

Agenda Item 3

COUNCIL 5.00pm 18 FEBRUARY 2015 BUDGET DEBATE –TIMINGS AND PROCEDURE

Council is invited to suspend its normal procedure rules and adopt the procedures set out in this note to facilitate debate of the items on the agenda and any proposed amendments.

Agenda, timings and procedure:

<u>Agenda item/ event</u>	<u>Start time</u>
Welcome 1. Apologies 2. Declarations of interest, 3. Announcements 4. Agree the procedure for the meeting	5.00pm
5. Public questions and addresses relating to items on the agenda. Allow 30 minutes for this although it may take the full 45 minutes Addresses - each 5 min Questions - each 3 min + 3 min reply	5.10
6. Report of the Council's chief finance officer on the robustness of the 2015/16 budget	5.40
7. Medium term financial strategy (MTFS) and 2015-16 budget and financial aspects of Asset management strategy (the CEB's budget) Cllr Turner proposes budget agreed on 12 February (10 min). Seconded (may reserve right to speak). Liberal Democrat Group Budget presentation. 20 minutes for presentation and debate Vote Green Group Budget presentation. 20 minutes for presentation and debate Vote	5.50
Tea*	6.50

7a. Conclusion of item 5	7.40
Amendment debate	Total time for amendment debate: 45 minutes
<i>Individual amendments permitted only if circulated by the Clerk. Leader/Deputy Leader to indicate before debate which amendments they will accept without a vote.</i>	
<i>Head of Finance to report on the soundness of the amendments. (3 minutes)</i>	
<i>Amendments taken as read, and taken in order as presented to the Clerk before the start of this item. Any amendments outstanding after 45 minutes will fall unless Council agrees to continue as part of the debate.</i>	
Administration budget debate – on full budget as presented and with any agreed amendments	Total time for debate: 40 minutes
Recorded vote	
Adjourn for 10 minutes	9.10
8. Council tax 2015/16	9.20
Recorded vote	
9. Treasury management strategy	9.30
10. Corporate Plan	
Close meeting	10.15

There is no Part 2 or Part 3 to the agenda for this meeting.

Timings are indicative as business may be concluded earlier than shown or Council may decide to extend the time for any section.

Depending upon outcome of the voting on the Liberal Democrat and Green alternative Budget amendments Council will either adjourn for the Administration to review their position, or proceed to Stage 6 after tea.

*Individual amendments permitted. Amendments must be written down and handed to the Clerk for circulation to all councillors and officers before debating. Leader/Deputy Leader to indicate before debate which amendments they will accept without a vote. Only amendments handed to the Clerk more than 10 minutes before the reconvening of Council will be taken.