

COUNCIL MEETING – 20th JULY 2022

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| NOTICE OF: | Reference No: | Date Received: | Date Forwarded: |
| White Paper Amendment | A1 to WP2 | 19/7/22 | 19/7/22 |

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| Submitted by: | Councillor Dan Cohen |
| Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: | Executive Board |
| Executive Member/Chair: | Executive Member (Resources) |
| Relevant Director | Chief Executive |

Delete all after “First Past the Post (FPTP) voting system” in the first line, and replace with the following:

“is a tried and tested method for determining UK general elections that is well understood by voters, maintains a valuable geographic link between electors and their representatives, and is more likely than the alternatives to produce clearer results leading to stable government.

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Motion would read:

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Deadlines for submission

White Papers - 10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons
Questions - 10.00 am on Monday before the meeting
Amendments - 10.00 am on the day before the meeting
(including references back)

(All submissions should be made to Governance Services for receipt to be recorded and distribution made)
