
Report of City Solicitor

Report to Full Council

Date: 16th November 2011

Subject: State of the City Council Meeting – 7th December 2011

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

To seek suspension of Council Procedure Rules to allow the format of the State of the City Council meeting to be different to that of an ordinary Council meeting.

Recommendations

1. Council is asked to approve the suspension of Council Procedure Rules for the State of the City Council Meeting on 7th December 2011.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek Council approval to the Suspension of Council Procedure Rules for the State of the City Council Meeting on Wednesday 7th December 2011.

2 Background information

- 2.1 At the Annual Meeting on the 26th May 2011 it was agreed that an additional Council meeting would be held and known as the State of the City Council meeting.
- 2.2 The meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th December 2011 at 2.30pm for the purpose of receiving the State of the City Report.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 It is intended that the conduct of the State of the City Council meeting will be different to that of an ordinary Council meeting, the specific purpose of the meeting is for Full Council to receive the State of the City report. It is intended that the Summons for the meeting and the State of the City report will be circulated to Members on Friday 18th November.
- 3.2 In addition to receiving the report Sir Bob Kerslake will address Council on Localism and the evolving role of Local Government.
- 3.3 The format of the meeting will be as follows;
 - Lord Mayor's Announcements
 - To note the Suspension of Council Procedure Rules
 - Declarations of Interest
 - Questions to the Leader, Executive Members and Partners¹. Questions should be submitted to Governance Services by 12 noon on 28th November 2011.

Adjournment to allow a number of themed debates with Partners

- Leader of Council to move that the State of the City Report be received
- Closing Remarks from each Group Leader
- Leader of Council to sum up
- Lord Mayor calls for the vote to receive the State of the City Report
- Sir Bob Kerslake to address Council on matters relating to Communities and Local Government

Attached at Appendix one to this report is a copy of the draft Order Paper setting out the business to be transacted and also detailing the time allocated for each element of the meeting.

¹ Those identified as providing a lead role in the break-out sessions, whips have agreed that there will be no supplementary questions.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 The Lord Mayor, Leaders and Group whips have been consulted on the proposals contained in this report.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 No implications.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 The revised structure of the Council meeting will enable Members to consider matters relating to City Priority Areas.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

- 4.4.1 No implications.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 In order that the Council meeting can proceed as outlined it will require Council to approve the suspension of Council Procedure Rules.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 No implications.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 Council is asked to approve the suspension of Council Procedure Rules for the duration of the State of the City Council Meeting on 7th December 2011.

6 Background documents – None