

COUNCIL – 25 FEBRUARY 2020

BUDGET DEBATE PROCESS

1. Introduction by Chairman

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

2. Councillor Philip Whitehead - Leader of the Council

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

3. Councillor Simon Jacobs - Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement

- 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 – 28 January 2020
- 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 Jacobs' motion
- No time limit on speeches

7. Group Leaders – Opportunity for amendments *(if applicable)*

- 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 and vote on each amendment to budget – Group Leaders to be asked to speak first on any amendments.
- Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee to respond, then widen debate to other Councillors.
- Movers of an amendment have a right to reply, followed by Cllr Jacobs (as mover of original motion).

8. Other Councillors – Opportunity for amendments *(if applicable)*

- Each councillor to speak once only
- The mover of the amendment has a right to reply followed by the mover of the original motion (Councillor Jacobs) who has the right of reply
- Debate and vote on amendment
- Proceed to next amendment and repeat process

9. The Substantive Motion

(This could be the original motion or the motion as amended)

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