



Report To:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date:	10 th February 2026
Subject:	Council Procedure Rule 11 – Questions by Members
Purpose:	To make a recommendation to Council in relation to a motion on notice to vary Council Procedure Rule 11 – Questions by Members
Key Decision:	N/A
Portfolio Holder:	N/A
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Ward(s) Affected:	N/A
Exempt Report:	No

Summary

This report requests that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers a motion on notice to vary Council Procedural Rule 11 – Questions by Members and makes a recommendation to Full Council in relation to the motion.

Recommendations

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- considers the proposal to vary Council Procedure Rule 11 as set out in the motion on notice;
- considers the report of the Monitoring Officer relating to this matter as set out at Appendix 1; and
- makes a recommendation to Full Council in relation to the motion on notice.

Reasons for Recommendations

To comply with constitutional requirements.

Other Options Considered

None

1. Background and report

1.1 At the Council Meeting on 12 January 2026 the Council considered the following motion on notice to vary Council Procedure Rule 11 – Questions by Members:

COUNCIL NOTES:

That the current Council Procedure Rules permit Members to submit more than one question to Full Council within a single meeting cycle.

That recent meetings have demonstrated that multiple questions from the same member can extend proceedings, reduce time available for wider debate, and limit opportunities for other members to participate.

That ensuring fair and balanced participation from all elected Members is essential to the effective functioning, transparency and efficiency of Full Council Meetings.

Therefore, Council resolves

1. *To amend Council Procedure Rule 11.2(Questions on Notice at Full Council) to state that a Member of the Council may submit one question only to Full Council per meeting.*

2. *That this amendment shall take effect at the conclusion of the Full Council Meeting on 12th January 2026.*

3. *That the Monitoring Officer be authorized to update the Constitution and any associated guidance documents accordingly to give effect to the amendment.*

1.2 Following a point of order being raised at the meeting it was clarified that before approving any changes to its Constitution the Council would be required to consider a report prepared by the Monitoring Officer. The Monitoring Officer's report relating to the proposed changes is attached at Appendix 1.

1.3 Furthermore the Council's Constitution requires that a motion on notice which proposes to vary the Council's Procedure Rules must be considered by a Committee of the Council who shall make a recommendation back to the next ordinary meeting of the Council in relation to the motion.

2. Conclusion

2.1 To comply with the Council's Constitution, and with the agreement of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Committee is asked to consider the motion on notice contained within this report, consider the Monitoring Officer's Report at Appendix 1 and make a recommendation to Full Council for its consideration at its meeting on 2 March 2026.

Implications

South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership

None

Corporate Priorities

None

Staffing

None

Workforce Capacity Implications

None

Constitutional and Legal Implications

As contained in the report and Appendix 1.

Data Protection

None

Financial

None

Risk Management

None

Stakeholder / Consultation / Timescales

None

Reputation

None

Contracts

None

Crime and Disorder

None

Equality and Diversity / Human Rights / Safeguarding

None

Health and Wellbeing

None

Climate Change and Environment Impact Assessment

None

Acronyms

None

Appendices

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report:

Appendix 1 Monitoring Officer

Background Papers

The Council's Constitution -

<https://democracy.boston.gov.uk/documents/g1361/Public%20reports%20pack%2028th-Jan-2026%20Constitution.pdf?T=10>

Chronological History of this Report

Motion on Notice

Name of Body

Date

Council

Report Approval

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