

**EAST OLDHAM DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**

# **PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO MEETINGS OF THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**

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## **Reason for Report**

To inform meetings of District Executives of amendments to the Council's constitution in relation to the submission of public questions to meetings of the District Executives.

## **Recommendations**

The report is for information only.

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### **1 Background**

- 1.1 In accordance with previous constitutional provisions, members of the public could ask questions at District Executive meetings, where they had given written notice of that question at least fifteen minutes before the start of the meeting.
- 1.2 Public question time had not been consistent between Committees and District Executives, and the Council, at its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018, had resolved to have standard timings for public question time and the deadline for submission of questions to achieve consistency.
- 1.3 The Council's constitution had been amended to read 'Public questions can be submitted to Constitutional Services by noon up to two working days before the day of the meeting' (amendments to Part 3 p.32, Public Question Time, and to Part 8 Appendix 1 – Public Access to Information). Each individual will be allowed up to a maximum of two minutes to ask their question and a time limit of 30 minutes is set for public question time for all Committees and District Executives.

### **2 Recommendation**

The report is submitted for information only.

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