

Council Procedure Rules – Motions and Amendments

What members can do

- When seconding a motion, a member may reserve their speech until later in the debate (rule 15.3).
- Members may only speak once on a motion or amendment whilst it is being debated (rule 15.5, 15.5.1).
- Members may also move a further amendment if the motion has been amended since they last spoke (rule 15.5.2).
- Members can exercise a right of reply, raise a point of order or make a personal explanation during debate (rule 15.5.4, 15.5.5 and 15.5.6).
- Members can speak on the main issues if their first speech was on an amendment (rule 15.5.3).
- The mover of a motion has a right of reply at the close of debate on the motion, before it is put to the vote (rule 15.15).
- The mover of a motion has a right of reply at the close of debate on any amendment (rule 15.16).

What members can't do

- Members cannot make a speech until a motion has been seconded (rule 15.1).
- Members cannot speak again whilst a motion is being debated, except to exercise a right of reply, raise a point of order or make a personal explanation (rule 15.5).
- Members cannot speak for more than 5 minutes without the consent of the Chairman (rule 15.4).
- The mover of a motion may not speak on an amendment, other than to exercise his right of reply (rule 15.16).
- The mover of an amendment has no right of reply at the close of debate (rule 15.17).

Motions and Amendments – Flowchart

