Motion to amend the Parish Council's standing orders.

Council notes that:

The constitution of Folkestone & Hythe District Council contains provisions to remove the Chair or Vice-Chair of a committee or a sub-committee, and to remove the Leader of the council.

Council believes that:

The Parish Council's standing orders should contain a clear, constitutional mechanism for addressing a loss of confidence in Councillors holding positions of authority.

No such explicit mechanism currently exists in the Parish Council's standing orders.

Council resolves:

To amend the Parish Council's standing orders as follows:

After standing order 4(e) add:

f The relevant committee may remove the Chair of a committee or sub-committee, at any time, by resolution of the committee or sub-committee, on notice of motion moved in accordance with Standing Order 9.

After standing order 5(j) add:

k The council may pass a formal vote of no confidence in the Chair or Vice-Chair of the council, at any time, by resolution of the council, on notice of motion moved in accordance with Standing Order 9. Such a vote shall be an expression of the council's view and shall not, of itself, remove the Chair or Vice-Chair from office or otherwise be binding on them.