

**CIVIC AFFAIRS**21 Sep 2022  
5.30pm - 7.00pm

**Present:** Councillors McPherson (Chair), Carling (Vice-Chair), Bick, Bennett, Moore and Thornburrow

Councillor Bennett joined the committee on-line via MS Teams. She took part in the debate but did not vote.

**FOR ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL****22/35/Civ – Civic Affairs: Review of the Budget Setting Process and Wider Financial Governance Issues**

The Officer's report recommended changes to the Constitution to give effect to the amendments to the Council's budget process agreed by the Executive Councillor for Finance, Resources and Transformation on 11 July 2022 following Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

Councillors requested a change to the recommendations. Councillor Bick proposed and Councilor McPherson seconded splitting former (iii) into [new] (iii) and [new] (iv) to make [old] (iv) the [new] (v).

- iii. Agree that Council meets on 23 February 2023 to consider the Budget Setting Report and associated financial recommendations only (ie a budget meeting), with the remainder of the Council Agenda adjourned until the following Thursday 2 March 2023 (ie the same arrangement as 2022). ~~To note that this arrangement may not be the best way on-going and Members will be consulted on different options for when Council meetings are scheduled at this time of the municipal year following a review of the above changes to the budget process.~~
- iv. **Note that this arrangement may not be the best way on-going and Members will be consulted on different options for when Council meetings are scheduled at this time of the municipal year following a review of the above changes to the budget process.**
- v. **Agree the changes to Virements and carry forwards as described in 3.4 and Appendix B of the Officer's report.**

The Chair decided that the recommendations highlighted in the Officer's report should be voted on and recorded separately:

**Resolved (by 5 votes to 0 – unanimous of those able to vote) to recommend to Council:**

- i. Agree the changes to Council Procedure Rules and Budget Framework rules as set out in the Appendix A of the Officer's report and that the arrangements are reviewed in good time to inform an agreed approach for the following budget cycle.
- ii. Note the additions and changes to meetings December 2022-February 2023 as a consequence of these changes.

**Resolved (by 4 votes to 0)** to recommend to Council:

- iii. Agree that Council meets on 23 February 2023 to consider the Budget Setting Report and associated financial recommendations only (ie a budget meeting), with the remainder of the Council Agenda adjourned until the following Thursday 2 March 2023 (ie the same arrangement as 2022).

**Resolved (by 5 votes to 0 – unanimous of those able to vote)** to recommend to Council:

- iv. Note that this arrangement may not be the best way on-going and Members will be consulted on different options for when Council meetings are scheduled at this time of the municipal year following a review of the above changes to the budget process.

**Resolved (by 4 votes to 0)** to recommend to Council:

- v. Agree the changes to Virements and carry forwards as described in 3.4 and Appendix B of the Officer's report.