



MEMBER GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 4 DECEMBER 2018

In accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Member Governance Committee a summary of the conclusions made at the meeting are below:

Proposal 1

Any motion put to the MGC should be included in an appendix in the interim or annual report

It was agreed that a brief summary of the proposals be included in published financial reports with a link to the relevant Which? governance website page where fuller details of the proposals would be available, and a telephone number to call to obtain a hard copy if required.

The Committee recognised the difficulty experienced by ordinary members in finding the support of 24 other ordinary members in order to submit a proposal to the MGC. The Committee has therefore agreed to recommend to Council that the MGC Terms of Reference be amended to reduce the level of support required to 5 other ordinary members and to review the impact of this regularly.

Proposal 2

The Consumers' Association should ask members if they wish to support any of the proposals, and ask for a response within two weeks

The MGC understood this to be a proposal aimed at gathering support for proposals so that they can be put to the MGC. Having agreed to recommend to Council on reducing the level of support required to submit a proposal to 5 other ordinary members they concluded that this proposal would no longer be required.

Proposal 3

No ordinary member would be able to raise more than two proposals per half year

The MGC agreed that proposal 3 would ensure that an ordinary member has the maximum opportunity of putting forward a proposal and will, therefore, recommend to Council that the MGC Terms of Reference be amended to allow for an ordinary member to put forward up to four proposals per financial year for consideration by the MGC.

Proposal 4

The Consumers' Association's response to the proposal would be included in the next published interim or annual report

The current process is that a summary of the meeting is published on the Which? governance website pages. Space is often restricted in the written reports, can be costly



and there could be a delay in providing the information depending on where we are in the annual cycle; in the interests of full transparency the MGC have agreed that the Explanatory Statement along with a summary of the meeting should be also be published on the website.

Proposal 5

The Consumers' Association will provide the response to the ordinary member that made the proposal and the supporters in advance of publication and in sufficient time for those ordinary members to respond and for that to be included in the interim or annual report

The MGC agreed an alternative approach to that set out in Proposal 5; that any response by the ordinary member who made the proposal should be shared with the Committee and they will then decide whether or not to consider the issue further. The Committee plan to recommend to Council that the ordinary member can submit a response to the MGC within four weeks of receipt of the Explanatory Statement, and would either be considered at the next MGC or referred to Council for a decision.