

meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

date 24 February 2011

agenda item number **4a**

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 4, 9.4, 9.5 and 9.6 be suspended for Agenda Item Number 7 (Annual Budget 2011/2012), to enable the following provisions to operate during the debate on that item:-

- (1) After the proposals for the Annual Budget 2011/2012 have been moved and seconded, formally or with a speech any amendments shall be moved and seconded. 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 proposer of the motion when moving the motion and when replying to the debate and
 - (b) the movers of any amendments referred to in paragraph 1 when moving those amendments only.
- (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 9.7 may advocate the amendment but not move it.
- (5) In the event of the Council still being in session at 7.00 pm, there will be an adjournment for refreshments. 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) The movers of the amendments referred to in paragraph 1 shall have the right to wind up in an order determined by the Chairman. The mover of the original motion shall then have the right to reply to the debate.
- (8) At the conclusion of the winding-up speeches, the amendments shall be voted on in the order determined by the Chairman. 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.

Thomas A J Pettengell
Chairman