

APPENDIX 7

(ANNEX 2)

RULES OF DEBATE

1. The Rules of Debate are set out in the flow chart overleaf. There will be no debate until a proposal is made and seconded.
2. Respect must be shown to the Mayor at all times. When the Mayor indicates, any Member then speaking must stop and if standing, sit down, and the Council must be silent.
3. The Mayor will decide the order of speaking from those who indicate they wish to speak. While a Member is speaking, all other Members must remain silent UNLESS raising a point of order or personal explanation.
4. A point of order is an objection submitted to the Mayor for decision claiming a breach of a Procedure Rule, which must be specified. A Member may interrupt a speaker at any time without notice for this purpose.
5. A Member is also entitled to interrupt a speaker to correct a material understanding or misquotation of an earlier speech in the debate (a point of information).
6. In either case, the interrupted speaker must pause and allow the Mayor to make a decision which shall not be open to discussion and is final.

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