Part 4A-Council Procedure Rules

32.   Mode of voting

32.1   Every question shall be decided by a show of hands, the members ~~standing up~~ in their places if so required by the Mayor; subject to Rule 32.2.

32~~,~~.2   If any member demands a division and is supported by two other members ~~rising in their places~~, the question shall be determined by a vote by roll-call and the Chief Executive shall record and enter in the minutes the names of each member present and whether s/he voted for or against or abstained.

32.~~2~~3   Any Member may, immediately after any vote is taken at a Council meeting, require a record to be made in the minutes of whether s/he voted for or against or abstained.

32.4   If there are equal numbers of votes for and against, the Mayor will have a second or casting vote.

32.5   If there are more than two people nominated for any position to be filled and there is not a clear majority of votes in favour of one person, then the name of the person with the fewest votes will be taken off the list and a new vote taken. The process will continue until there is a majority of votes for one person.

32.6   The procedure in Rule 32.5 shall also be followed where more than one position of a similar nature falls to be filled and more people are nominated than there are positions.

32.7   Immediately after any vote is taken at a budget decision meeting of the Council there must be recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of that meeting the names of the persons who cast a vote for the decision or against the decision or who abstained from voting.

A "budget decision meeting" means a meeting of the Council at which it makes a calculation (whether originally or by way of substitute) in accordance with any of sections 31A, 31B, 34 to 36A, 52ZF, of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

and includes a meeting where making the calculation was included as an item of business on the agenda for that meeting.

References to a vote are references to a vote on any decision related to the making of the calculation.