Agenda item 4

For decision: Adoption of Standing Orders

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Council must re-adopt Standing Orders every year. This year, all proposed changes are minor, they are aimed at improving clarity and are detailed below. The proposed SOs are at Appendix 1.

Recommendation

Approve the revised Standing Orders.

Standing Order ref number	Proposed change / addition	Reason for change
7C	Elect a Deputy Leader	Clarifying current situation
8g	Remit of Council Matters to include Christmas lights and event	Clarifying current situation
8j	Council Matters Committee to be responsible for all aspects related to human resources, beyond the remit of the Council and the Town Clerk	Clarifying role of CM Committee relative to that of Council and Town Clerk
8n	Council Matters Committee to be responsible for reviewing progress against of the work programme	At present, there is little scope for this other than a cursory review by Council in the winter
9e	Town Matters Committee to be responsible for multi-year agreements (MYA) and the Crowdfunder project	Grants to outside organisations are TM Committee responsibility, it is reasonable for TM Committee to consider MYAs. The same is true of the Crowdfunder project.
14	Addition of remit and membership of The Advisory Group (TAG)	This group is operating now and SOs needs to clarify its remit and membership
25	Removing the date by when the precept demand is submitted	This will give Council more flexibility as to when it agrees next year's budget and precept if need be.