

- 8.2 If during any meeting of the Council, any Member draws to the attention of the Lord Mayor that there does not appear to be a quorum present, the Lord Mayor shall direct the Chief Executive to call over the names of the Members of the Council. If there is less than a quarter present, the Lord Mayor shall declare the meeting adjourned. The names of the Members present and those absent shall be recorded in the minutes of the Council. Provided that, where more than one third of the Members are disqualified at the same time and until the number of Members in office is increased to not less than two thirds of the whole, the quorum shall be determined by reference to the number of Members remaining qualified.
- 8.3 The consideration of any business not transacted shall be adjourned to a time fixed by the Lord Mayor at the time the meeting is adjourned or, if the Lord Mayor does not fix a time, to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

- 9.1 There shall be no discussion on any matter referred to in communications from the Lord Mayor, the Chief Executive or Executive Members as are thought necessary to be read, but any Member shall be at liberty to move a motion, without notice, to refer any of such communications to the appropriate committee and such motion, on being seconded, shall be at once put to the vote.

10.0 DEPUTATIONS

- 10.1 Deputations may be received at any meeting of the Council except the Annual Meeting, provided that the Council's Chief Democratic Services Officer receives seven days previous notice.
- 10.2 Any Member of the Council may move a motion without notice, that the deputation be or not be received as the case may be, and such motion, on being seconded, shall be put to the vote without debate.
- 10.3 There shall be no discussion on any matter raised by a deputation, but any Member may move a motion, without notice, that the subject matter be referred to the appropriate committee and such a motion, on being seconded, shall be put to the vote without debate.
- 10.4 The following requirements shall apply to deputations:
- 10.4.1 A deputation shall consist of at least two and no more than five people, only one of whom shall speak and the speech including the reading of any written material shall not be more than five minutes in duration.
- 10.4.2 Deputations which relate solely to the interests of one individual or company will not normally be admitted. In cases of doubt, the Council's Chief Executive will determine the eligibility of any deputation request.

- 10.4.3 Representations relating to matters subject to current consideration by a Plans Panel shall be restricted to those allowed under the Protocol for Public Speaking at Plans Panels and shall not be allowed as deputations to Council. In cases of doubt the Director of Legal and Democratic Services may require written details of the proposed deputation speech prior to determination of the request.
- 10.4.4 The number of deputations which may be received by the Council at any meeting where deputations are permitted shall not exceed five.
- 10.4.5 Deputations shall be heard in the order in which notice is received.
- 10.4.6 Where two or more deputations are presenting opposing views on the same matter, not more than one of these related deputations shall be received at the same meeting.
- 10.4.7 A deputation shall not be admitted to the Council on matter which has been the subject of deputation in the preceding six months, except as a result of a prior refusal under paragraph 10.4.5.

11.0 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

11.1 Questions on Notice

- (a) At each meeting of the Council (except the Annual Meeting, any Extraordinary Meeting of the Budget Meeting) a continuous period of not more than 30 minutes from the commencement of the first question shall be available for oral questions.
- (b) During question time, a Member may ask the Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader, any Executive Member¹ or the Chair of any committee², board or panel established under Rule 1.1(g), through the Lord Mayor, any question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties, or which affects the City of Leeds, or to a Member of the Council who is a nominated representative of the West Yorkshire Authority for Passenger Transport, Police and Fire and Civil Defence, on the discharge of the functions of the relevant joint Authority or who has been nominated to answer questions about the activities of a company in which the Council have an interest.
- (c) A question shall not be asked in the absence of the Member in whose name it stands unless they have given authority in writing to the Chief Executive for it to be asked by some other Member of the Council.

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¹ In relation to any matter within their portfolio.

² In relation to any matter within the committee's terms of reference.