

**STANDING ORDERS FOR THE REGULATION OF THE BUSINESS OF THE  
EAST MIDLANDS POLICE AUTHORITIES JOINT COMMITTEE (“EMPAJC”)**

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**STANDING ORDER 5**

**Questions by the Public**

- (1) At each ordinary meeting of EMPAJC, 20 minutes shall be set aside for questions from any resident of the police areas of the party authorities who is present at the meeting concerning the work of EMPAJC.
- (2) No such question shall be asked unless it shall have been put to the Joint Committee Secretary no later than 12 noon two days before the EMPAJC meeting.
- (3) The Joint Committee Secretary may reject the question if it:
  - (a) is not about a matter for which EMPAJC has a responsibility (- questions not related EMPAJC business will be directed to the appropriate body);
  - (b) is defamatory, frivolous or offensive;
  - (c) is substantially the same as a question which has been put at an EMPAJC meeting in the past ten months; or
  - (d) requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information
- (4) The Chairman will reply or invite the relevant member or officer to reply to the question. Such reply shall not exceed 5 minutes. At the discretion of the Chairman, a supplementary question may be asked if arising directly from the reply provided that the original allocation of 5 minutes is not exceeded.
- (5) In the event of there being more than one question, the questions shall be asked in the order received. At the expiry of the 20-minute period, or after the reply to the final question, whichever shall first occur, EMPAJC will proceed to the next business unless the meeting consents to a longer period.
- (6) The questions put and the answers given shall be minuted.