

COUNCIL – 28 FEBRUARY 2012

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 (set out at pages 155-6, 173, and 195 of the summons)
- 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) Other Group Leaders

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

(The Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group will give notice during his response that he wishes to move a series of amendments to the budget)

(ii) Amendments

- The Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group will move a series of amendments - 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

(iii) Other Group Leaders

- Group Leaders for Independent, Devizes Guardians and Labour to move any amendments to the recommendations of Cabinet/the Leader's motion
- Debate on any amendment/opposition budget
- Vote on any amendment/opposition budget

(NB Process as in (ii) 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 – original motions set out at pages 155-6, 173 and 195 of the summons)

- 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

COUNCIL TAX

Subject to the Council approving the budget without changes to the net revenue budget of £326.555 million:

- **Leader of the Council** to move the Council Tax resolution (pages 161-2 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 161-2 of the summons)