

**MINUTES of MEETING of SHORT LIFE WORKING GROUP ON POLITICAL MANAGEMENT  
ARRANGEMENTS held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD  
on MONDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2013**

**Present:**

Councillor Dick Walsh (Chair)

meetings (e.g 6 per year);

(c) that a call in provision be reserved for Council with the detail yet to be scoped out;

2. Noted that detailed remits for each Committee would have to be finalised and be subject to further consultation with Elected Members and detailed consideration by the group taking into consideration;
  - the size of each Committee (recommended between 16 – 18 Members and taking into account political and geographical representations)
  - delegations with clear linkage to strategic priorities
  - frequency and timings of meetings
  - structure of Agendas
  - improved style of reports
  - increased use of IT packages by Members
  - increased use of video conferencing for meetings
  - role of Lead Councillors
  - costs of implementation
3. Agreed to recommend to Council the model Standing Order as attached at Appendix 3 of the report to allow participation in the work of the Service Committees;
4. Agreed to recommend to Council the extension of powers to Area Committees in principle subject to further consultation and;
  - determination of possible financial delegations
  - further guidance and definition in relation to Appendix 4, 1 (d) “to approve the acquisition, sale or lease of land or buildings within their area”
  - inclusion of Council decision of 8 August in relation to allocation of additional income raised through Council tax on empty properties, and how these funds would be administered;
  - clarification of functions of Chord Projects which should be taken forward at an area level
5. Agreed not to introduce a Petitions function; and
6. Noted that the Monitoring Officer would bring forward proposals in regard to conduct issues.

## 5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Noted that the Executive Director – Customer Services, in conjunction with the Chair, would agree to and inform Members of the date of the next meeting of the SLWG.