

Brighton & Hove City Council

Budget Council 23 February 2023 – Special Procedures

To help Members at Council on 23 February 2023 the procedure to be followed subject to a vote to suspend Standing Orders in respect of the Budget debate is set out below:-

89. **Declarations of Interest.**

90. **Mayor's urgent communications:**

Adoption of Special Procedures

The Leader will move that Council agrees that Council Procedure Rules be suspended in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 1.7 to the extent that it is necessary to enable the business of the meeting to be dealt with as set out in agenda items 91 to 93 below.

91. **General Fund Revenue Budget, Capital and Treasury Management Strategy 2023/24**

92. **Supplementary Financial Information for Budget Council**

93. **Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget & Capital Investment Programme 2023/24 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy**

A. The Administration's Budget Proposal based on a 4.99% Council Tax Increase incorporating a 2% Adult Social Care precept:

- (i) The mayor will invite Councillor Druitt and Councillor Mac Cafferty to move, and second the Administration's Budget based on a 4.99% Council Tax increase incorporating a 2% precept for Adult Social Care and the Green Group amendments No's 1-6.

Councillor Druitt will have unlimited time and Councillor Mac Cafferty will have 5 minutes within which to move and second the budget proposals, the Green Group amendments No's 1-6 and to refer to the prevailing financial conditions in relation to the budget.

B. The Labour Group's Response and Amendments:

- (ii) The mayor will invite Councillor Appich and Councillor Allcock to move and second the Labour Group's amendments No's 1-5 to the budget proposals.

Councillor Appich will have unlimited time and Councillor Allcock will have 5 minutes within which to move and second the Labour amendments No's 1 – 5, and to refer to the prevailing financial conditions in relation to the budget. [The seconder may choose to formally second the amendments and reserve their right to speak].

[The Chief Finance Officer / Monitoring Officer shall have discretion at any stage to remind Members of the proposed substantive budget motion and its implications following acceptance of any amendments.]

Additional Guidance regarding voting on amendments:

C. The Conservative Group's Response and Amendments:

- (iii) The mayor will invite Councillor McNair, and Councillor Bell to move and second the Conservative Group's amendment to the budget proposals.

Councillor McNair will have unlimited time and Councillor Bell will have 5 minutes within which to move and second the Conservative amendment and refer to the prevailing financial conditions in relation to the budget. [The seconder may choose to formally second the amendments and reserve their right to speak].

[The Chief Finance Officer / Monitoring Officer shall have discretion at any stage to remind Members of the proposed substantive budget motion and its implications following acceptance of any amendments.]

D. Independent Members Response and Amendments (Max 2)

- (iv) The mayor will invite Councillor Pissaridou and Councillor Atkinson to move and second the first Independent Member's amendment to the budget proposals.

Councillor Pissaridou will have 5 minutes to move the amendment and Councillor Atkinson will have 3 minutes to second the amendment. [The seconder may choose to formally second the amendments and reserve their right to speak].

- (v) The mayor will invite Councillor Fishleigh and Councillor Atkinson to move and second the second Independent Member's amendment to the budget proposals.

Councillor Fishleigh will have 5 minutes to move the amendment and Councillor Atkinson will have 3 minutes to second the amendment. [The seconder may choose to formally second the amendments and reserve their right to speak].

[The Chief Finance Officer / Monitoring Officer shall have discretion at any stage to remind Members of the proposed substantive budget motion and its implications following acceptance of any amendments.]

E. Council Debate:

- (vi) The mayor will then allow Councillors to debate the 2023/24 Budget proposals for the General Fund Revenue Budget, Capital & Treasury Management Strategy 2023/24 and the Housing Revenue Account Budget & Capital Investment Programme and Medium-Term Financial Strategy; based on a Council Tax increase of 4.99% (items 91 - 93), and the amendments (as detailed in the addendum papers).

Note: Speakers are limited to three minutes each unless otherwise specified or extensions granted.

Additional Guidance regarding voting on amendments:

[The Chief Finance Officer / Monitoring Officer shall have discretion at any stage to remind Members of the proposed substantive budget motion and its implications following acceptance of any amendments.]

F. Administration's Right of Reply:

- (vii) At the conclusion of the debate the mayor will invite Councillor Allbrooke to give a final right of reply on behalf of the Administration and she will have up to 5 minutes in which to respond.

Following this,

- (i) The mayor will request that all Members check that they are logged into their microphones so that they can use the voting facility and the outcome of the voting can be recorded. (Democratic Services will confirm the correct number of members are logged on before proceeding with the recorded vote.)
- (ii) There will be a slight delay between each vote to enable the results of the previous item to be recorded into the system for the minutes once they have been shown on the screens.

G. Voting on the amendments:

- (viii) The mayor will put the amendments to the vote in the following order:

- (i) The Independent Members' amendments No's 1 & 2
- (ii) The Conservative Group's amendment No 1;
- (iii) The Labour Group's amendments No's 1-5;
- (iv) The Green Group's amendments No's 1-6.

Following the conclusion of the voting on the amendments, the Chief Finance Officer will confirm how the individual amendments that have been carried affect the council tax proposal as necessary.

There may be a need for a short adjournment to allow for the preparation of the council tax resolution to reflect the budget proposals as amended / if amended to be printed and circulated prior to the substantive vote.

H. Substantive Votes:

- (vii) The mayor will put the substantive motions (as amended) (if amended) relating to the General Fund Revenue Budget, Capital & Treasury Management Strategy 2023/24 and Supplementary Financial Information to the vote as follows:

1. Budget 4.99% including a 2% Precept for Adult Social Care

- 1.1 The Chief Finance Officer will clarify the amendments that have been agreed and how they affect the budget proposal which will then be put to the vote.

Additional Guidance regarding voting on amendments:

- 1.2 Item 91** General Fund Revenue Budget, Capital & Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23 based on a budget and council tax increase of 4.99% (incorporating a 2% precept for Adult Social Care); recommendations (1) to (7); as detailed in the extract from the Policy & Resources Committee;

together with;

- Item 92** Supplementary Financial Information for Budget Council recommendation (2.1); and the council tax resolution on pages 439 of Appendix 9;

- 1.3 Note:** Should the budget and Council Tax be approved, then the mayor will move to Item 93 on the agenda.
- 1.4** If the vote on the Budget is carried the mayor will then put the Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Investment Programme 2023/24 & Medium-Term Financial Strategy to the vote as detailed in **(2)** below.
- 1.5** If the vote on the budget is lost, then the Chief Finance Officer and/or the Monitoring Officer will outline the Council's position and consult the mayor.
- 1.6 Note:** There may then be a need for an adjournment.

Followed by:

- (ix)** The mayor will put the substantive motions (as amended) (if amended) relating to the Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Investment Programme 2023/24 and the Medium-Term Financial Strategy to the vote as follows:

2. Housing Revenue Account Budget & Capital Investment Programme 2023/24 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy

- 2.1.** The Chief Finance Officer will clarify the position should the amendment have been agreed and how it affects the budget proposal which will then be put to the vote.
- 2.2. Item 93** Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Investment Programme 2023/24 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy recommendations (1) and (2) as detailed in the extract from the Policy & Resources Committee, supporting documents and Appendices to the report.

I. Close of Meeting:

- (x)** The mayor will then close the meeting.

Note: The Mayor may adjourn the meeting at any time.

Additional Guidance regarding voting on amendments:

Additional guidance regarding voting on proposed amendments:

Chief Finance Officer Comments as at 20th February – may be subject to change following discussions :

(1) The following amendments (shown in order of voting) allocate in whole or in part the £0.117m additional resources set out in paragraph 3.5 of the Supplementary Financial Information for Budget Council report.

- Independent Councillor amendment 1 £0.117m
- Independent Councillor amendment 2 £0.035m
- Conservative amendment 1 £0.117m
- Labour Group amendment 1 £0.095m
- Labour Group amendment 3 £0.022m
- Green Group amendment 1 £0.095m
- and Green Group amendment 6 £0.022m

Should any amendment be passed, any subsequent amendment that is passed using the same resources will mean all previous amendments would fall.

(2) Conservative group amendment 1 and Green amendment 2 both reverse in part or in full the Youth-led Grants saving. If both amendments are passed the full saving will be reversed and additional unallocated resources of £0.075m would be added to contingency.

(3) Labour amendment 1 and 3 reverse the Supported Employment saving of £0.210m. Green group amendment 3 ,5 and 6 reverse the Supported Employment saving in part by £0.178m. If all amendments are passed, the saving will be reversed and additional unallocated resources of £0.178m would be added to contingency.

(4) Labour Group amendment 1 and Green Group Amendment 3 include increase charges for scaffolding on the highway. If both amendments are passed then the additional income identified in Green Group amendment changes from £0.005m to £0 (as it effectively reduces fees for the scaffolding over 12 metres agreed in labour amendment 1 which offsets the additional 5% increased income for scaffolding fees below 12 metres) and the amendment would change to reversing £0.097m of the saving to Supported Employment.

Additional Guidance regarding voting on amendments:

(5) Labour amendment 5 and Green amendment 5, both allocate funding from freezing members allowances in 2023/24 (£0.039m). If both amendments are passed then Labour amendment 5 would fall.

The S151 Chief Financial Officer / Monitoring Officer may advise the Mayor of the need for a short adjournment, in order to adjust the budget model in light of any amendments just agreed.

The Budget resolutions shall not be treated as concluded until any consequential adjustments are agreed.

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