

**SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED AT BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING  
7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**

---

If the Council agrees, the procedure for budget debate 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 BUDGET 2024/25;**
- **MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR GROUP SPEAKING FOR UP TO 30 MINUTES IN TOTAL AND**
- **MEMBERS OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP - UPTO 5 MINUTES IN TOTAL;**

(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.

(4) The Mayor will then call on Members of the Labour Group to speak for up to 30 minutes and Liberal Democrat Members to speak for up to 5 minutes.

(5) The Council meeting will then revert to normal procedure rules.

(6) The motions for each budget report before the Council will then be proposed, seconded and 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.

**NOTE**

*In accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 and Council Procedure Rule 19.5 there shall be a recorded vote on any decision relating to the budget or Council Tax - agenda items 2, 3 and 4.*

*Members should also note the provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 which require Members to declare and refrain from voting on any matter relating to the calculation of the Council Tax if they are two months or more in Council Tax arrears.*