

12.5 Amendments to a motion

A Member may move an amendment to a motion and explain the purpose of it. The amendment must be seconded by another Member. The Chair may require that the amendment be written out before allowing the matter to be discussed. An amendment must be relevant to the motion and shall either be:

- 12.5.1 To leave out words;
- 12.5.2 To leave out words and add others; or
- 12.5.3 To insert or add words.

The time spent debating an amendment to a motion shall count within the overall two hours allocation time for motions.

No amendment shall be allowed which is contrary to the motion before the Council or has the effect of introducing a new proposal.

Only one amendment may be moved and discussed at any one time. No further amendment may be moved until the amendment under discussion has been dealt with.

If an amendment is rejected, different amendments may be proposed on the original motion.

If an amendment is carried, the motion as amended takes the place of the original motion. This becomes the substantive motion on which any further amendments are moved.

After an amendment has been carried, the Chair will advise the meeting of the content of the amended motion before accepting any further amendments.

12.6 When a Member may speak again

When a Member has spoken on a motion they may not, without the consent of the Chair, speak again during the debate, except:

- 12.6.1 To speak once on an amendment moved by another Member;
- 12.6.2 To move a further amendment if the motion has been amended since they last spoke;
- 12.6.3 If the first speech was on an amendment moved by another Member, to speak on the main issue, whether or not the amendment was carried;
- 12.6.4 To exercise the right to reply;
- 12.6.5 On a point of order;

12.6.6 By way of personal explanation.

12.7 Alteration of motion by the proposer

With the consent of the full Council agreed without discussion, a Member may:

12.7.1 Alter a motion of which they have given notice; or

12.7.2 With the consent of the seconder alter a motion that has been moved without notice.

In either case, the alteration to the motion must be worded as an acceptable amendment in accordance with Procedural Standing Order 12.5.