members of the Planning Committee when considering the recommendation of the Standards Committee.

Unless Full Council is minded to have a debate on Wednesday evening when considering the recommendation (without the considered views of both Planning and Standards Committees), this issue will need to be referred to those committees for consideration. It is a matter for Members to decide whether to look again at the position of Ward Members when it comes to public speaking rights. However, as the Constitution stands, the right is for the Ward Member(s) to speak for up to 5 minutes each.
