



meeting            COUNTY COUNCIL

date                28 February 2008

agenda item number

## **CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

### **BUDGET DEBATE**

In accordance with the County Council's usual practice and to ensure the smooth flow of business, the Council is asked to agree:-

“That Standing Orders 8.4, 8.5 and 8.6 be suspended for Agenda Item Number 7 (Annual Budget 2008/2009), to enable the following provisions to operate during the debate on that item:-

- (1) After the proposals for the Annual Budget 2008/2009 have been moved by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property and seconded, formally or with a speech, by the Leader of the Council, any Conservative and/or Liberal Democrats amendment shall be moved and seconded in that order. The seconders of the amendments may either speak to them when seconding or may reserve their speech for later in the debate.
- (2) After the budget proposals and amendments referred to above have been moved and seconded, the Chairman of the County Council will, without affecting discretion as to the order in which members will be called, announce at the conclusion of each succeeding speech how many members have indicated to the Chairman their intention to speak.
- (3) With the exception of (a) and (b) below no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes :-
  - (a) the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property when moving the budget proposals and when replying to the debate and
  - (b) the movers of any Conservative and Liberal Democrats amendments referred to in paragraph 1 when moving those amendments
- (4) There shall be a single debate on the motion and any amendments, provided that any other member may give notice

of a further amendment and subject to Standing Order 8.7 may advocate the amendment but not move it.

- (5) In the event of the Council still being in session at 5.30 pm, there will be an adjournment for high tea. Upon the Council reconvening preference in speaking shall be given to those seconders of the motion or amendments referred to in paragraph 1 who have not by then spoken.
- (6) Except for the winding up speeches, no member shall be called to speak after 7.00 pm.
- (7) In the event of the Council still being in session at 7.00 pm, at that time or at the conclusion of a speech of a member then having the floor, the movers of the Liberal Democrats and Conservative amendments referred to in paragraph 1 shall have the right to wind up in that order. The Cabinet Member for Finance and Property shall then have the right to reply to the debate.
- (8) At the conclusion of the winding-up speeches, the Conservative and Liberal Democrats amendments shall be voted on in that order separately followed by any other amendment of which notice has been given prior to the winding-up speeches, each such amendment being moved and seconded formally and without debate. Thereafter the vote will be taken on the main motion.
- (9) In the event that any amendment is carried, the normal rules shall apply but there shall be no further speeches.

**John Allin  
Chairman**