

PART 4 - PROCEDURAL RULES

SECTION A

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

(extract)

16. Voting

16.2 Mayor's casting vote

- (a) If there are equal numbers of votes for and against, the Mayor will have a second or casting vote.
- (b) If the Mayor fails to vote when the main vote is taken, an equality of a vote cannot be achieved by the Mayor casting an original vote and following that action with a casting vote. The Mayor's casting vote may be used whether or not the Mayor has already voted.
- (c) In the event of a tied vote, ~~the proposer of the matter under debate shall have the opportunity of making a further speech of no more than 3 minutes~~the matter will be subject to further debate, with all Members having an opportunity to speak again. A further vote will then ~~immediately~~ be taken. If deadlock has not been broken, the Mayor ~~must cast a vote in favour of the status quo. The status quo will usually be interpreted as the motion falling. Where there is a tied vote on the appointment to a position, if relevant the Mayor will vote in favour of the current incumbent, but will otherwise have a free vote~~ will have a free vote but must be mindful of the merits and impact of the decision, any officer guidance or recommendations, and how the decision relates to the Council's statutory functions and duties.-

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SECTION D

COMMITTEES, SUB COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES PROCEDURE RULES

(extract)

12A. Voting

12A.2 If there are equal numbers of votes for and against, the Chair will have a second or casting vote.

(a) If the Chair fails to vote when the main vote is taken, an equality of a vote cannot be achieved by the Chair casting an original vote and following that action with a casting vote. The Chair's casting vote may be used whether or not the Chair has already voted.

(b) with the exception of (c) below, in the event of a tied vote, ~~the proposer of the matter under debate shall have the opportunity of making a further speech of no more than 3 minutes~~the item will be subject to further debate. A further vote will then ~~immediately~~ be taken. If deadlock has not been broken, the Chair ~~must cast a vote in favour of the status quo. The status quo will usually be interpreted as the motion falling.~~will have a free vote but must be mindful of the merits and impact of the decision, any officer guidance or recommendations, and how the decision relates to the Council's statutory functions and duties.

(c) There will be no restriction on how the Chair of the Planning Applications Committee chooses to exercise a casting vote, which will be exercised immediately after the vote has been taken.