

COUNCIL – 15 FEBRUARY 2022

BUDGET DEBATE PROCESS

1. Introduction by Chairman

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

2. Councillor Richard Clewer - Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Finance

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

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

- To present the report of the Committee on the consideration of the Financial Plan – 25 January 2022
- To highlight particular areas of discussion
- No time limit on speech

4. Councillor Pip Ridout – Chair of Financial Planning Task Group

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

5. Public Participation

6. Group Leaders – Response to Budget

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

7. Tabled amendments - Cllrs Gavin Grant and Ian Thorn

- Motion moved and introduced
- Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee to present report of 8 February 2022
- Group Leaders given opportunity to respond, and then widen debate to other Members.
- Mover of amendment to have right of reply, followed by final right of reply from mover of the original budget motion

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

- After tabled amendments other 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.
- Meeting may need to adjourn to enable validity and deliverability of motion to be reviewed.
- Debate on each amendment to budget – Group Leaders to be asked to speak first on any amendments, then widen debate to other Members.
- Movers of an amendment have a right to reply, followed by Cllr Clewer (as mover of original motion).

9. Other Members – Amendment *(if applicable)*

- Each Member to speak once only
- Debate and vote on amendment
- Proceed to next amendment and repeat process

10. The Substantive Motion

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

- Debate on the substantive motion
- Member to speak only once (may speak separately on any amendments)
- Cllr Clewer has right of reply at close of debate
- Substantive motion debated and put to the vote
- Budget set