

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

**PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED AT BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING
8th MARCH 2021**

If the Council agrees, the procedure for debate on the Revenue Budget 2021/22 and Medium Term Financial Strategy (item 3) will be as follows:

(1) The Mayor will call upon the Leader of the Council to move as follows:

“THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURE RULE 27.1, RULE 16.5 ON RULES OF DEBATE BE SUSPENDED INsofar AS IS NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE PROCEDURE AS CIRCULATED TO BE ADOPTED AND THAT THE COUNCIL CONSENT TO:

- **MEMBERS OF THE LEADERSHIP SPEAKING FOR UP TO 45 MINUTES IN TOTAL ON THE REVENUE BUDGET 2021/22;**
- **MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION SPEAKING FOR UP TO 20 MINUTES IN TOTAL AND**
- **INDEPENDENT MEMBER(S) - UPTO 5 MINUTES IN TOTAL;**
- **ALL SUBSEQUENT SPEECHES IN THE DEBATE BEING LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES, OTHER THAN THE WINDING UP SPEECH BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED TEN MINUTES.”**

(2) This will be seconded and voted upon.

(3) The above motion having been adopted, the Mayor will call upon Members of the Leadership to speak for up to 45 minutes. In the course of his speech, the Leader of the Council will formally move that the Revenue Budget 2021-22 as set out on pages 28 to 30 in the agenda, be approved for the Council to debate.

(4) The proposal will be formally seconded.

(5) The Mayor will then call on Members of the Opposition to speak for up to 20 minutes and the Independent Member(s) to speak for up to 5 minutes.

(6) The motion before the Council will then be open to debate. Any amendments notified will be dealt with in the normal way.

(7) Once any amendments have been debated and voted upon, the Mayor will invite other speakers to debate the substantive motion and then move to the vote on the motion before the Council (amended as appropriate).

(8) Throughout the above procedure Lead Members will be entitled to reply to specific objections or questions on their portfolios without prejudice to their entitlement to speak generally in the debate on any amendments.

(9) The Leader of the Council will reply to the debate before the substantive motion (amended as appropriate) is put to the vote. Time allowed up to 10 minutes.

(10) Item 4, Treasury Management Strategy 2021-2022; Item 5, Capital Strategy 2021-24; will be debated in accordance with normal debate rules.