

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2008

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Gill) (P) (in the Chair);

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Kimber) (P);

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

Also in attendance: Honorary Alderman O'Neill.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Honorary Aldermen Foster and Hayward.

NOTICE OF MOTION

It was reported that Councillor Cully had given notice of the following Motion in accordance with Standing Order 3.3.5:

“We give notice that we wish to move suspension of Standing Order 3.3.2 (Eight days’ notice of Motion) at the Council Meeting on 25 February 2008.

This is to enable the Council to consider the following Notices of Motion.

Motion 1

That the Council suspend Standing Order 4.6 (Procedure for Motions following notice) and Standing Order 4.14 (Rescission of Previous Decisions) so that this Council meeting may consider the motion set out in Motion 2.

Motion 2

That the Council approve a budget for 2008/09 totalling £12,707,000 as set out in Agenda Item No. 6 (ii) of the Council meeting dated 6 February 2008 and that this is the figure used as the Council's budget requirement in the calculation of Council Tax pursuant to Sections 32-36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992."

The Motions were accordingly seconded by Councillor Mrs Cully.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That Standing Order 3.3.5 be moved to enable the suspension of Standing Orders 3.3.2, 4.6 and 4.14 so that this Council meeting may consider the motion set out in Motion 2 above.

Upon Motion 2 being put to the meeting the following Amendment was received by the Mayor.

AMENDMENT: That the following wording be added to Motion 2.

"(ii) and that all short term car parks to be charged at the same rate throughout the Borough of Gosport."

Upon the Amendment being put to the meeting, in accordance with Standing Order 4.12.4, it was requisitioned that the voting on the Amendment be recorded. A recorded vote was thereupon taken and the names of the Members voting for and against the Amendment were read to the Council as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT: The Deputy Mayor and Councillors Allen, Burgess, Carter, Mrs Champion, Champion, Clinton, Dickson, Edgar, Foster, Hook, Jacobs, Langdon, Philpott, Rigg, Taylor and Ward (17)

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT: The Mayor and Councillors Ms Ballard, Carr, Chegwyn, Mrs Cully, Cully, Davis, Farr, Foster-Reed, Hicks, Mrs Mudie, Mrs Salter, Mrs Searle, Smith, Train, Mrs Wright and Wright (17)

The Amendment was accordingly declared TIED.

Whereupon the Mayor used his casting vote against the Amendment which was duly LOST.

Upon Motion 2 being put to the meeting, in accordance with Standing Order 4.12.4, it was requisitioned that the voting on Motion 2 be recorded. A recorded vote was thereupon taken, and the names of the Members voting for and against Motion 2 were read to the Council as follows:

FOR MOTION 2: The Mayor and Councillors Ms Ballard, Carr, Chegwyn, Mrs Cully, Cully, Davis, Farr, Foster-Reed, Hicks, Mrs Mudie, Mrs Salter, Mrs Searle, Smith, Train, Mrs Wright and Wright (17)

AGAINST MOTION 2: The Deputy Mayor and Councillors Allen, Burgess, Carter, Mrs Champion, Champion, Clinton, Dickson, Edgar, Foster, Hook, Jacobs, Langdon, Philpott, Rigg, Taylor and Ward (17)

Motion 2 was accordingly declared TIED.

Whereupon the Mayor used his casting vote for Motion 2 which was duly CARRIED.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That Motion 2 be approved and adopted.

STANDING ORDER 4.15.1

The Mayor reported that notice had been received requesting that Standing Order 4.15.1 be moved to enable the Borough Treasurer to introduce his report related to Council Tax Setting 2008/2009.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That Standing Order 4.15.1 be moved to enable the Borough Treasurer to introduce his report related to Council Tax Setting 2008/09.

COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2008/2009

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Treasurer on Council Tax Setting for 2008/2009.

The Borough Treasurer reported that the Council was required to set the levels of Council Tax for the Borough for 2008/2009 as the billing authority. The tax level resulted from the precept requirements of the County Council, Police Authority and Fire and Rescue Authority, the Council's approved budget and local tax collection balances. No comments related to the budget level had yet been received as a result of the statutory consultation process with major business rate payers.

The Borough Treasurer advised that whilst the Council had agreed a general fund budget of £12,608,000 at its meeting on 6 February 2008, there was a proposal to amend this to £12,707,000 on the Council agenda for tonight's

meeting. The appendices to his report dealt with each option in turn and only the appropriate one should be considered and approved.

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 report. The figure of £55,000 represented Gosport's share of surpluses on the Council Tax Collection Fund as considered as part of the approved Budget.

Despatch of Council Tax bills would commence early in March 2008 and be completed shortly afterwards.

MOTION: That Appendix B to the Borough Treasurer's report be moved and the following recommendations be approved and adopted.

- (i) That it be noted that the Borough Treasurer determined the Council's Tax Base on 06 December 2007 in the amount of 27,432.4 as its Council Tax Base for the year 2008/2009 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 25 February 2008 the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2008/2009 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-**

 - (a) £49,527,690 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) £36,820,690 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) £12,707,000 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) £7,279,031 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) £197.87 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)

<u>Valuation Bands</u>	
	£ (Local tax rates for Borough purposes)
A	131.91
B	153.90
C	175.88
D	197.87
E	241.84
F	285.81
G	329.78
H	395.74

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 dwellings 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 2008/2009 Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Police Authority and Hampshire Fire & Rescue 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:-

Precepting Authority Valuation Bands
(Local tax rates for County purposes)

		£
Hampshire County Council	A	666.00
	B	777.00
	C	888.00
	D	999.00
	E	1221.00
	F	1443.00
	G	1665.00
	H	1998.00

(Local tax rates for Police purposes)

		£
Hampshire Police Authority	A	90.36
	B	105.42
	C	120.48
	D	135.54
	E	165.66
	F	195.78
	G	225.90
	H	271.08

(Local Taxes for Fire & Rescue Purposes)

		£
Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority	A	38.82
	B	45.29
	C	51.76
	D	58.23
	E	71.17
	F	84.11
	G	97.05
	H	116.46

- (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 2008/2009 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Valuation Bands

(Total local tax rates within Gosport)

£

A	927.09
B	1081.61
C	1236.12
D	1390.64
E	1699.67
F	2008.70
G	2317.73
H	2781.28

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Motion be approved and adopted.

The Council rose at 7.13pm