

## **10. Voting**

### **Majority**

Unless the Constitution or the law provides otherwise, any matter will be decided by a simple majority of those members voting and present in the room at the time the question is put.

If there are equal numbers of votes for and against, the chairman will have a second or casting vote. There will be no restriction on how the chairman chooses to exercise a casting vote.

### **Named voting**

Votes on all matters other than budget setting and council tax will be by a show of hands or, if there is no dissent, by affirmation of the meeting, unless four members present at the meeting demand, before the vote is taken, that a named vote be taken. A named vote shall not be made on procedural decisions.

The procedure to be followed for named votes is that the chairman will ask the Monitoring Officer to call out the names of each member present. When their name is called, each member will say out loud whether they are voting for, against or abstaining on the item. These will then be counted and recorded. At the conclusion of the voting the chairman shall announce the numbers of votes cast for, against and abstentions and announce whether the motion has been passed or lost.

### **Right to require individual vote to be recorded**

Where any member requests it either before or immediately after a vote is taken, their vote will be recorded in the minutes to show whether they voted for or against the motion or abstained from voting.

### **Voting procedure for appointments**

If there are more than two people nominated for any position to be filled and there is not a clear majority of votes in favour of one person, then the name of the person with the fewest votes will be taken off the list and a new vote taken. The process will continue until there is a majority of votes for one person.