

COUNCIL – 26 FEBRUARY 2019

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 – 31 January 2019
- 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 *(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 on each amendment to budget – Group Leaders to be asked to speak first on any amendments.
- Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cllr Whitehead to respond, then widen debate to other Councillors.
- Movers of an amendment have a right to reply.

8. Cllr Gavin Grant – Tabled amendment

- Group Leaders to respond, followed by the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cllr Whitehead, and then widen debate to other Councillors.
- Mover to have a right to reply.

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

- Report of the Special meeting of the Committee on 12 February 2019
- To respond to Cllr Grant's amendment

10. Other Councillors – Amendment *(if applicable)*

- Each councillor to speak once only
- The mover of the original motion (Councillor Whitehead) has the right of reply
- The mover of the amendment has a right to reply
- Debate and 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

11. The Substantive Motion

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

- Debate on the substantive motion
 - Councillors to speak only once
 - Cllr Whitehead 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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