

Question: Honorary Alderman- David Nation

Motion 574

Will the mover of this Motion please advise what problems have arisen from the present rules that have prompted the need to consider changing them? Does he recognise that any changes that might be recommended which reduce the ability of all members to seek to have issues of importance to them debated at the appropriate committee, will further diminish the power and influence of individual members even beyond the limitations imposed by the present Cabinet structure?

Response:

Primary legislation sets out strong Member rights regarding raising agenda items, provisions that transcend all forms of Governance model. Within that framework, I would not presume to predict what recommendation the Standards Committee might eventually propose through active democratic debate and agreement. Any Constitutional change would require further debate and agreement at Full Council. The intent of the Motion is open and constructive: not to solve a particular problem but to improve the process for setting agendas and to consider how this might be done with greater open, active and democratic engagement of all relevant Committee Members.

Councillor Andrew Moore