

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE - 11 June 2012

Proposal from Cllr Ceri Jones

The maximum 30 minute rule for debating motions from each political group be extended by 30 minutes to a maximum of 60 minutes

Liberal Democrat Constitution Committee member Cllr. Ceri Jones would like to propose in the interests of democracy at the forthcoming Constitution Committee being held at Shire Hall on 11th June that the maximum 30 minute rule for debating motions from each political group is extended by 30 minutes to a maximum of 60 minutes.

To reflect this extension, the total period of time spent on motions on the day of a meeting is also to be extended by a further two hours to four hours.

The amendments are set out in red font as follows:

1) Under part 4 – Notices of Motion – Section 11.2.2 –

Unless the Chairperson, in consultation with Group Leaders, decided otherwise, subject to Procedural Standing Order 11.8, motions from each political group (for the purposes of this Procedural Standing Order 11.2.2 only, all independent Councillors are considered as a political group) shall be considered by full council for up to a maximum of 60 minutes on the day of a meeting. Immediately after the end of the 60 minute period the proposer of the original motion then under debate may choose whether the motion be put or withdrawn (the consent of the seconder and full Council not being required in these circumstances) and if he or she decides that the motion be put, he or she shall first have the right of reply which shall be limited to 3 minutes;

2) Under Part 4 – Notices of Motion – Section 11.8 –

The total period of time spent on motions on the day of a meeting shall not exceed four hours immediately following which the motion under discussion shall be put to a vote. This Procedural Standing Order may not be suspended.

This proposed amendment will be seconded by Liberal Democrat member of the Constitution Committee Cllr. Jeremy Hilton.

Cllr Ceri Jones