

Changes to Council Procedure Rules

The proposed changes to Council Procedure rules can be found below.

1. ANNUAL MEETINGS

1.4 The matters to be considered at the annual meeting shall be:

- (k) Receiving annual reports from the Executive, the Opposition leadership and Whip, the Audit Committee, Pension Fund Committee, Standards Committee, the Chairs of the Council's Policy and Accountability Committees, and the Youth Mayor or Deputy Youth Mayor on work undertaken in the previous year.

14. SPECIAL MOTIONS

- (f) Amendments to Special Motions or report recommendations at virtual meetings of Full Council must be submitted prior to the meeting. They will only be accepted for debate and / or voting if received by 7pm on the day before the meeting.

15. RULES OF DEBATE AT COUNCIL

- (b) Speeches should be relevant to the subject under discussion and be addressed to the Mayor. No speech may exceed 5 minutes without the consent of the Mayor except:
 - (1) At the Budget meeting, the Leader shall be allowed unlimited time to set out their priorities or to propose the Budget.
 - (2) The Leader of the Opposition shall also be allowed unlimited time to reply to a Leader's speech at the Budget Meeting.
 - (3) In the event of the absence of the Leader or the Leader of the Opposition at the Budget meeting, the Mayor shall invite the Deputy Leader or another Cabinet Member (for the Leader) or another Member of the same political group (for the Leader of the Opposition) to exercise the rights of speech of the Leader or the Leader of the Opposition.
 - (4) Up to 3 other speakers from each side shall speak at the Budget meeting. No speech may exceed 5 minutes.
 - (5) The Leader of the Council will then be given an opportunity to sum up the debate.

28. REMOTE MEETINGS

- 28.1 Where legislation allows, meetings may be held using digital means (i.e. video or telephone conferencing). This means meetings can be held in person, virtually, or with some people attending in person and some people attending virtually.