

RULE 14 VOTING

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14.1 Majority

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

14.2 Chairman's casting vote

If there are equal numbers of votes for and against, the Chairman will have a second or casting vote. There will be no restriction on how the Chairman chooses to exercise a casting vote.

14.3 Show of hands

Save for voting on budget votes as defined in Rule 14.7.1 Unless a ballot or recorded vote is demanded under Rules 14.4 and 14.5, the Chairman will take the vote by show of hands, or if there is no dissent, by the affirmation of the meeting.

14.4 Ballots

The vote will take place by ballot if five members present at the meeting demand it. The Chairman will announce the numerical result of the ballot immediately the result is known.

14.5 Recorded vote

If any member present at the meeting demand it, the names for and against the motion or amendment or abstaining from voting will be taken down in writing and

entered into the minutes. A demand for a recorded vote will override a demand for a ballot.

14.6 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 they voted for or against the motion or abstained from voting.

14.7 Voting at budget decision meeting

14.7.1 For the purposes of this rule a "budget decision meeting" is a meeting of the Council at which makes a calculation (whether originally or by way of substitute) in accordance with any of sections 31A (calculation of council tax requirement), 31B (calculation of basic amount of council tax), 34 to 35 (additional calculations where special items relate to part only of the district), 36 (calculation of tax for different valuation bands), 36A (substitute calculations) and 52ZF (duty to make substitute calculations where a proposal to increase council tax will require a referendum) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and includes a meeting where making the calculation was included as an item of business on the agenda for that meeting and a "budget vote" is a vote upon any such calculation

14.7.2 Immediately after any budget vote is taken at a budget decision meeting 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

14.7-8 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.