

REPORT OF THE POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE – 5 FEBRUARY 2004

1 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC – TIME LIMITATION

- 1.1 This item of business was referred by the Policy & Finance Committee on 5 February to Council with a recommendation that the procedure rule relating to questions by the public be changed to provide for a time limit of up to three minutes for each question and one minute for each supplemental question. A copy of the officer's report to the Committee is attached.
- 1.2 Members of the Committee agreed that experience pointed to there being no need to consider the introduction of an overall time limit for public question time.
- 1.3 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**

That the procedure rule relating to questions by the public be changed to provide for a time limit of up to three minutes for each question and one minute for each supplemental question, the following wording to be added to Council Procedure Rule 10.1:-

“The maximum time limit for asking each question is 3 minutes. The maximum time limit for a supplemental question is 1 minute.”

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Background Papers:

None

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