

5. CONSTITUENCY ISSUES

- 5.1 At any meeting of Council, a Member will be given an opportunity to speak for up to three minutes on any issue which relates to matters relevant to their constituency or any particular issue arising in their electoral division.
- 5.2 Such a speech will not give rise to a debate on the issue or a question and answer session.
- 5.3 Any Member who wishes to make a three minute speech must notify the Member Support section by 10 am on the Tuesday of the week of the Council meeting.
- 5.4 A maximum of 30 minutes is allotted to this business. If the number of Members wishing to make three minute speeches is such that this 30 minute allocation would be exceeded, Members authorised to speak will be decided by ballot based on normal principles of equality and proportionality.

6. PETITIONS

- 6.1 At any ordinary meeting of the Council, any Member may present a petition to the Chairman of the Council on any matter affecting directly arising from their electoral division and in relation to which the County Council has powers or duties. Any Member who wishes to submit a petition must notify Democratic Services by 10am the day before the meeting giving details of what the petition is about. If a petition relates to more than one electoral division, it may be presented by the County Council's Vice Chairman. At the request or with the consent of another Member, a Member may also present a petition on that other Member's behalf in the event that that Member is unable to be present at the meeting. The Member presenting the petition can introduce and speak to the petition for up to one minute.
- 6.2 Unless the provisions of paragraph 6.26.3 below apply, any such petition shall be referred without debate to the appropriate Cabinet Member for consideration. A report back to Council on the outcome of that consideration will be made at the next Council meeting following the presentation of petition. The Member presenting the petition, or the Member on whose behalf it was presented, will be informed of the outcome of the consideration earlier if possible.
- 6.3 In the event a petition contains the signatures of more than 5% of the population of Nottinghamshire it will be debated by Full Council in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/home/your_council/councillorsandtheirrole/petitions.htm. The petition organiser will be given up to five minutes to

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speak and the petition will then be debated for a maximum of 15 minutes, or longer at the discretion of the Chairman. The Council will decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. In order to allow a reasonable period for preparation the debate may take place at the next Council meeting following the presentation of such a petition.