

## **COUNCIL – 26 FEBRUARY 2013**

### **BUDGET DEBATE PROCESS**

#### **1. Introduction by Chairman**

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

#### **2. Leader of the Council**

- No time limit on speech
- To move the recommendations of cabinet and/or Leader's motion
- No debate

#### **3. Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee**

- To present the report of the Committee on the consideration of the Financial Plan
- To highlight particular areas of discussion
- No debate

#### **4. Other Group Leaders**

##### **(i) Other Group Leaders**

- Group Leaders for Liberal Democrats, Independent, Devizes Guardians and Labour to respond to the recommendations of Cabinet/the Leader's motion
- No time limit

##### **(ii) Amendments**

- Group Leaders may as part of their response move an amendment to the Leader's 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 the amendment followed by any councillor - each councillor to speak once only
- the mover of the original motion ( ie the Leader of the Council) has the right of reply
- Vote on amendment – if agreed this amends the original or substantive motion – if not it falls
- Proceed to next amendment and repeat process

## 5. The Substantive Motion

(This could be the Leader's original motion or the motion as amended in 4 above)

- Debate on the substantive motion
  - Councillors to speak only once
  - Leader of the Council has right of reply
  - Substantive budget put to the vote
  - Budget set
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## COUNCIL TAX

*Subject to the Council approving the budget without changes to the net revenue budget of £340.518 million:*

- **Leader of the Council** to move the Council Tax resolution (pages 233-234 of the summons)
  - **Group Leaders** for Liberal Democrats, Independent, Devizes Guardians and Labour to respond.
  - Debate on the substantive motion
  - Councillors to speak only once
  - Leader of the Council has right of reply
  - Council Tax Resolution put to the vote (pages 233-234 of the summons)
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## Item 8 – TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

- **Cabinet Member** to move the recommendations (page 253 of the summons)
- **Group Leaders** to respond
- Debate on the substantive motion
- Councillors to speak only once
- Mover of motion has right of reply
- Motion put to the vote (page 253 of the summons)