



Council Meeting

26 February 2015

Agenda Item 5

Budget Papers 2015/16

Agenda Item 5: TO CONSIDER BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE FOR ADOPTION:

Budget-Setting Report (BSR) 2015/16:

- a) Executive Amendment and Recommendations
- b) Liberal Democrat Group Amendment

Refers to Budget-Setting Report (Version 3 – Council) which can be found via the Council agenda page:

<http://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=116&MId=2495&Ver=4>

The rules of debate contained in the Council Procedure Rules shall be modified in respect of the Budget Council Meeting as follows:

- 1) The Executive shall present its budget recommendations. A period of 45 minutes is allowed for this, extendable at the discretion of the Mayor. The format and mode of the presentation is for the Executive to decide.
- 2) The Liberal Democratic Group may then present its alternative budget. A period of 45 minutes is allowed, extendable at the discretion of the Mayor. The format and mode of the presentation is for the Liberal Democratic Group to decide.
- 3) In a departure from the Rules, the Mayor will then afford Councillor Hipkin up to 5 minutes to make a budget statement.
- 4) The Liberal Democratic Group alternative budget will then be moved as an amendment to replace the Executive recommendation. It will be debated in the usual way, and will be deemed to have been moved and seconded.
- 5) At the conclusion of the debate, a vote will be taken for and against the alternative budget.
- 6) If the Liberal Democratic Group's alternative budget is voted down, the Liberal Democratic Group Leader may ask for separate votes to be taken on individual proposals within the alternative budget, but there shall be no further debate.
- 7) Where individual amendments have been submitted by councillors, these will then be debated in the usual way. However, where they are to the same effect as something in the alternative budget, they shall be considered at the same time as the alternative budget, with the proposer being able to ask for a separate vote in accordance with paragraph 6.
- 8) After consideration of amendments the Executive's budget proposals will be debated in the usual way but, subject to paragraph 9) below, no amendments may be moved.
- 9) If the Executive's budget is rejected, amendments and alternative proposals may be made as under the present rules, subject to the dispute resolution provisions set out in the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules contained in Part 4C of the Constitution.