

## **MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 28 FEBRUARY 2011**

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Allen) (P) (In the Chair);

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Carter, C R) (P);

Councillors Mrs Bailey, Ms Ballard (P), Beavis (P), Bradley (P), Burgess (P), Carter C K, Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully (P), Dickson (P), Edgar (P), Edwards, Mrs Forder, Forder, Foster-Reed (P), Geddes, Henshaw (P), Mrs Hook (P), Hook (P), Hylands, Jacobs (P), Jessop (P), Kimber (P), Lane (P), Langdon (P), Murphy (P), Philpott (P), Ronayne (P), Scard (P), Mrs Searle (P), Miss West (P) and Wright (P) .

Also in attendance: Honorary Aldermen Foster and O'Neill.

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### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs Bailey, Carter, C K, Edwards, Mrs Forder, Forder and Geddes and Honorary Aldermen Gill, Lucas and Train.

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### **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **(A) GOSPORT VOLUNTARY ACTION**

The Mayor reported the receipt of a letter from Margaret Wilkinson, Chair, Gosport Voluntary Action. Gosport Voluntary Action were grateful for the Council's continued financial support and reassured the Council that the money would be spent wisely and appropriately. The grant funding plus the assistance of officers and councillors enabled them to continue to offer support to the community.

#### **(B) DAILY TELEGRAPH ARTICLE – WASTE MANAGEMENT RESEARCH TRIPS**

The Mayor read out to the meeting a letter received by the Leader of the Council on 23 February 2011 from the Deputy Editor, Daily Telegraph.

“I write further to the correction that appeared in The Daily Telegraph of today's date in relation to the article we originally published on 25 January and the inaccurate clarification published on 4 February.

As we mentioned in correspondence with the Press Complaints Commission, the initial, erroneous correction occurred because we were directed towards a correction published in The News, which meant that our attention was drawn to the disparity in costs rather than the personnel and trips to which they related.

We regret our error and any embarrassment that was caused to you and the council and we are happy to have been able to set the record straight.”

### **(C) RACE NIGHT (12 MARCH)**

The Mayor drew councillors' attention to a charity Race Night in aid of his nominated charities at HEDCA Community Association at 7.30pm on Saturday, 12 March 2011. Tickets priced at £5 could be obtained from the Mayor's PA.

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## **COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2011/12**

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Treasurer which consolidated the effect of the Council's approved budget, Collection Fund deficit and precepting authority requirements in order to establish the necessary council tax levels to apply in the Borough of Gosport for 2011/12.

The Borough Treasurer reported that Council was required to set the levels of Council Tax for the Borough for 2011/12 on behalf of the Council as billing authority. The tax level resulted from the precept requirements of Hampshire's 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 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 report. The 2011/12 figure of £40,000 represented Gosport's share of the deficit on the council tax collection fund.

Despatch of Council Tax bills would commence early in March 2011 and be completed shortly afterwards.

The 2011/12 Council Tax rates are unchanged from 2010/11.

**MOTION:** That the following recommendations in 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 11 November 2010 in the amount of 27,595.1 as its Council Tax Base for the year 2011/2012 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 2 February 2011 the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2011/2012 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

(a) £59,766,510 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) £49,058,920 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) £10,707,590 being the amount by which the aggregate at (ii)(a) above exceeds the aggregate at (ii)(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.

(d) £5,111,003 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; decreased by the amount of the sums which it estimates will be transferred in the year from its general fund to its collection fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local

**Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax Surplus).**

- (e) £202.81 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	135.21
B	157.74
C	180.28
D	202.81
E	247.88
F	292.95
G	338.02
H	405.62

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 2011/12 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:-

**Precepting Authority   Valuation Bands**

**(Local tax rates for County purposes)**

£

**Hampshire County Council**

<b>A</b>	<b>691.92</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>807.24</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>922.56</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>1037.88</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>1268.52</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>1499.16</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>1729.80</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>2075.76</b>

**(Local tax rates for Police purposes)**

£

**Hampshire Police Authority**

<b>A</b>	<b>97.50</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>113.75</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>130.00</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>146.25</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>178.75</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>211.25</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>243.75</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>292.50</b>

**(Local Taxes for Fire & Rescue Purposes)**

£

**Hampshire Fire &  
Rescue Authority**

<b>A</b>	<b>40.92</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>47.74</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>54.56</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>61.38</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>75.02</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>88.66</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>102.30</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>122.76</b>

- (iv) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (ii)(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 2011/2012 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

**Valuation Bands**

**(Total local tax rates within Gosport)**

**£**

<b>A</b>	<b>965.55</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>1126.47</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>1287.40</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>1448.32</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>1770.17</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>2092.02</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>2413.87</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>2896.64</b>

**COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Motion be approved and adopted.**

**The meeting commenced at 5.30pm and ended at 5.36pm.**