

## Proposed Change to the Constitution

**Relevant section of the Constitution (including page/paragraph number):**

Part 4, Motions on Notice – Scope - Paragraph 11.3, Page 10 and Paragraph 13.6.1(e), Page 13.

**Description of proposed change:**

*(Please show the tracked changes here or attached as a separate word document)*

See tracked changes overleaf.

**Reason, including referenced documents/acts, for proposed change:**

A proposed word limit to be applied to motions.

**Timescale:**

The proposed changes will be considered at the next meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee on 23 November 2021.

**Proposer:**

Name:	Claudette Valmond
Title:	Interim Monitoring Officer
Date:	October 2021

**Approval** *(to be completed by Democratic Services)*

**Proposed major changes to be submitted to Audit and Governance Committee for approval**

**Signature of Monitoring Officer:**

**Date:**

Amendment No:	Date incorporated:
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Paragraph 11.3 – Existing Wording

Motions must be about matters for which the Council has a responsibility, or which affect the Borough.

Motions should not normally exceed 250 words and must not commit the Council to taking action without first obtaining professional advice as to the financial and legal implications.

Paragraph 13.6.1(e) – Existing Wording

13.6 Amendments to motions

13.6.1 An amendment to a motion must be relevant to the motion and will either be:

- (a) to refer the matter to an appropriate body or individual for consideration or reconsideration;
- (b) to leave out words;
- (c) to leave out words and insert or add others; or
- (d) to insert or add words;
- (e) as long as the effect of (b) to (d) is not to negate the motion; and
- (f) the effect of (d) does not take the motion as amended over the word limit for a motion referred to in paragraph 11.3.