

Length of motions – Elected Mayor Authorities

Bedford BC
No speech shall exceed ten minutes in length without the Council’s consent. Such consent shall be ascertained without debate and shall enable the member speaking to speak for an additional five minutes.
Bristol CC
If there are other motions or recommendations on the agenda that have not been dealt with in three hours 30 minutes, they will be deemed to fall. The Council will continue with the ‘golden motion’ process whereby the first motion received by the Proper Officer will be debated. Other motions may be debated but this will be determined by a ballot to be operated by the Proper Officer and will not include members of the party with the golden motion. Any other motions received will be itemised on the agenda with an explanatory note that they are unlikely to be reached within the available time. The time limit for debating motions is 30 minutes. Speeches must be directed to the question under discussion or to a personal explanation or point of order. No speech moving a substantive motion may exceed three minutes and no other speech shall last more than three minutes .
Copeland BC
Speeches must be directed to the question under discussion or to a personal explanation or to a point of order. No speech shall exceed 5 minutes except with the consent of Council. The Council may consent to an extension of a speech by a further period not exceeding five minutes and only one extension is allowed. The Chairman will have overall control of the content and number of speeches and will decide when a matter has been discussed enough for the debate to be closed and a vote taken.
Doncaster MBC
Except with the consent of the meeting signified without comment, the mover of a motion shall not speak for more than 10 minutes and no other speaker shall speak for more than 5 minutes. A Member who moves an amendment is not moving a motion, and the length of time allotted to the mover of a motion does not include any permitted under a Right of Reply.
Leicester CC
No speech shall exceed five minutes in length except where a motion for extension of time has been carried under the provisions of Rule 22.

22. EXTENSION OF TIME

- (a) A motion for an extension of time shall be moved, seconded and put to the vote without discussion, subject to rule (d) below.
- (b) The motion shall specify the length of the extension but no extension shall exceed ten minutes, and in the absence of any lesser period being specified, any extension shall be presumed to be for five minutes.
- (c) No more than two extensions of time may be moved in relation to a single speech.
- (d) Where the City Mayor is addressing the Chamber (i) to explain the annual Budget or (ii) to explain a matter of Executive policy he/she shall not be required to move a motion but shall be permitted to indicate to the Lord Mayor, before the expiry of 5 minutes, that he wishes to address the Chamber for up to 10 further minutes.

Liverpool CC

6x 20 minute slots for Members of the Council to have 6 motions debated.
Motions must be received with 5 clear working days notice (day before agenda goes out)
6 slots cannot be allocated to the same member and subject matter must be different. Motions will be recommended for debate to Council following the whips meeting.
Movers can speak for 5 minutes, other speakers for 3 minutes (with 2 minutes extension at the discretion of the Lord Mayor).

LB Hackney

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 Member 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;

The total time for consideration of motions shall not exceed 30 minutes.

The Speaker will decide on the length of speeches, generally no speech may exceed 5 minutes without the consent of Full Council, save that the Elected Mayor may speak for up to 10 minutes.

LB Lewisham

Those making speeches must direct their speech to the issue under discussion. No speech may exceed five minutes without the consent of the Chair.

LB Newham

When introducing a motion, the mover may speak for up to 5 minutes. No other speech shall last for more than three minutes without the permission of the meeting (except where these Rules provide for special arrangements). This rule does not apply to announcements or the presentation of reports.

LB Tower Hamlets

Speeches must be directed to the matter under discussion or to a personal explanation or point of order. No speech may exceed 3 minutes without the consent of the Speaker except for the proposer of any motion who shall be allowed up to 4 minutes.

Mansfield DC

Speeches from members on a motion must be directed to the question under discussion or to a personal explanation or point of order. No speech may exceed five minutes without the consent of the Chairman with the exception of the proposer of a motion who may have up to 10 minutes to explain the purpose of that motion.

Middlesbrough BC

Speeches must be directed to the motion under discussion or to a personal explanation or point of order. No speech may exceed 5 minutes without the consent of the Chair.

North Tyneside MBC

Speeches must be directed to the question under discussion or to a personal explanation or point of order. With the exception of the budget setting Council meetings, no speech may exceed five minutes without the consent of the Chair. At the appropriate budget setting meetings, up to 10 minutes will be allowed for the mover of the Cabinet's proposals and the mover(s) of any alternative proposals to speak.

Salford CC

Speeches must be directed to the question under discussion or to a personal explanation or point of order. No speech may exceed 10 minutes (where the Member is moving a motion) or 5 minutes (in all other cases).

Torbay UA

No speech may exceed five minutes without the consent of the Chairman/woman except the opening speeches on the revenue budget by the Elected Mayor and the leaders of each political group at the annual budget setting meeting, which shall not exceed fifteen minutes without the consent of the Chairman/woman.

