

## (COUNCIL TAX) COUNCIL MEETING – 22 FEBRUARY 2024

### ITEMS 8 - 12 Corporate Plan 2023 – 2026: Review of first year and Flagship Actions 2024/25

Revenue Budget 2024/25 and Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2026/27

Housing Revenue Account Budget 2024-25 & Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2025-26 to 2026-27, HRA Capital Programme 2024-25 to 2028-29 and 30 year HRA Business Plan

Treasury Management Strategy Statement Including Annual Investment Strategy for 2024/25 and Capital Strategy for 2024/25

Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2026/27

This note reflects a consensus between the Political Groups on the procedures that will apply for the determination of all the above items.

**OPENING** The Leader will move the Council report, and Cabinet Recommendations and the Mayor will then request any amendments.

**AMENDMENTS** Any amendments will then be moved and seconded.

**JOINT DEBATE** The Council will hold one comprehensive debate on Items 8 - 12, and so all amendments will be considered together.

**ADJOURNMENT** Should significant amendments be received, the Mayor may propose an adjournment of up to thirty minutes to allow Members to read and assimilate them.

**EXTENDED SPEECHES** Up to three identified Members of each Group will be allowed a total of **15 minutes** to talk to the items and respond to any amendments. The order will be as follows:

- (1) Conservative (15 minutes)
- (2) Labour (15 minutes)

Further to this, one speaker from the Administration and one from the Opposition Group will have 5 minutes each during the debate.

**DEBATING RULES** All other speakers will be restricted to the usual **3 minutes**.

To conclude the debate the Groups will be allocated **1 winding-up speech of 5 minutes**, in the following order:

- (1) Labour
- (2) Conservative

**VOTING ON AMENDMENTS** Following the final winding-up speech, the Council will immediately move to voting on the amendments. NO further debate will take place

between the voting on the amendments.

The amendments will be voted on in the following order:

- (1) Labour
- (2) Conservative

One separate vote will be taken on each amendment. If any amendment is carried it becomes the substantive proposal.

Following votes on each amendment, the Council Meeting will have either:

- if an amendment has been carried, a new substantive proposal on the Corporate Plan, Budget, Council Tax, Housing Revenue Account Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Capital Programme; or
- if no amendment has been carried, the original Recommendations.

#### **DETERMINATION OF ITEMS 8 – 12**

A new substantive Budget/Council Tax proposal (if an amendment has been carried) or the Cabinet Recommendation (if not amended) will be put to a formal vote of the Council for adoption, without further debate. A record of all Members voting on the Budget will be taken. Separate votes will be taken on each of the remaining items.

#### **SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL RULES**

The procedures set out above vary the rules regarding the moving of a recommendation from the Executive and the rules of debate. Council will be assumed to have endorsed, under Rule 26.1, the partial suspension of the relevant rules for the limited purposes of items 8 – 12 on the Summons, to enable them to be taken as a single item.

#### **Voting Procedure**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19.4, the vote of each Member present has to be recorded.