

CIVIC AFFAIRS10th October 2018
5.30pm - 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors McPherson (Chair), Benstead Dalzell, Gawthrope, O'Connell and Robertson

FOR ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL**18/58/Civ – Process for scrutiny of the Council's budget**

Councillor O'Connell proposed an amendment to option A (the officer recommendation to the committee):

- i) That the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and the Executive meet on 11 February 2019;
- ii) That budget amendments to be considered at S&R Scrutiny Committee are submitted by 1 February
- iii) Budget amendments consequential to Executive amendments made at the Executive meeting are submitted to Council at least 4 days before the meeting

With the permission of the Chair, Councillor Bick spoke to the amendment. Cllr Bick explained that the amendment would afford opposition groups a similar timeframe to produce budget amendments as under the current process.

The Committee was advised by the Chief Executive that the amendment was workable, in terms of timings, from the officer perspective.

Cllr Robertson stated that the proposal looked reasonable and could see why it would be reasonable to give opposition members adequate time to produce budget amendments.

The Committee unanimously supported the amendment to option A and to recommend it, as amended, to Council.

Accordingly Council is recommended:

To change the Council's budget and policy framework procedure (part 4c) and Council Procedure Rules appendix 2 budget recommendations and amendments (part 4a) as attached to this adoption minute.

(These changes reflect option A, as amended by Committee, described in the report)