

SUBJECT Code Change Speaker on Committee

MEETING DATE August 23, 2023

SUBMISSION TYPE MOTION FOR INFORMATION

MOTION OR SUMMARY BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the following report from Governance Committee: 'Code Changes 2023: Speaker on Committees' and thus amend the Code as recommended.'

MOVE + SECOND **MOVED:** Kareem **SECONDED:** Salva

SUBMITTED BY Ayesha Irfan – Governance Committee Chair

RELEVANT COMMITTEE or EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE
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SUPPORTED BY Governance Committee

COMMITTEE VOTE RESULT YES NO UNANIMOUS NOT APPLICABLE

ATTACHMENTS

1. Please see Item VIII Consent Items, Section B item 3 for the code on the agenda

**DESCRIPTION &
RATIONALE**

The rationale behind this code change is to clarify in code that the Speaker who maintains the stance of non-partisanship in council is also translated on the committees they are appointed on. This was a code change that last year's Governance Review Committee has suggested, but not implemented.

BENEFITS

Reputational,
Financial,
Sustainable, Social

We are ensuring that the Speaker remains non-partisan when chairing or sitting on committees in code to avoid confusion and clarify that non-partisanship translates to the committee space where major discussions can create a ground for bipartisanship.

RISKS

Financial,
Operational,
Reputational

There are no foreseeable risks to this being implemented.

COSTS

Financial,
Resources, Lifecycle

There are no costs associated with this code change.

TIMELINE

Implementation
Timeline

This would be implemented immediately after council votes to approve.

CONSULTATION

Internal & External
Groups

This code change was recommended by members of the Governance Review Committee.