

COUNCIL - MONDAY, 15 JANUARY 2024

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

9(1) Changes to the Constitution

The following motion on notice has been submitted by Councillor Snartt in accordance with Full Council Procedure Rule 9.12:

Noting the concerns raised since the changes to the Council's Constitution adopted at the last Full Council meeting 6th November 2023.

The Conservative Group request that this is referred back to Cabinet to make amendments to the Constitution as soon as possible, in line with the amendments put forward by the Conservative Group. These changes would help restore the democratic process when dealing with the most controversial and finely balanced planning applications. Noting this only affects approximately 3% of the total planning applications submitted to Charnwood Borough Council.

1. Public speaking at Plans Committee meetings. The Conservative Group would like all references to 3 minutes removed and all references to five minutes added back into the Constitution.
2. 'Call in' remove the statement: 'Ultimately the Chair (or vice chair in their absence) will decide if the item will be added to the committee agenda.'
3. Single Ward Members. Allow a single Ward Member, if having a disclosable interest, be allowed to nominate another Councillor to 'call in' the planning application to a Plans Committee.