

(COUNCIL TAX) COUNCIL MEETING – 16 February 2012

ITEMS 8 - 11 - CORPORATE PLAN

REVENUE BUDGET

HRA

CAPITAL PROGRAMME

TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY/PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

THIS NOTE REFLECTS A CONSENSUS BETWEEN THE LABOUR AND CONSERVATIVE GROUPS ON THE PROCEDURES THAT WILL APPLY FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET & COUNCIL TAX AND THE CORPORATE PLAN.

- OPENING** If there are to be amendments to the Cabinet Recommendations, at the request of the Political Groups, the Leader will move the Cabinet Recommendations and the Mayor will then call for amendments.
- AMENDMENTS** The Political Groups may then move and second any amendments.
- JOINT DEBATE** It is desirable that the Council should hold one comprehensive debate on its budget and Items 8 - 11, so **all** amendments will be considered to have been moved together.
- ADJOURNMENT** Should significant amendments be received the Mayor will propose an adjournment of up to thirty minutes to allow Members to read and assimilate the detail of any amendments.
- EXTENDED SPEECHES** Up to three identified Members of each Group will be allowed a total of **20 minutes** to talk to the recommendation, and to move and second any amendment. The order will be as follows:
- (1) Labour (20 minutes)
 - (2) Conservative (20 minutes)
- 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) Conservative
 - (2) Labour
- 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) Liberal Democrat / Independent
 - (2) Conservative
 - (3) Labour

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 Budget / Council Tax proposal / Corporate Plan proposal; or
- if no amendment has been carried the original Recommendations.

**DETERMINATION
OF ITEMS 8 – 11**

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 to be adopted, without further debate.

**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 25.1 the suspension of the rules for the limited purposes of items 8 – 11 on the Summons, taken as a single item.