

Planning Committee Debate and Decision Process - Proposed

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stage 1: Public forum statements ¹

OFFICER PRESENTATION

Stage 2: Officer report & recommendation ²

MEMBER QUESTIONS AND DEBATE

Stage 3: Member questions and clarifications of the proposal followed by a summary from the Director, Service Lead or Officer

Stage 4: Member debate

MAKING THE DECISION

Stage 5a: Chair will move a MOTION in accordance with the Officer recommendation (to test if this is what Committee want to do).

If SECONDED³ go to stages 6 to 8.

If not SECONDED go to stage 5b.

Stage 5b: The Chair will seek an alternative MOTION from the Committee, such as deferring the application for further consideration, approving the application subject to changes or going against Officer recommendation

Stage 6: Any AMENDMENT to the MOTION moved and seconded⁴

Stage 7: VOTE on any AMENDMENT to the MOTION (if seconded)

Stage 8: VOTE on MOTION
(either original MOTION or as amended)

IF CARRIED = DECISION MADE

IF LOST = NO DECISION MADE and go back to Stage 5b

¹ In accordance with Standing Orders 19A and 44 of the City Council's constitution.

² Members may seek answers to technical questions about the report during this stage.

³ A Motion must be seconded in order to be formally accepted. If a Motion is not seconded, the debate continues.

⁴ An Amendment can occur on any formally approved Motion (ie. one that has been Seconded) prior to Voting. If Vote carried at Stage 7, then this becomes the Motion which is voted on at Stage 8.