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SUPPLEMENTARY COUNCIL AGENDA

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15 Recording of votes at budget council meetings

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Chief Executive

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2. Attendance Record

Please sign the Attendance Record sheet, which will be circulating around the Council Chamber. Please ensure that the sheet is signed before leaving the meeting.

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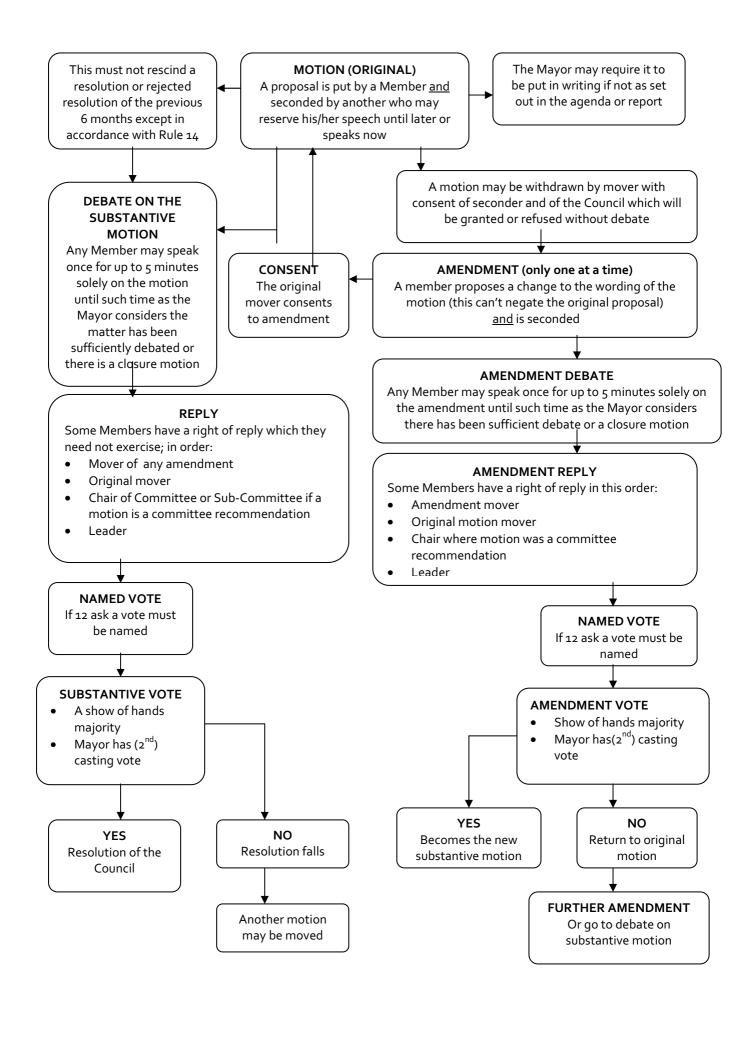
Please switch off all mobile phones before entering the Council Chamber.

4. Tea/Coffee

Refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the meeting, or in the event of a break occurring, during that break.

5. Notice of Motion

A Notice of Motion other than those listed in Standing Order 19 must reach the Chief Executive ten clear days before the relevant Meeting of the Council. Further information on Notices of Motion can be found in Section 5, Standing Order 20 of the Constitution of the Council.





Agenda Item 15

1. REPORT TITLE Recording of Votes at Budget Council Meetings

Submitted by: Julia Cleary – Democratic Services Manager

<u>Portfolio</u>: Communications, Policy and Partnerships

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To inform the Council of guidance received from the Government in relation to the recording of votes at budget council meetings.

The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 make it mandatory for Councils as soon as is practicable after the Regulations are in force to amend their Standing Orders so as to include the provision requiring recorded votes at budget meetings.

The Regulations come into force on 25th February 2014.

Recommendations

That the following be added to the Council's constitution at Appendix 7, Procedure Rules for Council meetings, Section 15:

'Immediately after any vote is taken at a budget decision meeting of the authority there must be recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of that meeting the names of the persons who cast a vote for the decision or against the decision or who abstained from voting.

Reasons

The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 make it mandatory for Councils as soon as is practicable after the Regulations are in force to amend their Standing Orders so as to include the provision requiring recorded votes at budget meetings.

1. Background

The regulations which come into force on 25th February 2014 state:

'A relevant authority which is already operating executive arrangements or the committee system, as the case may be, shall modify its standing orders in accordance with the amendments made to the 2001 Regulations by these Regulations as soon as reasonably practicable after the day on which these Regulations come into force.'

(2) In paragraph (1), "relevant authority" means a county council, a district council or a London borough council.

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4. Proposal

That the following be added to the Council's constitution at Appendix 7, Procedure Rules for Council meetings, Section 15:

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5. Reasons for Preferred Solution

New regulations issued by the government due to come into force on 25th February 2014.

6. Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities

- creating a cleaner, safer and sustainable Borough
- creating a Borough of opportunity
- creating a healthy and active community
- transforming our Council to achieve excellence

7. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014

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