

# Sutton by Dover Parish Council

## Standing Orders

These Standing Orders for Sutton by Dover Parish Council are based on the NALC Model Standing Orders published in 2010, with amendments. They are designed to work for a council which seeks to be efficient and transparent.

Some of the Standing Orders are compulsory as they are laid down in Acts of Parliament. These are printed in **bold type**. These Standing orders cannot be altered.

Standing Orders, not highlighted in bold type, do not incorporate statutory requirements. They are aimed at (i) highlighting matters that merit regulation by standing orders and (ii) encouraging use of standing orders to regulate routine administrative arrangements.

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## 1 Meetings

- a) **Meetings shall not take place in premises, which at the time of the meeting, are used for the supply of alcohol unless no other premises are available free of charge or at a reasonable cost.**
  
- b) **When calculating the 3 clear days for notice of a meeting to councillors and the public, the day on which notice was issued, the day of the meeting, a Sunday, a day of the Christmas break, a day of the Easter break or of a bank holiday or a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning shall not count.**
  
- c) **Meetings shall be open to the public unless their presence is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons. The public's exclusion from part or all of a meeting shall be by a resolution which shall give reasons for the public's exclusion.**
  
- d) Subject to standing order 1(c) above, when invited to do so by the Chairman, members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda.
  
- e) The period of time which is designated for public participation in accordance with standing order 1(d) above shall not exceed 3 minutes per speaker.
  
- f) Subject to standing order 1(e) above, each member of the public is normally entitled to speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda and shall not speak for more than 5 minutes.
  
- g) In accordance with standing order 1(d) above, a question asked by a member of the public during a public participation session at a meeting shall not require a response or debate.
  
- h) (Intentionally left blank).**
  
- i) **In accordance with standing order 1(c) above, the press shall be provided reasonable facilities for the taking of their report of all or part of a meeting at which they are entitled to be present.**
  
- j) **Subject to standing orders which indicate otherwise, anything authorised or required to be done by, to or before the Chairman may in his absence be done by, to or before the Vice-Chairman (if any).**
  
- k) **The Chairman, if present, shall preside at a meeting. If the Chairman is absent from a meeting, the Vice-Chairman, if present, shall preside. If both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman are absent from a meeting, a Councillor**

as chosen by the Councillors present at the meeting shall preside at the meeting.

- l) Subject to standing order 1 (s) below, all questions at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of the Councillors present and voting thereon.**
- m) The Chairman may give an original vote on any matter put to the vote, and in the case of an equality of votes may exercise his casting vote whether or not he gave an original vote. (See also standing orders 2 (i) and (j) below.)**
- n) Unless standing orders provide otherwise, voting on any question shall be by a show of hands. At the request of a councillor, the voting on any question shall be recorded so as to show whether each councillor present and voting gave his vote for or against that question. Such a request shall be made before moving on to the next item of business on the agenda.**
- o) The minutes of a meeting shall record the names of councillors present and absent.**
- p) The code of conduct adopted by the Council shall apply to councillors in respect of the entire meeting.**
- q) An interest arising from the code of conduct adopted by the Council, the existence and nature of which is required to be disclosed by a Councillor at a meeting shall be recorded in the minutes. (See also standing orders 7 and 8 below.)**
- r) No business may be transacted at a meeting unless at least one third of the whole number of members of the Council are present and in no case shall the quorum of a meeting be less than 3.**
- s) If a meeting is or becomes inquorate no business shall be transacted and the meeting shall be adjourned.**

## **2 Ordinary Council meetings**

*See also standing order 1 above*

- a In an election year, the annual meeting of the Council shall be held on or within 14 days following the day on which the new councillors elected take office.**
- b In a year which is not an election year, the annual meeting of a Council shall be held on such day in May as the Council may direct.**
- c If no other time is fixed, the annual meeting of the Council shall take place at 6pm.**
- d In addition to the annual meeting of the Council, at least three other ordinary meetings shall be held in each year on such dates and times as the Council directs.**
- e The election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council shall be the first business completed at the annual meeting of the Council.**

- f The Chairman of the Council, unless he has resigned or becomes disqualified, shall continue in office and preside at the annual meeting until his successor is elected at the next annual meeting of the Council.**
- g The Vice-Chairman of the Council, if any, unless he resigns or becomes disqualified, shall hold office until immediately after the election of the Chairman of the Council at the next annual meeting of the Council.**
- h In an election year, if the current Chairman of the Council has not been re-elected as a member of the Council, he shall preside at the meeting until a successor Chairman of the Council has been elected. The current Chairman of the Council shall not have an original vote in respect of the election of the new Chairman of the Council but must give a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.**
- i In an election year, if the current Chairman of the Council has been re-elected as a member of the Council, he shall preside at the meeting until a new Chairman of the Council has been elected. He may exercise an original vote in respect of the election of the new Chairman of the Council and must give a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.**
- j Following the election of the Chairman of the Council and Vice-Chairman of the Council at the annual meeting of the Council, the order of business shall be as follows.**
  - i. In an election year, delivery by councillors of their declarations of acceptance of office.
  - ii. Confirmation of the accuracy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Council and to receive and note minutes of and/or to determine recommendations made by committees.
  - iii. Review of delegation arrangements to committees, employees and other local authorities.
  - iv. Appointment of any new committees, confirmation of the terms of reference, the number of members (including, if appropriate, substitute councillors) and receipt of nominations to them.
  - v. Review and adoption of appropriate standing orders and financial regulations.
  - vi. Establishing or reviewing the Council's complaints procedure.
  - vii. Establishing or reviewing the Council's procedures for handling requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection Act 1998.
  - viii. Establishing or reviewing the Council's policy for dealing with the press/media

### **3 Proper Officer**

- a The Council's Proper Officer shall be the clerk.

- b The Council's Proper Officer shall do the following.
- i. **Sign and serve on councillors by delivery or post at their residences a summons confirming the time, date, venue and the agenda of a meeting of the Council and a meeting of a committee at least 3 clear days before the meeting.**
  - ii. **Give public notice of the time, date, venue and agenda at least 3 clear days before a meeting of the Council or a meeting of a committee (provided that the public notice with agenda of an extraordinary meeting of the Council convened by councillors is signed by them).**
  - iii. **Convene a meeting of full Council for the election of a new Chairman of the Council, occasioned by a casual vacancy in his office, in accordance with standing order 3(b)i above.**
  - iv. Make available for inspection the minutes of meetings.
  - v. **Receive and retain copies of byelaws made by other local authorities.**
  - vi. **Receive and retain declarations of acceptance of office from councillors.**
  - vii. Keep proper records required before and after meetings;
  - viii. Process all requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Data Protection Act 1998, in accordance with and subject to the Council's procedures relating to the same.
  - ix. Receive and send general correspondence and notices on behalf of the Council except where there is a resolution to the contrary.
  - x. Manage the organisation, storage of and access to information held by the Council in paper and/or electronic form.
  - xi. Arrange for legal deeds to be signed by 2 councillors and witnessed (*See also standing order 14(a).*)
  - xii. Arrange for the prompt authorisation, approval, and instruction regarding any payments to be made by the Council in accordance with the Council's financial regulations.
  - xiii. Action or undertake activity or responsibilities instructed by resolution or contained in standing orders.

#### **4 Motions requiring notice**

- a Subject to standing order 5, no motion may be moved at a meeting unless it is included in the agenda.
- b The Proper Officer may, before including a motion in the agenda received in accordance with standing order 4(a) above, correct obvious grammatical or typographical errors in the wording of the motion.

- c If the Proper Officer considers the wording of a motion received in accordance with standing order 4(a) above is not clear in meaning, the motion shall be rejected until the mover of the motion resubmits it in writing to the Proper Officer in clear and certain language at least 7 clear days before the meeting.
- d If the wording or nature of a proposed motion is considered unlawful or improper, the Proper Officer shall consult with the Chairman of the forthcoming meeting or, as the case may be, the Councillors who have convened the meeting, to consider whether the motion shall be included or rejected in the agenda.
- e Having consulted the Chairman or councillors pursuant to standing order 4(d) above, the decision of the Proper Officer as to whether or not to include the motion in the agenda shall be final.
- f Notice of every motion received in accordance with the Council's standing orders shall be recorded.
- g Every motion rejected in accordance with the Council's standing orders shall be duly recorded with a note by the Proper Officer giving reasons for its rejection, which shall be open to inspection by all councillors.
- h Every motion and resolution shall relate to the Council's statutory functions, powers and lawful obligations or shall relate to an issue which specifically affects the Council's area or its residents.

## **5 Motions not requiring notice**

- a Motions in respect of the following matters may be moved without notice.
  - i. To appoint a chairman to preside at a meeting.
  - ii. To approve the absences of councillors.
  - iii. To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the previous meeting.
  - iv. To correct an inaccuracy in the minutes of the previous meeting.
  - v. To dispose of business, if any, remaining from the last meeting.
  - vi. To alter the order of business on the agenda for reasons of urgency or expedience.
  - vii. To proceed to the next business on the agenda.
  - viii. To close or adjourn debate.
  - ix. To refer by formal delegation a matter to a committee or an employee.
  - x. To appoint a committee or any councillors (including substitutes) thereto.
  - xi. To receive nominations to a committee.
  - xii. To dissolve a committee.
  - xiii. To note the minutes of a meeting of a committee.

- xiv. To consider a report and/or recommendations made by a committee or an employee.
  - xv. To consider a report and/or recommendations made by an employee, professional advisor, expert or consultant.
  - xvi. To authorise legal deeds to be signed by two councillors and witnessed.  
*(See standing orders 14(a) and (b) below.)*
  - xvii. To authorise the payment of monies.
  - xviii. To amend a motion relevant to the original or substantive motion under consideration which shall not have the effect of nullifying it.
  - xix. To extend the time limit for speeches.
  - xx. To exclude the press and public for all or part of a meeting.
  - xxi. To silence or exclude from the meeting a Councillor or a member of the public for disorderly conduct.
  - xxii. To give the consent of the Council if such consent is required by standing orders.
  - xxiii. To suspend any standing order except those which are mandatory by law.**
  - xxiv. To adjourn the meeting.
  - xxv. To appoint representatives to outside bodies and to make arrangements for those representatives to report back the activities of outside bodies.
  - xxvi. To answer questions from councillors.
- b If a motion falls within the terms of reference of a committee or within the delegated powers conferred on an employee, a referral of the same may be made to such committee or employee provided that the Chairman may direct for it to be dealt with at the present meeting for reasons of urgency or expedience.

## **6 Rules of debate**

- a Motions included in an agenda shall be considered in the order that they appear on the agenda unless the order is changed at the Chairman's direction for reasons of expedience.
- b Subject to standing orders 4(a) and (b) above, a motion shall not be considered unless it has been proposed and seconded.
- c During the debate of a motion, a councillor may interrupt only on a point of order or a personal explanation and the councillor who was interrupted shall stop speaking. A Councillor raising a point of order shall identify the standing order which he considers has been breached or specify the irregularity in the meeting he is concerned by.

- d A point of order shall be decided by the Chairman and his decision shall be final.
- e When a councillor's motion is under debate no other motion shall be moved except:
  - i. to amend the motion;
  - ii. to proceed to the next business;
  - iii. to adjourn the debate;
  - iv. to put the motion to a vote;
  - v. to ask a person to be silent or for him to leave the meeting;
  - vi. to refer a motion to a committee or sub-committee for consideration;
  - vii. to exclude the public and press;
  - viii. to adjourn the meeting;
  - ix. to suspend any standing order, except those which are mandatory.
- f In respect of standing order 6(e)(iv) above, the Chairman shall first be satisfied that the motion has been sufficiently debated before it is seconded and put to the vote. The Chairman shall call upon the mover of the motion under debate to exercise or waive his right of reply and shall put the motion to the vote after that right has been exercised or waived. The adjournment of a debate or of the meeting shall not prejudice the mover's right of reply at the resumption.

## **7 Code of conduct**

1. A Member with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Other Significant Interest in a matter to be considered, or being considered at a meeting must:
  - (a) disclose the interest; and
  - (b) explain the nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration or when the interest becomes apparent (subject to paragraph 5 below); and unless they have been granted a dispensation:
  - (c) not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter at the meeting; and
  - (d) withdraw from the meeting room whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered; and
  - (e) not seek improperly to influence a decision about that business.
2. A Member with an Other Significant interest, may attend a meeting but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise. The Member will withdraw from the meeting room immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence.
3. Where a Member with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Other Significant Interest in a matter under discussion (unless a dispensation has been granted in accordance with paragraph 1. of this Standing Order), chooses to participate in the discussion and vote, the Chairman will refuse to count the 'vote' of the Member concerned, for the 'vote' will have

been cast illegally and cannot be considered to be a vote at all. The Chairman may apply the rules in Council Standing Order 10 relating to 'disorderly conduct'.

4. The Chairman may request that a Member declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or an Other Significant Interest and, if appropriate, leave the meeting room, should they have reason to believe that the provisions of the Code of Conduct and/or this Standing Order are being breached.
5. Where a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or an Other Significant Interest has been agreed by the Monitoring Officer as being a Sensitive Interest, the Member need only disclose the existence of the interest but not its nature.

## **8 Questions**

- a A councillor may seek an answer to a question concerning any business of the Council provided notice of the question has been given to the Proper Officer.
- b Questions not related to items of business on the agenda for a meeting shall only be asked during the part of the meeting set aside for such questions.

## **9 Minutes**

- a If a copy of the draft minutes of a preceding meeting has been circulated to councillors no later than the day of service of the summons to attend the scheduled meeting they shall be taken as read.
- b No discussion of the draft minutes of a preceding meeting shall take place except in relation to their accuracy. A motion to correct an inaccuracy in the minutes shall be raised in accordance with standing order 5(a)(iv) above.
- c Minutes, including any amendment to correct their accuracy, shall be confirmed by resolution and shall be signed by the Chairman of the meeting and stand as an accurate record of the meeting to which the minutes relate.
- d If the Chairman of the meeting does not consider the minutes to be an accurate record of the meeting to which they relate, he shall sign the minutes and include a paragraph in the following terms or to the same effect:  
"The Chairman of this meeting does not believe that the minutes of the meeting of the ( ) held on [date] in respect of ( ) were a correct record but his view was not upheld by the majority of the ( ) and the minutes are confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings."
- e Upon a resolution which confirms the accuracy of the minutes of a meeting, any previous draft minutes or recordings of the meeting shall be destroyed.

## **10 Disorderly conduct**

- a No person shall obstruct the transaction of business at a meeting or behave offensively or improperly.
- b If, in the opinion of the Chairman, there has been a breach of standing order 10(a) above, the Chairman shall express that opinion and thereafter any councillor (including the Chairman) may move that the person be silenced or excluded from the meeting, and the motion, if seconded, shall be put forth with and without discussion.
- c If a resolution made in accordance with standing order 10(b) above, is disobeyed, the Chairman may take such further steps as may reasonably be necessary to enforce it and/or he may adjourn the meeting.

## **11 Expenditure**

- a Any expenditure incurred by the Council shall be in accordance with the Council's financial regulations.
- b The Council's financial regulations shall be reviewed once a year.**
- c The Council's financial regulations may make provision for the authorisation of the payment of money in exercise of any of the Council's functions to be delegated to a committee, sub-committee or to an employee.**

## **12 Execution and sealing of legal deeds**

*See also standing order 5(a)(xvi) above*

- a A legal deed shall not be executed on behalf of the Council unless the same has been authorised by a resolution.
- b In accordance with a resolution made under standing order 12(a) above, any two members of the Council, may sign, on behalf of the Council, any deed required by law and the Proper Officer shall witness their signatures.**

## **13 Committees**

*See also standing order 1 above*

- a The Council may, at its annual meeting, appoint standing committees and may at any other time appoint such other committees as may be necessary, and:
  - i. shall determine their terms of reference;
  - ii. may permit committees to determine the dates of their meetings;
  - iii. shall appoint and determine the term of office of councillor or non-councillor members of such a committee (unless the appointment of non-councillors is prohibited by law) so as to hold office no later than the next annual meeting;

- iv. may appoint substitute councillors to a committee whose role is to replace ordinary councillors at a meeting of a committee if ordinary councillors of the committee have confirmed to the Proper Officer before the meeting that they are unable to attend;
- v. an ordinary member of a committee who has been replaced at a meeting by a substitute member (in accordance with standing order 15(a)(iv) above) shall not be permitted to participate in debate or vote on business at that meeting and may only speak during any public participation session during the meeting;
- vi. may in accordance with standing orders, dissolve a committee at any time.

#### **14 Extraordinary meetings**

*See also standing order 1 above*

- a The Chairman of the Council may convene an extraordinary meeting of the Council at any time.**
- b If the Chairman of the Council does not or refuses to call an extraordinary meeting of the Council within 7 days of having been requested to do so by two councillors, those two councillors may convene an extraordinary meeting of the Council. The statutory public notice giving the time, venue and agenda for such a meeting must be signed by the two councillors.**
- c The Chairman of a committee may convene an extraordinary meeting of the committee at any time.
- d If the Chairman of a committee does not or refuses to call an extraordinary meeting within 7 days of having been requested by to do so by 2 councillors, those 2 councillors may convene an extraordinary meeting of a committee. The statutory public notice giving the time, venue and agenda for such a meeting must be signed by 2 councillors.

#### **15 Advisory committees**

*See also standing order 1 above*

- a The Council may appoint advisory committees comprised of a number of councillors and non-councillors.
- b Advisory committees may consist wholly of persons who are non-councillors.

#### **16 Accounts and Financial Statement**

- a All payments by the Council shall be authorised, approved and paid in accordance with the Council's financial regulations, which shall be reviewed at least annually.
- b The Responsible Financial Officer shall supply to each councillor as soon as practicable

after 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December in each year a statement summarising the Council's receipts and payments for the each quarter and the balances held at the end of a quarter. This statement should include a comparison with the budget for the financial year. A Financial Statement prepared on the appropriate accounting basis (receipts and payments, or income and expenditure) for a year to 31 March shall be presented to each councillor before the end of the following month of May. The Statement of Accounts of the Council (which is subject to external audit), including the annual governance statement, shall be presented to Council for formal approval before 30 June.

### **17 Estimates/precepts**

- a **The Council shall approve written budgets for the coming financial year** at its meeting before mid-February.
- b Any committee desiring to incur expenditure shall give the Proper Officer a written estimate of the expenditure recommended for the coming year no later than November.

### **18 Inspection of documents**

- a Subject to standing orders to the contrary or in respect of matters which are confidential, a councillor may, for the purpose of his official duties (but not otherwise), inspect any document in the possession of the Council or a committee, and request a copy for the same purpose. The minutes of meetings of the Council, its committees shall be available for inspection by councillors.

### **19 Unauthorised activities**

- a Unless authorised by a resolution, no individual councillor shall in the name or on behalf of the Council or a committee issue orders, instructions or directions.

### **20 Confidential business**

- a Councillors shall not disclose information given in confidence or which they believe, or ought to be aware is of a confidential nature.
- b A councillor in breach of the provisions of standing order 20(a) above may be removed from a committee by a resolution of the Council.

### **21 Freedom of Information Act 2000**

- a All requests for information held by the Council shall be processed in accordance with the Council's policy in respect of handling requests under the Freedom of Information Act

2000.

- b Correspondence from, and notices served by, the Information Commissioner shall be referred by the Proper Officer to the chairman of the Council. The said Council shall have the power to do anything to facilitate compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 including exercising the powers of the Proper Officer in respect of Freedom of Information requests set out under standing order 3(b)(vii) above.

## **22 Relations with the press/media**

- a All requests from the press or other media for an oral or written statement or comment from the Council shall be referred to the Clerk in accordance with its policy in respect of dealing with the press and/or other media.

## **23 Financial matters**

- a The Council shall consider and approve financial regulations drawn up by the Responsible Financial Officer, which shall include detailed arrangements in respect of the following:
  - i. the accounting records and systems of internal control;
  - ii. the assessment and management of financial risks faced by the Council;
  - iii. the work of the Internal Auditor and the receipt of regular reports from the Internal Auditor, which shall be required at least annually;
  - iv. the inspection and copying by councillors and local electors of the Council's accounts and/or orders of payments;
  - v. procurement policies (subject to standing order 23(b) below) including the setting of values for different procedures where the contract has an estimated value of less than £10,000.
- b **Any proposed contract for the supply of goods, materials, services and the execution of works with an estimated value in excess of £10,000 shall be procured on the basis of a formal tender as summarised in standing order 23(c) below.**
- c Any formal tender process shall comprise the following steps:
  - i. a public notice of intention to place a contract to be placed in a local newspaper;
  - ii. a specification of the goods, materials, services and the execution of works shall be drawn up;
  - iii. tenders are to be sent, in a sealed marked envelope, to the Proper Officer by a stated date and time;
  - iv. tenders submitted are to be opened, after the stated closing date and time, by the Proper Officer and at least one member of the Council;

- v. tenders are then to be assessed and reported to the appropriate meeting of Council or Committee.
- d Neither the Council, nor any committee, is bound to accept the lowest tender, estimate or quote.
- e **Where the value of a contract is likely to exceed £138,893 (or other threshold specified by the Office of Government Commerce from time to time) the Council must consider whether the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (SI No.5, as amended) and the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2006 (SI No. 6, as amended) apply to the contract and, if either of those Regulations apply, the Council must comply with EU procurement rules.**

## **24 Allegations of breaches of the code of conduct**

- a On receipt of a notification that there has been an alleged breach of the code of conduct the Proper Officer shall refer it to Monitoring Officer/Standards Officer of the District Council.
- b Where the notification relates to a complaint made by the Proper Officer, the Proper Officer shall notify the Monitoring/ Standards Officer of that fact, who, upon receipt of such notification, shall nominate a person to assume the duties of the Proper Officer set out in the remainder of this standing order, who shall continue to act in respect of that matter as such until the complaint is resolved.
- c The subject matter of notifications shall be confidential and, insofar as it is possible to do so by law, the Council (including the Proper Officer and the Chairman of the Council) shall take the steps set out below, together with other steps considered necessary, to maintain confidentiality.
  - i. Draft the summonses and agendas in such a way that the identity and subject matter of the complaint are not disclosed.
  - ii. Ensure that any background papers containing the information set out in standing order 24(a) above are not made public.
  - iii. Ensure that the public and press are excluded from meetings as appropriate.
  - iv. Ensure that the minutes of meetings preserve confidentiality.
  - v. Consider any liaison that may be required with the person or body with statutory responsibility for the investigation of the matter.
- d Standing order 24(c) above should not be taken to prohibit the Council (whether through the Proper Officer or the Chairman of the Council or otherwise) from disclosing information to members and officers of the Council or to other persons where such

disclosure is necessary to deal with the complaint or is required by law.

- e The Council shall have the power to:
  - i. seek documentary and other evidence from the person or body with statutory responsibility for investigation of the matter;
  - ii. seek and share information relevant to the complaint;
  - iii. grant the member involved a financial indemnity in respect of legal costs, which shall be in accordance with the law and subject to approval by a meeting of the full Council.

References in standing order 24 to a notification shall be taken to refer to a communication of any kind which relates to a breach or an alleged breach of the code of conduct by a councillor.

## **25 Variation, revocation and suspension of standing orders**

- a Any or every part of the standing orders, except those which are mandatory by law, may be suspended by resolution in relation to any specific item of business.
- b A motion to permanently add to or to vary or to revoke one or more of the Council's standing orders not mandatory by law shall not be carried unless two-thirds of the councillors at a meeting of the Council vote in favour of the same.

## **26 Standing orders to be given to councillors**

- a The Proper Officer shall provide a copy of the Council's standing orders to a councillor upon delivery of his declaration of acceptance of office.
- b The Chairman's decision as to the application of standing orders at meetings shall be final.
- c A councillor's failure to observe standing orders more than 3 times in one meeting may result in him being excluded from the meeting in accordance with standing orders.