

COUNCIL, 15 JULY 2015

AGENDA ITEM 7

MOTION FOR DEBATE

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES FOR THE
SCOPE OF MOTIONS TO FULL COUNCIL**

Deemed Motion on behalf of the Administration

That the report be adopted and its recommendations carried into effect.

Amendment on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group

The Governance report proposes taking away the Mayor's power to have the final say on whether a Motion is acceptable and instead proposes giving the final say to the Monitoring Officer.

This is anti-democratic because motions are a political matter and it's the responsibility of the Mayor rather than the Legal Officer to have the final say.

Thus Council agrees to send this report back to the Governance committee for further consideration because it is wrong in principle and practice to delegate political decision making to unelected council officers!