

Item 3 (a)

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Glasgow City Council

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Proposed Changes to the Standing Orders for Council and Committees

Purpose of Report:

To submit for approval proposed changes to the Council and Committee Standing Orders.

Recommendations:

Council are asked to approve the proposed changes to the Council and Committee Standing Orders as set out in this report.

1 Background

- 1.1 Council will recall that following a Point of Order being raised at the last Council meeting on 2 April 2026, the Business Bureau was asked to consider reviewing the voting method set out within the Standing Orders for Council and Committees for those attending remotely with regard to the use of the electronic chat function.

2 Standing Orders – Proposed Changes to Method of Voting

- 2.1 Standing Order 19 (1) currently states that:-

“A vote may be taken either by calling the roll and/or by electronic voting and/or by a show of hands. Voting can take place in the electronic chat function, via email to a nominated Council officer. When it is proposed to take the vote by electronic voting or by a show of hands, any member may object and if a majority of the members present rise in their places to show objection the vote must be taken by calling the roll.”

- 2.2 Following discussion at the Business Bureau, Council are asked to approve the following proposed changes to Standing Order 19 (1) so as to remove the ability to cast a vote using the chat function and by way of an email to council officers:-

“A vote may be taken either by calling the roll and/or by electronic voting and/or by a show of hands, with a clear public audit trail between the member and the vote cast. Where the vote is taken by calling the roll for those members attending the meeting remotely, they are expected to switch on their camera and unmute when called to vote. When it is proposed to take the vote by electronic voting or by a show of hands, any member may object and if a majority of the members present rise in their places to show objection the vote must be taken by calling the roll.”

- 2.3 The proposed changes also reflect Council’s expectation that members attending remotely will turn on their camera and unmute when called to vote but will not preclude their vote from being accepted where there is a technical issue preventing their camera from functioning so long as the member in question can clearly be heard casting their vote.
- 2.4 No further changes to the Standing Orders for Council and Committee are proposed at this time.
- 2.5 A copy of the Standing Orders for Council and Committee incorporating the proposed changes are set out in the appendix to this report.

3 Recommendations

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