

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet
2.	Date:	26th February 2014
3.	Title:	Recorded Votes at Budget Meetings
4.	Directorate:	Resources

5. Summary

To implement the requirements of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 in relation to recording of votes relating to budget decisions.

6. Recommendations

That Cabinet notes the content of the report and recommends that Council:-

1. Amends Standing Orders to add Standing Order 19 C, to provide that:-

“Immediately after any vote is taken at a budget decision meeting there must be recorded in the minutes the names of the persons who cast a vote for the decision or against the decision or who abstained from voting.

For these purposes a budget decision means a meeting of the authority at which it –

- (i) makes a calculation (whether originally or by way of substitute) in accordance with any of sections 31A, 31B, 34 to 36A, 42A, 42B, 45 to 49, 52ZF, 52ZJ of the Local Government Finance Act 1992(6); or
 - (ii) issues a precept under Chapter 4 of Part 1 of that Act.”
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7. Proposals and Details

The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 were approved by Parliament on 31st January 2014 and came into force on 25th February. These regulations require authorities to amend their Standing Orders to provide for a record of the voting upon any budget proposal to be made, and for that to be reflected in the minutes. This covers not only the substantive motion setting the budget, council tax or issuing precepts but also any amendments on those budgets. The amendment to the Council's Standing Orders achieves this.

8. Finance

None

9. Risks and Uncertainties

None

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

None

11. Background Papers and Consultation

None

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