

COUNCIL – 20 FEBRUARY 2018

BUDGET DEBATE PROCESS

1. Introduction by Chairman

- Remind councillors about circulated paperwork
- To clarify process to be followed

2. Councillor Jane Scott - Leader of the Council

- to deliver the budget speech
- No time limit on speech

3. Councillor Philip Whitehead - Cabinet member for Finance

- To present and move the budget
- No time limit on speech

4. Councillor Graham Wright - Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

- To present the report of the Committee on the consideration of the Financial Plan – 5 February
- To highlight particular areas of discussion
- No time limit on speech

5. Councillor Ian Thorn – Chair of Financial Planning Task Group

- To report on the work of the Financial Planning Task Group
- No time limit on speech

6. Group Leaders – Response to Budget

- Group Leaders to respond to the recommendations of Cabinet and Councillor Whitehead's motion
- No time limit on speeches

7. Group Leaders – Opportunity for amendments

- Group Leaders' opportunity to move amendments to the motion – each amendment needs to be seconded and the seconder may reserve their speech until later in the debate

- Debate on each amendment to budget – Group Leaders to be asked to speak first on any amendments followed by Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee then widen debate to other Councillors.

8. Councillor Graham Wright- Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

- Report of the Special meeting of the Committee on 9 February
- To respond to opposition budgets

9. Other Councillors – Amendment

- each councillor to speak once only
- the mover of the original motion (Councillor Whitehead) has the right of reply
- Vote on amendment – if agreed this amends the original or substantive motion (or incorporated in the motion by agreement) – if not it falls
- Recorded votes on any amendments
- Proceed to next amendment and repeat process

10. The Substantive Motion

(This could be the original motion or the motion as amended in 9 above)

- Debate on the substantive motion
 - Councillors to speak only once
 - Cllr Whitehead has right of reply
 - Substantive motion put to the vote
 - Budget set
 - All votes on budget will be by way of recorded vote
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