

## **COUNCIL – 22 FEBRUARY 2011**

### **BUDGET DEBATE PROCESS**

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

- to clarify process to be followed
- remind councillors about circulated paperwork

#### **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 Joint Scrutiny Committee**

- To present the report of the Committee
- To highlight particular areas of discussion
- No debate

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

##### **(i) Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group**

- No time limit
- To respond to the recommendations of Cabinet/the Leader's motion
- To outline proposed amendments to Administration's budget  
(NB it is likely that the Chairman will ask the council to adjourn at this stage)
- When Council reconvenes, the Lib Dem Group Leader to move a series of amendments to budget to be done one at a time – each amendment needs to be seconded and 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

**(ii) Other Group Leaders**

- Group Leaders for Independent, Devizes Guardians and Labour to respond to the recommendations of Cabinet/the Leader's motion
- No time limit
- To move any amendment/ opposition budget
- Debate on any amendment/opposition budget
- Vote on any amendment/opposition budget

**(NB Process as in (i) above and the mover of the original motion has the right of reply)**

**5. The Substantive Motion**

**(This could be the Leader's original motion or the motion as amended)**

- 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