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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on this draft.

I write as a member of the public who attends Council meetings on a regular basis or views the meetings via the live stream.

I am particularly interested in Section 7.1 which I note is not mandatory.

I believe that the requirement for staff and Councillors to stand when the Mayor enters the room is not necessary and could be abused.

However, the requirement to stand when addressing the meeting should be mandatory.

Standing while speaking is an indication of respect for the Mayor and the other Councillors and the public who may be present.

It helps members of the public to identify who is speaking and, I believe, makes the meeting more coherent as too often there is verbal input around the chamber from unidentifiable Councillors resulting in confusion as to the process and business taking place.

The requirement to stand while speaking should not, of course, apply to anyone who is unable to do so.

Sincerely,

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