

Length of motions – Hertfordshire Authorities

Broxbourne

The time spent on debating any individual motion shall be limited to 15 minutes and the time spent debating all motions shall not exceed 30 minutes except where in the opinion of the Mayor the matters under debate or to be debated are of such importance or urgency that immediate consideration at the meeting is essential either in the public interest or for the proper conduct of the Council's affairs.

If there is more than one motion to be considered, the Council shall first decide on the order of consideration and no more than 2 motions will be considered.

Speeches must be directed to the issue under discussion or to a personal explanation or point of order. No speech of a mover may exceed 5 minutes and any other member 3 minutes without the consent of the Mayor. This rule shall not apply to the mover and seconder of the main budget debate or to the mover and seconder of the main amendment(s) to the budget speech at the annual Budget Setting meeting set out at rule 2A above where there shall be no time limit on those speakers which may proceed until a motion pursuant to rule 13j is approved by the meeting.

Dacorum

Speeches must be directed to the question under discussion or to a personal explanation or point of order. No speech may exceed 10 minutes in the case of a mover of a motion and 5 minutes in the case of any other speaker without the consent of the Mayor.

East Herts

The time allowed for consideration of motions submitted shall not, without the consent of the Council, exceed 10 minutes.

Any remaining motions submitted shall be deferred to the next ordinary meeting of the Council and shall be dealt with at that meeting in the same order and before any other motions of which notice is given for that meeting.

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

Hertfordshire County Council

Time Limits - Speeches

(11) (a) The time limits for speeches shall be as follows:

(i) for the mover of a motion when moving the motion: 5 minutes;

(ii) subject to Standing Order 14(11)(b), for the first speaker to a motion (after the

mover of the motion) from each political group other than the political group to which the mover of the motion belongs: 5 minutes;

(iii) in all other cases, including the exercise of a right of reply under Standing Order 12: 3 minutes.

(b) The leader of a political group may nominate in writing to the Chairman prior to the meeting another member of his/her political group to have the ability to speak for 5 minutes in relation to a motion in the place of the first speaker from that political group.

(c) The Chairman may vary the time limits under Standing Order 14(11)(a)(i) to (iii) above at his/her discretion.

(d) Debate on a motion relating to the Executive Report under Standing Order 7, or any amendment relating to such a motion, shall not continue after the end of the period of 2 hours from the start of the Council's consideration of the Executive Report ("the 2 hour period") and immediately after the end of the 2 hour period the Chairman shall take the following steps:

(i) put any motion or amendment then under debate to the vote without further discussion and without giving the mover of the motion the right of reply under Standing Order 12;

(ii) if an amendment was under debate at the end of the 2 hour period, having put the amendment to the vote, put the original (or amended) motion to the vote without further discussion and without giving the mover of the motion the right of reply under Standing Order 12;

(iii) require any motion(s) listed in the order paper which have not been moved to be formally moved and seconded without further discussion;

(iv) in relation to each such motion as is referred to in (iii) above, require any amendment(s) listed in the order paper to be formally moved and seconded without further discussion;

(v) in relation to each such motion as is referred to in (iii) above, first to put any amendment to the vote and then, having put the amendment to the vote, put the original (or amended) motion to the vote, in all cases without further discussion.

(e) No motion relating to the Executive Report shall be moved within 20 minutes before the end of the 2 hour period.

North Herts

No speech may exceed 5 minutes without the consent of the Chairman.

St Albans

9.2 Interruption of the meeting

If the business of the meeting has not been concluded by 10.45 pm, a bell will be

rung and the member speaking must immediately sit down. The Mayor must interrupt the meeting and call for the vote immediately on the item under discussion. The vote will then be taken in the usual way without any further discussion.

9.3 Motions and recommendations not dealt with

If there are other motions or recommendations on the agenda that have not been dealt with by 10.45pm, they are deemed formally moved and seconded (together with any amendments). No speeches will be allowed on these items and the vote will be taken in the usual way.

No speech made by the proposer of a motion may exceed five minutes and no other speech may exceed three minutes without the consent of the Mayor.

Stevenage

Mover of a motion – 6 minutes
Seconder of a motion – 6 minutes
Leader of the Council – 6 minutes
Leader of the Opposition – 6 minutes
All other speakers – 3 minutes
Right of reply – 3 minutes

Three Rivers DC

Except with the consent of the Council a Member moving a motion shall be entitled to speak for not more than ten minutes, but, except as aforesaid, no Member shall speak for more than five minutes.

Welwyn Hatfield BC

No speech may exceed 3 minutes without the consent of the Mayor except that the proposer of any motion shall have 8 minutes.