

Proposed Changes To The Constitution As Tabled At The Council Meeting On 17th May 2012

1. The following amendment be made to 6.03 **Specific functions:**

- (iv) question members of the executive and committees and chief officers about their views on issues and proposals affecting the area; and

Be removed and replaced with:

- (iv) question members of the executive and committees and chief officers about their views on issues and proposals affecting the area and receive a reply/progress statement from the responsible body or member within 3 calendar months, relating to any recommendations accepted by full council or cabinet which have been referred from the scrutiny process; and

2. The following be amended at Article 10A – Nominations Committee:

Article 10A – Nominations Committee

The Council will establish a standing committee of five members to:-

1. Consider nominations to be made to the Council pursuant to section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 for conferring the title of honorary aldermen or honorary alderwomen on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Council **as past members of the Council but who are not at that time members of the Council.**(delete)

2. Consider nominations to be made to the Council pursuant to section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 to admit to be honorary freemen or honorary freewomen of the Borough of Tamworth persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Borough.

The Committee shall be attended by the Monitoring Officer or the Deputy Monitoring Officer.

CHANGE TO

Article 10A – Nominations Committee

10A. 01 The Council will establish a standing committee of five members to:-

1. Consider nominations to be made to the Council pursuant to section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 for conferring the title of honorary aldermen or honorary alderwomen on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Council.

2. Consider nominations to be made to the Council pursuant to section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 to admit to be honorary freemen or honorary freewomen of the Borough of Tamworth persons **who are (added)** of distinction and who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Borough.

The Committee shall be attended by the Monitoring Officer or the Deputy Monitoring Officer.

10A. 02 Composition

(a) **Membership.** The nominations committee will be composed of at least:

- five Councillors

- one person who is not a councillor or an officer of the Council;

(b) **Chairing the Committee.** The Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be appointed in accordance with Council Procedure Rules;

(c) **Independent members.** Independent members will be entitled to vote at meetings.

10A. 03 Role and Function

The Nominations Committee will have the following roles and functions:

1. Consider nominations to be made to the Council pursuant to section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 for conferring the title of honorary aldermen or honorary alderwomen on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Council;

2. Consider nominations to be made to the Council pursuant to section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 to admit to be honorary freemen or honorary freewomen of the Borough of Tamworth persons who are of distinction and who have, in the

opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Borough;

3. Maintain a publicly accessible application process for the two above honours;
4. Any approved applications are referred to Full Council for Full Council approval;
5. Act as a sponsor to a new application, make referral to, or support an existing application that nominates a Tamworth resident to any outside bodies' awards or recognition scheme;
6. Seek nominations from the Tamworth public, persons worthy of public recognition for their service or work for the Borough of Tamworth.

3. The following amendment be made to

11.2 Questions on notice at Ordinary Meetings of the Council:

Subject to Rule 11.4, a member of the Council may ask:

- a member of the executive;
- the chairman or vice-chair of any committee or sub-committee;
- a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects Tamworth.

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11.2 Questions on notice at Ordinary Meetings of the Council

Subject to Rule 11.4, a member of the Council may ask:

- any member in receipt of a Special Responsibility Allowance, except the Mayor and Deputy Mayor;
- a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects Tamworth.

4. The following be added:

1.8 Decisions to be taken by the executive

- (c) The executive are to reply recommendations accepted from Full council or the scrutiny Committees within a 3 month period;

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