

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 1 FEBRUARY 2012**

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Carter, C R) (P) (in the Chair);

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Dickson) (P);

Councillors Allen (P), Mrs Bailey (P), Ms Ballard (P), Beavis (P), Bradley (P), Burgess (P), Carter C K (P), Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully (P), Edgar (P), Edwards (P), Mrs Forder, Forder, Foster-Reed (P), Geddes (P), 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), Smith (P), Miss West and Wright (P).

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

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### **ONE MINUTES SILENCE**

In order to express their sympathy regarding the recent death of former Councillor Fred Wrapson, who represented the Rowner Ward from 8 May 1969 to 4 May 1972; Members of the Council stood in silent tribute for one minute.

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### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs Forder, Forder and Hylands, Honorary Freeman Mrs Simpson and Honorary Aldermen Hayward, Lucas and Train.

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### **MINUTES**

**COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 23 November 2011 be confirmed and signed.**

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## **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

### **(A) BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT FAIR (26 JANUARY 2012)**

The Mayor referred to the above Fair which had recently taken place at the Thorngate Halls. He stated that it had been an exceptional day with over 600 people having passed through the doors as of 5pm; a total of 800 people for the day. The Mayor congratulated the Head of Economic Prosperity, Tourism and Culture for her hard work towards the event.

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## **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCIL BOARDS**

### **COUNCIL DWELLING RENTS 2012/2013**

At its meeting on 30 January 2012, the Community Board recommended:

That, as from 2 April 2012, approval be given to:

- a) that in line with national guidelines the average weekly Council Dwelling rents increase on average by £5.23 per week;
- b) garage rents for those built prior to April 2010 increase by £0.66 per week; and
- c) there be no increases in rent for garages built since April 2010 under the Garage Strategy.

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

### **TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2012/13**

At its meeting on 31 January 2012, the Policy and Organisation Board recommended:

That Council formally approve:

- The Prudential Indicators with effect from 1 March 2012
- The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy (Appendix A)
- The Treasury Management Strategy
- The Investment Strategy

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

## **COUNCIL BUDGET 2012/13**

At its meeting on 31 January 2012, the Policy and Organisation Board recommended:

That:

- a) having considered the budget requirements of all of the Council's Boards, Council approve a revised 2011/12 Budget totalling £10,707,590 and a Budget for 2012/13 totalling £10,539,690; and
- b) Council approve the Pay Policy Statement and Member's Allowances Scheme for 2012/13 as outlined in Appendices 3 and 4 of the Borough Treasurer's report.

**MOTION: That:**

- a) **having considered the budget requirements of all of the Council's Boards, Council approve a revised 2011/12 Budget totalling £10,707,590 and a Budget for 2012/13 totalling £10,539,690; and**
- b) **Council approve the Pay Policy Statement and Member's Allowances Scheme for 2012/13 as outlined in Appendices 3 and 4 of the Borough Treasurer's report.**

**NOTE: Prior to the following Amendment being debated by Councillors. Councillors Mrs Hook, Hook, Smith and Henshaw declared personal and prejudicial interests in the circulated Amendment left the meeting room and took no further part in the discussions or voting thereon.**

**AMENDMENT: That:**

- a) **having considered the budget requirements of all of the Council's Boards, Council approve a revised 2011/12 Budget totalling £10,707,590 and a Budget for 2012/13 totalling £10,539,690; and**
- b) **Council approve the Pay Policy Statement and Member's Allowances Scheme for 2012/13 as outlined in Appendices 3 and 4 of the Borough Treasurer's report.**

**This to be made up as per the budget book with the following amendments:**

<b>Delete:</b>	<b>Office Town Hall Landlord (p38) Rent for premises in High Street</b>	<b>Saving</b>	<b>£7980</b>
<b>Delete:</b>	<b>Savings &amp; Efficiencies (p30) 10% Salary Increases for Chief Officers</b>	<b>Saving</b>	<b>£15000</b>

<b>Delete:</b>	<b>Coastline (p30)</b>	<b>Saving</b>	<b>£10700</b>
<b>Delete:</b>	<b>Councillors' Special Responsibility Allowances (p28)</b>	<b>Saving</b>	<b>£38810</b>
<b>Reduce:</b>	<b>Special Events</b>	<b>Saving</b>	<b>£33380</b>
<b>Add:</b>	<b>Site Rental for Gosport Waterfront Festival (To be paid by the Festival Organisers/DLP Festival Management)</b>	<b>Saving</b>	<b>£5000</b>
<b>Reduce:</b>	<b>Contribution to Revenue Financing Reserve</b>	<b>Saving</b>	<b>£2740</b>
		<b>Total Savings:</b>	<b>£113610</b>
<b>Add:</b>	<b>Waste: Third Party Payments (p5) Increased spending on street cleansing And removal of litter, dogs mess and Fly-tipping</b>	<b>Add:</b>	<b>£25000</b>
<b>Add:</b>	<b>Waste: Third Party Payments (p5) Return of Council Amenity Skips</b>	<b>Add:</b>	<b>£35000</b>
<b>Add:</b>	<b>Allotments (p4) and Waste (p5) New Bins and more frequent emptying</b>	<b>Add</b>	<b>£10000</b>
<b>Add:</b>	<b>Community Safety – Third Party Payments (p9) Restoration of cuts to CCTV coverage</b>	<b>Add</b>	<b>£43610</b>
		<b>Total Additions:</b>	<b>£113610</b>

**The Amendment was put to the meeting and declared LOST.**

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

The Council wished to put on record its thanks to the Borough Treasurer, Financial Services Manager and Head of Accountancy for their hard work in preparing the Budget for 2012/13

## **PART II MINUTES**

**COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the following Part II Minutes be received.**

Policy and Organisation Board: 21 December 2011 (Minute Nos. 31 – 33) and 31 January 2012 (Minute Nos. 41 – 42)

Community Board: 28 November 2011 (Minute Nos. 32 – 34) and 30 January 2012 (Minute Nos. 41 – 43)

Economic Development Board: 26 January 2012 (Minute Nos. 40 – 43)

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### **REVIEW OF COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES AND DETERMINATION OF ALLOCATION OF SEATS**

The Borough Solicitor had submitted a report to the Members of the Council in connection with the above. The report informed the Council that on 15 December 2011 notice had been received that a member of the Independent Liberal Democrat Group had joined the Conservative Group. This meant that there were now 4 Political Groups on the Council and 1 independent member. As a consequence this had triggered the necessary issuing of revised advice to the Council of the balance of the seats on the Council and the position with regard to Political Groups and the review undertaken by the Borough Solicitor in accordance with the “Proportionality Rules” of the balance of seats on the Boards and Committees of the Council.

The Council had five Boards and one Overview and Scrutiny Committee; there were 68 seats to be allocated in accordance with the Proportionality Rules. However as the tables in the report indicated it was not possible to allocate the 68 seats in exact proportion as each Political Group had on the Council.

The Proportionality Rules did not apply to the Standards and Governance Committee.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Council approve:

- a) the allocation of seats on the Boards and Committee as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report; and
- b) the allocation of seats on the Standards and Governance Committee as set out in paragraph 4.2 of the report.

**MOTION: That the above recommendations be approved and adopted.**

**The Motion was accordingly put to the meeting and duly RESOLVED.**

## **ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2012-2013**

The Council was informed that in accordance with Standing Order 2.4 the Borough Solicitor had written to Group Leaders and Members of the Council to invite Member nominations for the selection of Mayor-Elect and Deputy Mayor-Elect for the next Municipal Year.

It was reported that one nomination each had been received by the Borough Solicitor; Councillor R J Dickson for Mayor-Elect and Councillor J W Beavis, MBE for Deputy Mayor-Elect for the 2012-2013 Municipal Year. The Council accordingly approved the nominations and Councillors Dickson and Beavis briefly returned thanks for their nominations.

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The Mayor concluded the meeting by referring to the following events:

- A worth while visit to the Gosport Gallery Open Art Exhibition 2012 which was sponsored by the Gosport Rotary Club and the Southern Co-operative
- A Royal Marines Band Concert at St Mary's Church, Alverstoke on Friday, 17 February 2012 which would be in support of one of the Mayor's charities

**The meeting ended at 8.24pm**