BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY OFFICERS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

This is a record of a decision taken by an officers under delegated powers and where necessary taken in consultation with members and officers.

Amendment to SQ11.5

Delegated Power

Specify the particular delegated power being exercised by reference to the Delegation Scheme or Cabinet minute and date.

9.10 Monitoring Officer Scheme of Delegation

Article 15.04

Decision Taken

Specify precise details of the decision taken

To amend SO11.5 as follows:

Current drafting:

11.5 Every question arising under Standing Order 11 shall be asked and answered without debate but any Member who receives an oral answer may ask one supplementary question of the Member who answered provided, in the opinion of the Mayor, it does not introduce a new matter.

Amended to:

11.5 Every question arising under Standing Order 11 shall be asked and answered without debate but in respect of Standing Order 11.2.2 only, any Member who receives an oral answer may ask one supplementary question of the Member who answered provided, in the opinion of the Mayor, it does not introduce a new matter.

Reasons for the Decision

Specify all reasons for taking the decision

On 8 April 2021, Full Council approved the adoption into Standing Orders of a new SO11.2A in respect of Cabinet Member questions.

The new SO11.2A specifies that there shall be no right to ask a supplementary question. This has created a drafting contradiction with SO11.5 which states a supplementary question may be asked. The most recent adoption supersedes the previous drafting, and therefore SO11.5 is to be amended to clarify the right to a supplementary question refers to SO11.2.2 only, i.e. questions to Chairs.

Options considered

Not amending – but this would create a confusion within a SO that is referenced regularly

Any declarations of interest and details of any dispensations granted in respect of interests.

None

List of Background papers

FC Minutes – 8 April 2021 Standing Orders

Authorisation

Post Held: Monitoring Officer

Signature

Date 28.09.21

Consultation with members/officers

If the decision is taken following consultation with the members/officers, please give details:

Signed by Member as consulted: N/A

Date