

Disorderly Conduct
Council Assembly Procedure Rules (CAPR) and Committee Procedure Rules (CPR)

INTRODUCTION

The below table sets out the provisions of CAPRs and CPRs in the constitution and establishes the similarities and differences.

	Section of Council Assembly Procedure Rules (CAPR)	Similar Section of Committee Procedure Rules (CPR)	Comments
1.	<p>1.5 POWERS OF THE CHAIR <i>This rule cannot be suspended.</i></p> <p>1. Having received the views of the council assembly business panel, the chair shall decide, having taken the advice of the monitoring officer, the council assembly agenda and the timings for relevant sections of the meeting.</p> <p>2. The chair shall decide, having taken the advice of the monitoring officer, all matters of order, competence, relevancy, interpretation of council assembly procedure rules relating to the conduct of the meeting and the appropriateness of council questions.</p>	<p>1.3 POWERS OF THE CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR <i>This rule cannot be suspended.</i></p> <p>1. The chair shall decide, having taken the advice of the monitoring officer, all matters of order, competence, relevancy and interpretation of committee procedure rules relating to the conduct of the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>1.7 CONDUCT <i>This rule cannot be suspended.</i></p> <p>Equality and diversity 1. Council assembly shall conduct its business in a way that:</p>	None.	<p>Recommendation: For consistency and rather than being implied, the section should be included in Community Procedure Rules (CPRs).</p>

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	<p>a) promotes equality of opportunity between individuals and treats all people with dignity and respect</p> <p>b) avoids and eliminates discrimination of any kind</p> <p>c) promotes good relations within the community between members of different groups, and encourages the active participation of all.</p> <p>Conduct</p> <p>2. Everyone present at the council assembly meeting must:</p> <p>a) treat other participants with courtesy and respect</p> <p>b) be sensitive to the needs of those participants who are not used to speaking in public, or whose first language is not English</p> <p>c) conduct themselves in a way that does not cause offence to others or limits in any way others' ability to participate in meetings</p> <p>d) only speak when called on by the chair and speak through the chair.</p> <p>3. Unacceptable conduct includes:</p> <p>a) using abusive or unbecoming language or making comments of a personal nature about another person</p> <p>b) discriminatory or other derogatory remarks or actions</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) behaviour that intimidates any person present at the meeting d) preventing others from expressing their views by interrupting or talking while they are speaking e) attributing improper motives to others f) failure to comply with the procedure rules g) treating council officers disrespectfully, either individually or as a group, when speaking to them, or about them h) making comments that relate to an investigation by (whether complete or not), or ruling of, the standards committee or sub-committee insofar as those comments relate to the behaviour or conduct of an individual member or members. i) ignoring or not accepting the authority of the chair. 		
3.	<p>1.8 PREVENTION OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT <i>This rule cannot be suspended.</i></p> <p>Councillors</p> <p>1. A councillor may be directed to discontinue speaking if the chair considers the councillor is being repetitive, irrelevant, using unbecoming language, or is in some other way breaching the order of the meeting.</p> <p>If a member persistently disregards the ruling of the chair by behaving</p>	<p>1.4 PREVENTION OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT <i>This rule cannot be suspended.</i></p> <p>1. A councillor may be directed to discontinue speaking if the chair considers the councillor is being repetitive, irrelevant, using unbecoming language, or is in some other way breaching the order of the meeting.</p> <p>2. If a member persistently disregards the ruling of the chair by behaving</p>	

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