

DURATION OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

FORMER RULE – BEFORE MAY 2007

8. DURATION OF THE MEETING

8.1 Interruption of the meeting

Council meetings shall end at 10 p.m. on the day of the meetings, provided that the Mayor has discretion to extend the time to allow for adjournments and to complete the item then under discussion.

Before the Mayor concludes the meeting, a motion shall be put detailing the outstanding reports of Committees not disposed of and asking that the Council adopt them without debate; all other business remaining shall fall.

8.2 Recorded Vote

If a recorded vote is called for during this process it will be taken immediately.

8.3 Close of the meeting

When all motions and recommendations have been dealt with, the Mayor will
declare the meeting closed.

CURRENT RULE – SINCE MAY 2007

7. DURATION OF MEETING

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asking that the Council adopt them without debate; all other business remaining shall fall.

Remaining business not dealt with under paragraph 7.2 will be considered at a time and date fixed by the Mayor.

7.2 At the end of the meeting, the remaining business on the agenda shall be dealt with as follows:-

- (i) If a report, a motion or an amendment to a motion is still being discussed, the member speaking at the time may continue speaking for the remainder of the time allowed for speeches under these rules;
- (ii) The relevant Councillor who moved the report or substantive motion shall have a right of reply before the motion or amendment is put to the vote. No other right to reply is allowed;
- (iii) All outstanding reports shall be deemed to have been moved for adoption, and motions and amendments moved and seconded;
- (iv) The chair shall put the remaining matters on the agenda to the meeting in turn without discussion. The Council will decide and, if necessary, vote on each item and each amendment separately without discussion;
- (v) Voting will be by show of hands with no questions or division, procedural or other motion being permitted. Any member wishing to record personal dissent shall indicate forthwith to the chair;
- (vi) Any outstanding individual members' motions are referred to a relevant committee or Cabinet, unless the mover of the motion has requested that it be voted on at the meeting.

OPTIONS FOR CHANGE

[The text that is different in each option is underlined]

THE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

OPTION 1 - taken from the current CPR 7.1 with amendments

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- (iv) Before the Mayor concludes the meeting, a motion shall be put detailing the outstanding reports of Committees not disposed of and asking that the Council adopt them, and recommendations contained within them, without debate; all other business remaining shall fall.
- (v) Any motions on the agenda that fall under (iv) may be resubmitted for the next or a subsequent Council meeting in accordance with Rule 13.

OPTION 2 - taken from the current CPR 7.2 with amendments

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