

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 6.00pm**

Attendance:

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

Councillors Allen (P), Ms Ballard (P), Bateman (P), Beavis (P), Bergin (P) , Burgess (P), Carter (P), Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully (P), Ms Diffey (P), Earle (P), Edgar (P), Farr (P) Mrs Forder (P), Foster-Reed (P),Mrs Furlong (P), Hammond (P) Hicks (P), Hook (P), Mrs Hook (P), Huggins (P) Hylands (P), Jessop (P), Mrs Jones (P), Miss Kelly (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy (P), Philpott (P) , Prickett (P), Raffaelli (P), Ronayne (P), Scard (P), and Wright (P).

Also in attendance: Honorary Freeman O'Neill

APOLOGIES

There were none.

MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 December 2017 be confirmed and signed.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received.

QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 3.4

There were no questions received.

BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE AND COUNCIL DWELLING RENTS 2017/2018

Consideration was given to a recommendation by the Community Board at its meeting held on 24th January 2018.

COUNCIL RESOLVED THAT:

- The revised HRA Business Plan extract (Appendix A) and associated 2017/18 Revised Budget and 2018/19 Budget (Appendix B) is agreed.
- That Council Dwelling rents decrease by 1% (an average of £0.80 per week), continuing the four year reduction programme as detailed in the new national rent policy introduced in April 2016.
- The rent for older style garages is increased in line with inflation, as agreed in the Garage Renewal strategy and rent for non GBC tenants who have garages is increased by £1 per week.

PART II MINUTES

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

- Community Board: 17 October 2017 and 24 January 2018
- Economic Development Board: 31 January 2018
- Policy and Organisation Board: 6 February 2018

COUNCIL BUDGET 2018/2019

Consideration was given to a Report of the Borough Treasurer detailing the budget and Council Tax for 2018/19 and the medium term budget forecast 2019/20 to 2021/22.

It was recommended that the Council approve:

- 2.1 A Revised Budget for 2017/18 of £10,163,000 as set out in Appendix A
- 2.2 A Budget for 2018/19 of £10,288,000 as set out in Appendix A
- 2.3 Any variation arising from the final Local Government Finance Settlement be accommodated by a transfer to / from the Revenue Financing Reserve.

- 2.4 That the level of Council Tax be increased by £6.38 per annum for a Band D property for 2018/19
- 2.5 It be noted that the Borough Treasurer Officer has determined that the Council Tax Base for the financial year 2018/19 will be 26,524.9 [item T in the formula in Section 31 B(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")].
- 2.6 That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the financial year 2018/19 in accordance with Section 31 and Sections 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

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| (a) | £ 52,312,233 | Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act. |
| (b) | £ 46,498,240 | Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act. |
| (c) | £5,813,993 | Being the amount by which the aggregate at 2.6 (a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2.6(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 the formula in Section 31B(1) of the Act. |
| (d) | £219.19 | Being the amount at 2.6 (c) above (Item R), all divided by Item 2.5 above (Item T), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year. |

(e) Valuation Bands (Gosport Borough Council)

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 146.13 | 170.48 | 194.84 | 219.19 | 267.90 | 316.61 | 365.32 | 438.38 |

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 2.6 (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 in different valuation bands.

- 2.7 That it be noted that for the financial year 2018/19 Hampshire County Council is proposing the following amounts for the precept to be 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:

Valuation Bands (Hampshire County Council)

| A £ | B £ | C £ | D £ | E £ | F £ | G £ | H £ |
|--------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 800.64 | 934.08 | 1,067.52 | 1,200.96 | 1,467.84 | 1,734.72 | 2,001.60 | 2,401.92 |

- 2.8 That it be noted that for the financial year 2018/19 the Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner is proposing the following amounts for the precept to be 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:

Valuation Bands (Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner)

| A £ | B £ | C £ | D £ | E £ | F £ | G £ | H £ |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 118.31 | 138.02 | 157.74 | 177.46 | 216.90 | 256.33 | 295.77 | 354.92 |

- 2.9 That it be noted that for the financial year 2018/19 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority are recommended to approve the following amounts for the precept 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:

Valuation Bands (Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority)

| A £ | B £ | C £ | D £ | E £ | F £ | G £ | H £ |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 43.83 | 51.14 | 58.44 | 65.75 | 80.36 | 94.97 | 109.58 | 131.50 |

- 2.10 That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2.6(e), 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9 above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the financial year 2018/19 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands (Total Council Tax)

| A £ | B £ | C £ | D £ | E £ | F £ | G £ | H £ |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1,108.91 | 1,293.72 | 1,478.54 | 1,663.36 | 2,033.00 | 2,402.63 | 2,772.27 | 3,326.72 |

- 2.11 The Borough Treasurer be given delegated authority to implement any variation to the overall level of Council Tax arising from the final notification of the Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority precepts.
- 2.12 The Council determines in accordance with Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2018/19, which represents a 3.0% increase, is not excessive in

accordance with the principles approved by the Secretary of State under Section 52ZC of the Act.

- 2.13 As the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority (Hampshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire or the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority) that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2018/19 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- 2.14 Members have had regard for the Statement of the Section 151 Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 as set out in Section **Error! Reference source not found..**
- 2.15 The Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2020/21 as set out in Appendix D is approved.
- 2.16 That the Pay Policy Statement 2017/18 as set out in Appendix E is approved

It was requested and proposed that recommendation 2.15 of the report be considered individually.

This was not agreed.

It was proposed that the approval of the Members Allowance Scheme Appendix F be added as recommendation 2.17

Voting was thereupon taken and the names of the Members voting for and against the Recommendations and those abstaining were read to the Council:

FOR THE RECOMMENDATION: Councillors Allen, Bateman, , Beavis, Bergin Burgess, Carter, Mrs Cully, Edgar, Farr, Mrs Forder, Hook, Mrs Hook, Mrs Huggins, Mrs Furlong, Jessop, Mrs Jones, Mrs Morgan, Murphy, Philpott, Raffaelli, Ronayne, Scard, Wright, The Mayor **(24)**

AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATION: Councillors Ms Ballard, Chegwyn, Ms Diffey, Earle, Foster-Reed, Hammond, Hicks, Hylands, Miss Kelly, Mrs Prickett. **(10)**

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendations including the additional recommendation 2.17 be approved.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2018/19

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Treasurer outlining the Council's prudential indicators for 2018/19 and recommending that the Council approve:

- The Prudential Indicators as identified in 2.1 of the report
- Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, as identified in 2.2 of the report; and
- The Treasury Management Strategy, as identified in 2.3 of the report.

Voting was thereupon taken and the names of the Members voting for and against the Recommendation and those abstaining were read to the Council:

FOR THE RECOMMENDATION: Councillors Allen, Ms Ballard, Bateman, Beavis, Bergin Burgess, Carter, Chegwyn, Mrs Cully, Ms Diffey, Earle, Edgar, Farr, Mrs Forder, Foster-Reed, Hammond, Hicks, Hook, Mrs Hook, Mrs Huggins, Hylands, Mrs Furlong, Jessop, Mrs Jones, Miss Kelly, Mrs Morgan, Murphy, Philpott, Mrs Prickett, Raffaelli, Ronayne, Scard, Wright, The Mayor **(34)**

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendations be approved.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2018-19

The Council was informed that in accordance with Standing Order 2.4 the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive 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 had been received Councillor Mrs. D.H. Furlong for Mayor-Elect and one nomination Councillor P Bergin for Deputy Mayor-Elect for the 2018-19 Municipal Year. The Council accordingly approved the nominations.

The meeting concluded at 6.47pm

The Mayor.