

RECOMMENDED ALTERATION TO STANDING ORDERS

18. Voting

(1) Majority

Unless this Constitution provides otherwise, any matter will be decided by a simple majority of those Members voting and present in the room and seated in their places at the time the question is put.

(2) Casting Vote

If there are equal numbers of votes for and against, the Mayor will have the right to exercise a second or casting vote. There will be no restriction on how the Mayor chooses to exercise a casting vote, including the choice not to use such vote.

(3) Method of Voting

Unless a recorded vote is demanded under 18.4 below, the Mayor will take the vote by use of the electronic voting system or, if there is no dissent, by the affirmation of the meeting.

The Mayor may decide at any time to discontinue use of the electronic voting system if satisfied that it is not working correctly. If the Mayor considers that there has been any malfunction of the equipment or any incorrect use of it, the Mayor may require or allow the vote to be retaken, either electronically or by show of hands.

Where the electronic voting system is not working correctly or unavailable, the Mayor will take the vote by show of hands.

(4) Recorded Vote

If a Member of the Council makes a request before a vote is taken (including during the closure procedure referred to in Standing Order 9(1)) and is supported by five other members rising in their places, the voting on any question shall be by roll-call and the names for and against the motion or amendment or abstaining from voting will be taken down in writing and entered into the minutes.

This standing order will apply automatically in respect of a vote taken at a Budget Decision meeting of the Council in accordance with the Budget and Procedure Rules at Part 4C of this Constitution. *

(5) Right to Require Individual Vote to be Recorded

Where any Member requests it immediately after the vote is taken, their vote will be so recorded in the minutes to show whether he/she voted for or against the motion or abstained from voting. *

(6) Voting on Appointments

If there are more than two people nominated for any position to be filled and there is not a clear majority of votes in favour of one person, then the name of the person with the least number of votes will be taken off the list and a new

vote taken. The process will continue until there is a majority of votes for one person. (This does not apply to the office of the Mayor or Leader which is by election by Council).

**Statutory standing order*