

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

8th JUNE 2017

Report of the Director of Legal Services

**CABINET PROCEDURES
(Council Services)**

1. Purpose of the Report

To invite Cabinet to review the way in which it conducts its business in relation to public questions.

2. Information and Analysis

The Council's Constitution provides that the arrangement for the discharge of executive (i.e. Cabinet) functions may be set out in the executive arrangements adopted by the Council. If they are not set out there, then the Leader or Cabinet may decide how they are to be exercised. Arrangements for public questions are not set out in the Constitution and so Cabinet may determine its own arrangements.

3. Public Questions

Since June 2013, the Cabinet arrangements have allowed for questions from members of the public. In the intervening four year period there has been a low take- up of the opportunity for public questions. Given the low take-up and the availability of the opportunity for questions to be asked at Council meetings, Cabinet is invited to review the arrangements.

4. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered; financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity; and environmental, health, human resources, property and transport considerations.

5. Legal Considerations

The proposals contained in the report are in accordance with the Council's Constitution and Schedule A1 of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended by the Localism Act 2011.

6. Key Decision

No.

7. Officer's Recommendation

That Cabinet reviews the arrangement for public questions at Cabinet meetings.

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