

Committee(s): Establishment Committee – For decision	Date(s): 10 July 2019
Subject: The Starring System on Establishment Committee Agendas	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

At the 30th April meeting of the Establishment Committee, the Chair proposed establishing a “starring system” approach to items on the formal agenda. In short, items with a star next to them would be considered, after having been reviewed by the Chair and senior officers, to be non-contentious. If Members did not raise queries or objections prior to the Committee meeting, approval would then be given as read.

After a receiving feedback from Members at the meeting, the Chair would like to propose that this approach is refined; the starring system will be retained, but only for non-contentious items which have been submitted for information.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Approve the refined starring system which will be introduced for the September Establishment Committee Agenda.

Main Report

Members will recall that at the 30th April meeting of the Establishment Committee the Chair proposed establishing a “starring system” approach to items on the formal agenda. In short, items with a star next to them would be considered, after having been reviewed by the Chair and senior officers, to be non-contentious. If Members did not raise queries or objections prior to the Committee meeting, approval would then be given as read.

The Chair’s motivation with this approach was to ensure that business was dealt with in a timely, efficient manner; however, given the views expressed at Committee they are now proposing that this approach is refined; the starring system will be retained, but only for non-contentious items which have been submitted for information. The Chair stresses that Members will still have the opportunity to discuss “for information” items but it would be very helpful if Members could notify the Establishment Committee Clerk pre-meeting with any concerns or queries.

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