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## Review of Standing Orders 2020

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Following the election of a new Council in May 2019 the Protocol Committee recommended that a Working Group be established to carry out a full review of Standing Orders. Nominations were sought from all political groups on the Council and the following Councillors were nominated to the Working Group: - Michael Mac Donncha, Dermot Lacey, Anne Feeney and Lord Mayor Paul McAuliffe. The working group was assisted by administrative staff from the Chief Executive's Office.

The Working Group met on a number of occasions throughout 2019 and 2020 and reviewed each Standing Order. The major focus of the review was to regularise the procedures that govern meetings of the City Council with particular consideration paid to improving their efficacy. Overall the number of standing orders has been reduced from 92 to 62 through a process of elimination due to duplication, the deletion of some outdated provisions and the amalgamation of similar provisions.

Several drafts were considered in succession and were brought to the Protocol Committee for comment. It was agreed at the last meeting of the working group on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June that the final draft would be listed on the Protocol Committee agenda for 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The Protocol Committee thanked the members of the working group for the considerable time and effort that they had dedicated to the review and agreed to recommend the Draft Standing Orders 2020 to the City Council, to be included on the agenda for the July City Council meeting.

Accordingly, the attached Draft Standing Orders 2020 are presented to the City Council for adoption. The making of Standing Orders is a reserved function and requires ascent of over half the elected members. The Draft Standing Orders 2020 will become effective immediately on adoption by the City Council.

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**Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020**