

A5 APPENDIX J

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES - SECTION 1 – COUNCIL MEETINGS

11. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

11.6 Response

An answer may take the form of:

- (a) a direct oral answer;
- (b) where the desired information is in a publication of the Council or other published work, a reference to that publication; or
- (c) where a reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer given later to all Members.

The Member giving the response must provide an electronic or written copy of that response to the Committee Services Manager by ~~10.00 a.m.~~ **Noon** on the day of the meeting in order to enable the response to be circulated to the Questioner, the Chairman of the Council, the Leader of the Council and relevant Officers.

11.7 **Supplementary Questions of Clarification**

After the response has been given to a Question on Notice, the Member who asked the question may ask one ~~supplementary~~ question, of which no notice is required. ~~The supplementary~~ **That** question must solely relate to clarifying the response received. No statements **or other form of question** will be allowed. The ruling of the Chairman on the admissibility of the ~~supplementary~~ question is final.

The minutes of the meeting will record that a ~~supplementary~~ question **of clarification** and **a** response was asked and given, without detailing the content.

3. ORDINARY MEETING

Ordinary meetings of the Council will take place in accordance with a programme decided at the Council's annual meeting. Such programmes shall ensure that the first ordinary meeting is held within 15 working days of the annual meeting of the Council except in a year when there is an ordinary election of Councillors. The order of business at every ordinary meeting of the Council be as follows:

- (i) To receive apologies for absence:
- (ii) To elect a person to preside if the Chairman and Vice Chairman are not present;
- (iii) To deal with any business required by Statute to be dealt with before any other business;

- (iv) To approve the minutes of the last meeting (or in the case of the first ordinary meeting of the municipal year, to approve the minutes of the Annual meeting and the preceding meeting);
- (v) To receive any announcements from the Chairman and the Chief Executive and any statements from the Leader and Members of the Cabinet;
- (vi) To deal with any Petitions;
- (vii) In accordance with Rule 10, to receive questions from, and provide answers to the public in relation to matters which in the opinion of the person presiding at the meeting are relevant to the business of the meeting;

~~(viii) — To receive questions from Members in accordance with Rule 11.2;~~

(ix)(viii) To receive a report from the Leader on any Cabinet decisions taken as a matter of urgency in accordance with Access to Information Procedure Rule 16.2, Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rule 6(b) and Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 18(i);

(x)(ix) To deal with any business from the last Council meeting;

(xi)(x) To receive the minutes of Committees (with the exception of the Licensing and Registration and Planning Committees) and to receive questions and answers from Councillors on any of those items;

(xii)(xi) To receive reports about and receive questions and answers on the business of joint arrangements and external organisations;

(xiii)(xii) To consider motions (in the order in which notice has been received);

(xiv)(xiii) To consider any other business specified in the summons to the meeting, including consideration of proposals from the Cabinet in relation to the Council's Budget and Policy Framework, other reports from the Cabinet, reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, or other Committees for debate and reports from Officers for consideration; ~~and~~

(xiv) To receive questions from Members in accordance with Rule 11.2; and

(xv) Urgent matters for Debate

Matters which are not on the Agenda and which a Member considers should be reported urgently to the Council may, with the consent of, and in a form approved by, the Chairman, be brought before the meeting by way of a short written statement which shall be read by the Chief Executive, Section 151 Officer or Monitoring Officer, as part of his or her reports and communications. The Member concerned may, by leave of the Chairman, speak on the statement and move a motion unless advised otherwise by the Chief Executive, Section 151 Officer or Monitoring Officer.

With the exception of items (i) (ii) (iii) and (iv), the order of items may be varied at the discretion of the Chairman or by a resolution passed on a motion (which need not be

in writing) duly moved and seconded, which shall be put without discussion. At the last ordinary meeting of the Council in the municipal year, following item (v) the meeting will receive the annual State of Tending Statement from the Leader.