



Borough of Gosport

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the **COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GOSPORT** was held in the Council Chamber at the **TOWN HALL, GOSPORT** on **FRIDAY**, the **TWENTY THIRD** day of **FEBRUARY 2007** at **4.00PM**.

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Cully) (P) (in the Chair);

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Gill) (P);

Councillors Allen (P), Ms Ballard (P), Burgess (P), Carr (P), Carter (P), Mrs Champion (P), Champion (P), Chegwyn, Clinton (P), Cully (P), Davis (P), Dickson (P), Edgar (P), Farr (P), Foster (P), Foster-Read (P), Hicks (P), Hook (P), Jacobs (P), Kimber (P), Langdon (P), Mrs Mudie (P), Philpott (P), Redrup, Rigg (P), Mrs Salter (P), Smith (P), Taylor (P), Train (P), Ward (P), Mrs Wright (P) and Wright (P).

ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE

In order to express their sympathy regarding the recent death of Peter Gaffney, member of the Royal British Legion (Gosport), Members of the Council stood in silent tribute for one minute

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Chegwyn and Redrup and Honorary Alderman O'Neill.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

(A) FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

The Mayor invited Councillors to a Fairtrade Coffee morning at the Town Hall in aid of her charities, on the morning of Saturday, 3 March 2007.

(B) OUTSIDE BODY REPRESENTATION

The Mayor reported that she had four requests for Outside Body representation to put before the Council for consideration as follows:

SOUTH EAST ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY (SEERA)

RESOLVED: That Councillor Langdon be nominated as the Borough Council's representative to the South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA) for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

SOUTH EAST ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY (SEERA) SUB-REGIONAL STEERING GROUP

RESOLVED: That Councillor Langdon be nominated as the Borough Council's representative to the South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA) Sub-Regional Steering Group for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – ASSOCIATION OF HANTS & ISLE OF WIGHT LOCAL AUTHORITIES – IMPROVEMENT BOARD

RESOLVED: That Councillor Langdon be nominated as the Borough Council's representative to the Local Government Association – Association of Hants and Isle of Wight Local Authorities Improvement Board for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

AREA PUBLIC HEALTH LIAISON BOARD

RESOLVED: That Councillor Edgar be nominated as the Borough Council's representative to the Area Public Health Liaison Board for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

STANDING ORDER 4.15.1

The Mayor reported that the Borough Solicitor had received notice requesting that Standing Order 4.15.1 be moved to enable the Borough Treasurer to introduce his report on Council Tax Setting 2007/2008.

RESOLVED: That Standing Order 4.15.1 be moved to enable the Borough Treasurer to introduce the report on Council Tax Setting 2007/08.

COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2007/2008

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Treasurer on Council Tax Setting for 2007/2008.

The Borough Treasurer reported that the Council was required to set the levels of Council Tax for the Borough for 2007/2008 as the billing authority. The tax level resulted from the precept requirements of the County Council, Fire Authority and Police Authority, the Council's approved budget and local tax collection balances. The tax levels proposed for each Band were set out in the Borough Treasurer's report. No comments related to the budget level had yet been received as a result of the statutory consultation process with major business rate payers.

Surpluses or deficits from Council Tax collection were assessed annually in order that corrective action could be taken in setting future tax levels. They formed part of the figure contained in recommendation 5.2 (d) of the Borough Treasurer's report. The figure of £55,000 represented Gosport's share of surpluses on the Council Tax Collection Fund as considered as part of the budget approved on 7 February 2007.

Despatch of Council Tax bills would commence early in March 2007 and be completed shortly afterwards.

MOTION: That the following recommendations in the Borough Treasurer's report be approved and adopted.

- (i) That it be noted that the Borough Treasurer determined the Council's Tax Base on 8 December 2006 in the amount of 26,948.20 as its Council Tax Base for the year 2007/2008 in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by Section 84 of the Local Government Act 2003.
- (ii) By virtue of the budget approved by Council on the 7 February 2007 the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2007/2008 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
 - (a) £46,031,430 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act.

- (b) £33,729,220 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act.
- (c) £12,302,210 being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
- (d) £7,165,143 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant and additional grant; increased by the amount of the sums which it estimates will be transferred in the year from its collection fund to its general fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax Surplus).
- (e) £190.63 being the amount at (c) above less the amount at (d) above, all divided by the amount at (i) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year.

(f) **Valuation Bands**

£ (Local tax rates for Borough purposes)

A	127.09
B	148.27
C	169.45
D	190.63
E	232.99
F	275.35
G	317.72
H	381.26

being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (e) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to

dwelling listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- (iii) That it be noted that for the year 2007/2008 Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Police Authority and Hampshire Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:-

<u>Precepting Authority</u>	<u>Valuation Bands</u>	
	(Local tax rates for County purposes)	
	£	
Hampshire County Council	A	637.08
	B	743.26
	C	849.44
	D	955.62
	E	1167.98
	F	1380.34
	G	1592.70
	H	1911.24

(Local tax rates for Police purposes)

	£	
Hampshire Police Authority	A	83.58
	B	97.51
	C	111.44
	D	125.37
	E	153.23
	F	181.09
	G	208.95
	H	250.74

(Local Taxes for Fire purposes)

	£	
Hampshire Fire Authority	A	37.38
	B	43.61
	C	49.84
	D	56.07
	E	68.53
	F	80.99
	G	93.45
	H	112.14

- (iv) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (f) and (iii) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2007/2008 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Valuation Bands

(Total local tax rates within Gosport)

	£
A	885.13
B	1032.65
C	1180.17
D	1327.69
E	1622.73
F	1917.77
G	2212.82
H	2655.38

The Motion was accordingly put to the Meeting and duly RESOLVED.

The Council rose at 4.07pm