

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ADOPTED STANDING ORDERS (July 2019)

6. Place of Meeting and Address of Principal Offices

In so far as practicable the place for holding meetings of the Council shall be the principal offices of the County Council and meetings shall normally be held there, provided that the Council may from time to time by resolution appoint an alternative location for a particular meeting. **ADD- The holding of meetings of the Council and any committees in a physical location where all or partial attendance in person will be the default position for meetings of the Council where statutory decisions are being made.**

The address of the principal offices for the purposes of these Standing Orders is County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny.

13. Order of Business

The Order of Business at all meetings other than Annual Meetings, County Council Budget Meetings and Special Meetings shall, subject to the provisions of any enactments, be as follows:

- (i) Confirmation of minutes
- (ii) Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy
- (iii) Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Council for transaction at such meeting
- (iv) Urgent Correspondence
- (v) Business adjourned from previous meeting
- (vi) Fix dates and times of meetings
- (vii) Consideration of Reports and Recommendations of Committees of the County Council
- (viii) Other business set forth in the Notice convening the meeting
- (ix) Correspondence
- (x) Notices of Motion

In the case of a meeting convened for a special purpose the business specified in the Notification for such meeting shall be transacted and no other business.

At any ordinary meeting of the Council it shall be proper, if a majority of the members present and voting so decide, to take an item for consideration out of the sequence of listing on the Agenda, provided always that such decision shall not affect any business required by Statute to be done before any other business at the meeting.

Priority, as high as is practicable, shall be given to items which have been deferred or adjourned from a previous meeting.

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13A Declaration of Interests

Any Member attending at a meeting of the Council or its sub-committees who has a disclosable pecuniary or other beneficial interest relating to any agenda item under Part 15 of the Local Government Act must declare it at the commencement of this agenda item and advise the Cathaoirleach and Members of his intention to leave the meeting. His/her departure and reason for it must be noted in the minutes. The Meetings Administrator shall invite the Member to return to the meeting when the discussion and decisions relating to the item have concluded.

15. Notices of Motion

Every Notice of Motion dated and signed by the Member or Members giving it shall be delivered to the meetings administrator **by email, post or by hand** and shall be recorded in the order of their receipt and shall appear on the Agenda in that order.

No Notice of Motion shall be set down on the Agenda for any meeting unless such Notice of Motion shall have been delivered to the meetings administrator **by a method as described above** at least 7 clear days before the date of such meeting.

50. Attendance of Public and Media

The right of the public and representatives of the media to attend Council meetings is subject to the following:

Where the Council is of opinion that the absence of members of the public and representatives of the media from the whole or part of a particular meeting is desirable because of the special nature of the meeting or of an item of business to be or about to be considered at the meeting or for other special reasons, **in line with the provisions of Section 45 of the Local Government Act, 2001** the Council may, by resolution in respect of which, at least one-half of the total number of members vote in favour, decide to meet in committee for the whole or part of the meeting concerned. The resolution in this instance shall indicate in a general way the reasons for the resolution and those reasons shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

52. Members of the public **and media** shall be seated and **shall** maintain silence and observe any directions given by the Chair or by any **Council** employee in attendance. **Delete-upon the Council**. Such employees are responsible for the execution of all measures necessary for the maintenance of order, decorum and safety in and about the Chamber.

If a member of the public interrupts a meeting at any time or endeavours, without the permission of the Council to address a Meeting, the Chair shall warn him or her and if the interruption continues shall order that person's removal. The Chair may suspend or/and adjourn the meeting for such period as he or she considers necessary in the interests of order and safety.

In the case of a general disturbance in any part of the Meeting Room open to the public, the Chair shall order that part to be cleared.

The Chair shall not permit re-entry to individuals [*considered party to the disturbance*] to this or subsequent meetings until such time as a written apology has been received and accepted by the Members.

NOTE:

Changes have been incorporated into the amended Standing Orders document circulated with the report to the November meeting.