

Notices of motion

The following rules taken from Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Council explain how motions are to be dealt with at the meeting:

At the meeting

89. The Chairman will invite the proposer, or one of the councillors, who has given notice of the motion to move the motion. Where these councillors are not available at the meeting, the motion can be moved and seconded by any other councillors.
90. A notice of motion must be moved at the meeting, it must then be seconded. If the motion is not moved and seconded, it will, unless postponed by consent of the Council, be treated as abandoned and may not be moved without fresh notice.
91. Once moved and seconded at the meeting, the councillor proposing the motion will be given up to five minutes in which to present his or her motion.
92. The Chairman will give the relevant cabinet member an opportunity to respond to the motion giving him or her up to five minutes in which to do so.
93. On considering a notice of motion and subject to paragraphs 95-100 below, the following options shall then be open to the council:
 - debate the motion and vote on it
 - refer it to an appropriate member body with or without debate
 - refer it to the Leader of Council with or without debate
94. The Chairman will move that the motion either be debated on the day or referred to the appropriate member body. This will be seconded by the Vice-Chairman of Council or in his or her absence, another member of the council and put to the vote without discussion. On the question of referring the motion to an appropriate member body, the only amendment the Chairman will accept is to which member body the motion should be referred.
95. If the motion relates to a function exercisable only by the council then the council will debate the motion and on consideration of a report, determine the motion or refer it to a future meeting of the Council.
96. If the motion relates to a function that has been delegated to another member body then the council will vote without debate on whether to refer the motion to that member body.
97. If referred to another member body that member body must consider the motion at its next available meeting. The mover and seconder of the motion will be invited to attend that meeting if they are not already members of that body in order to present their motion but will not be able to vote unless they

have voting rights. The member body must report back to the council as soon as practicable by way of the minutes of that meeting.

98. If the notice of motion is referred to another member body following debate at council, a summary of the debate at council together with any recommendation will be taken into account by the member body when considering the motion.
99. If the notice of motion relates to an executive function, the motion will be referred to the Leader of the Council. The Leader will write to the proposers of the motion with a copy to all members of the council, advising them what steps he or she proposes to take.
100. Any decision of council arising from a motion must comply with the principles of decision making as set out in Part 2, paragraph 14.2 of this Constitution.