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The Council established a working group to review Standing Orders and the committee structure in February 2026. The group met twice and worked through each standing order in turn and suggested changes. Where agreement could not be reached, a vote was carried out.

The group recommend no changes to committee structure.

Changes

The changes to the document can be seen in red highlighting. The changes are outlined below, with reasons for the changes:

SO	Pg	Reason for Change
1(g)	3	No longer required
3(a)(b)	6	Change from Clerk to Proper Officer to align with other terminology in Standing Orders
3(b)(c)	6	Recommended best practice surrounding hybrid meetings urging members to keep their camera on
3(c)(e)	7	Change from 9pm to 15 minutes for public participation session
3(c)(p)	8	Change to require a recorded vote request prior to voting as a vote could be held via show of hands and then a recorded vote requested and members could change their vote
3(c)(q)	8	Change to require a recorded vote for voting on all decisions under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 e.g precept or budget setting
4(e)	10	Change in terminology from Town Mayor to just Mayor
4(g)	10	Change to reflect the changes in SO approved in September 2025
5(k)(xii)	12	Spelling error fix
13(b)	17	New requirement for Chair of Council and committees to undertake training in chairing skills within three months

14(d)	18	New requirement for the Proper Officer to place any concluded Ombudsman complaint on the agenda for Council to take any action they consider appropriate
17(e)	21	New requirement for Audit Committee to review the annual governance return
18(c)	21	Removal of repealed legislation
18(d)	22	New requirement to consider value for money/best value in tendering
19	23	Change in terminology
23	24	Change to reflect Council sealing of documents
27	25	Spelling error fix