

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2012

Attendance:

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

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Dickson) (P);

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

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs Bailey, Carter, C K, Edgar, Edwards and Foster-Reed.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

(A) ROYAL MARINES BAND CONCERT AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, ALVERSTOKE, GOSPORT ON 17 FEBRUARY 2012

The Mayor thanked those Councillors who had attended the above event in support of one of his charities.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT DEALING PARAMETERS 2011/12 ONWARDS

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Treasurer concerning further consideration being given to the Treasury Management activity limits and maturity structure of fixed borrowing for 2011/12 onwards; resulting from the need to fund the exit of the Council's Housing Revenue Account (HRA) from the Housing Subsidy regime.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the amended funding total now resulting from the need to fund the exit of the Council's Housing Revenue Account (HRA) from the Housing Subsidy regime be noted; and approval be given to the amended activity limits and maturity structure set out in Appendix A of the Borough Treasurer's report with effect from 1 March 2012.

COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2012/13

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Treasurer which consolidated the effect of the Council's approved budget, Collection Fund balance and precepting authority requirements in order to establish the necessary Council Tax levels to apply in the Borough of Gosport for 2012/13.

The Borough Treasurer reported that Council was required to set the levels of Council Tax for the Borough for 2012/13 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 had been received as a result of the 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. The 2012/13 figure of £30,300 represented Gosport's share of the surplus on the council tax collection fund.

Despatch of council tax bills would commence early in March 2012 and be completed shortly afterwards.

The 2012/13 council tax rates are unchanged from 2011/12.

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 3 November 2011 in the amount of 27,731 as its Council Tax Base for the year 2012/13 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")).
- (ii) By virtue of the budget approved by Council on the 1 February 2012 the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2012/13 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act.

- (a) £76,986,230 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
- (b) £71,362,197 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) £5,624,033 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 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax Requirement for the year. (Item R in that formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- (d) £202.81 being the amount at (ii)(c) above (Item R) divided by Item T (the amount at (i) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

(e) 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 (ii)(d) 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 2012/13 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 Act, for each of the categories of

the dwellings shown below:-

Precepting Authority Valuation Bands

(Local tax rates for County purposes)

£

Hampshire County Council

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

(Local tax rates for Police purposes)

£

Hampshire Police Authority

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

(Local Taxes for Fire & Rescue purposes)

£

**Hampshire Fire &
Rescue Authority**

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

(iv) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at

(ii)(e) and (iii) above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Act, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2012/13 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Valuation Bands

(Total local tax rates within Gosport)

£

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

- (v) That it is determined that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2012/13 is not excessive (in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Act).

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Motion be approved and adopted.

The meeting commenced at 4.00 and ended at 4.10pm