

Proposed Changes to Plenary Meeting Standing Orders – 11th January 2024

Proposed Additions/Changes to Standing Orders – For Approval	
<p>Procedure for adjournment of meetings following a death.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a sitting councillor dies, the Plenary and associated District meeting is deferred. Deferral is dependent on when the death occurs in relation to the date of the meeting. • For a previous sitting councillor, TD, Senator, current member of staff, President or Taoiseach there is an adjournment of the meeting for 10 minutes. • For a family member (spouse/child/parent/sibling) there is an adjournment of meeting for 10 minutes at the next appropriate district council meeting.
<p>Attendance as a body robed at the funeral of a Freeman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If funeral in Waterford full council attends as a body robed. • If funeral outside of Waterford and in Ireland Mayor and delegation attend. • If outside of Ireland Mayor may attend with corporate representative.
<p>Attendance at a funeral mass</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council may be a body robed at funerals of former City, County and City & County Mayors if it is the wish of the family. • Remove attendance as a body robed at funeral mass of family of sitting councillor. • There is no requirement to have a special meeting to offer a vote of sympathy at the death of a sitting councillor, TD/Senator/ Former Mayors. Addition to standing orders to allow attendance as a body robed at these funerals without having a special meeting. Vote of sympathy to be carried out at the start of the next appropriate council meeting.
<p>Motions</p>	<p>Motions that are only defamatory in nature, factually incorrect in their content are not to be listed on agenda. The CPG to have responsibility to make such determinations. The Executive will consult with councillor(s) who submitted the motion to outline issues with the motion as submitted.</p>
<p>Procedure for Lifetime Achievement Award</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change title to 'Lifetime or Outstanding Achievement Award' • Not an official council meeting so will not affect councillors attendance • Not a robed event • Event to be held in Council Chamber • Will be entered into the minutes of the next Plenary meeting
<p>Awarding of Civic Honours</p>	<p>No person or group permitted to receive the same award twice</p>