

COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH 2019

Councillor D A Burnett BEM, Mayor

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| Councillors: | E H Atherton | G Harvey |
| | D Bagshaw | R I Jackson |
| | S A Bagshaw | E Kerry |
| | L A Ball BEM | S Kerry |
| | J S Briggs | L A Lally |
| | T P Brindley | P Lally |
| | M Brown | W J Longdon |
| | B C Carr | R D MacRae |
| | S J Carr | G Marshall |
| | M J Crow | J K Marsters |
| | E Cubley | J W McGrath |
| | T A Cullen | J M Owen |
| | R H Darby | P J Owen |
| | J A Doddy | J C Patrick |
| | S Easom | M E Plackett |
| | D A Elliott | M Radulovic MBE |
| | L Fletcher | K E Rigby |
| | J C Goold | R S Robinson |
| | J W Handley | P D Simpson |
| | M Handley | A W G A Stockwell |
| | A Harper | |

Also in
attendance: A Russell, Youth Mayor

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H G Khaled MBE and C H Rice in addition to W Mee, Deputy Youth Mayor.

75 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor S J Carr declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9 due to his role as a Nottinghamshire County Councillor, minute number 83 refers.

76 MINUTES

The minutes of the two meetings held on 19 December 2018 were confirmed and signed.

77 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor referred to the recent death of Broxtowe Borough Council employee Angela Davey. Members and officers held a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

The Mayor gave a résumé of his engagements since the last Council meeting, which included his attendance at numerous engagements and a variety of fundraising events. Lisa Evans and Graham Sharpe were presented with long service awards, whilst Nick and Chris Robertson were presented with the Mayor's Certificate of Recognition. The Mayor congratulated them all on their achievements.

78 REFERENCES

78.1 Finance and Resources Committee - 8 January 2019 Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2019/20

Council considered the arrangements to operate in 2019/20 in respect of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTSS). The current scheme allowed for up to 100% of the council tax liability to be paid in council tax support. The Council had benefitted from the overall bill for LCTSS falling from 2013/14 to 2016/17 as the numbers of claimants requiring support had reduced.

RESOLVED that the current LCTSS remains in place for 2019/20.

78.2 Policy and Performance Committee - 6 February 2019 Management Restructure Update

RESOLVED that the appointment of the interim Deputy Chief Executive to the role of section 151 officer, and agree to nominate members to appointment panels for the remaining three senior Management positions.

78.3 FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE- 24 JANUARY 2019

The Committee had considered the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel to adopt a 2% pay award for 2019/20 on allowances to be paid to members. It was proposed that no increase to Members' Allowances be made.

RESOLVED that there be no increase in allowances for members.

78.4 Finance and Resources Committee- 24 January 2019 Member Allowances

Members considered the level of allowance and it was proposed that no change to the existing remuneration policy or remuneration levels be made.

RESOLVED that there be no changes to the existing remuneration policy.

79 BUSINESS RATES - NEW RETAIL DISCOUNT RATES RELIEF

Following consideration by the Policy and Performance Committee on 6 February 2019 and the consequent recommendation to Council, members considered the proposed new business retail discount rates relief scheme for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years be adopted.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The New Retail Discount Scheme for financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21 be adopted.**
- 2. The Head of Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services applies the discount to all eligible businesses and informs businesses of their revised Business Rates.**

80 OFFICER DELEGATED DECISIONS

Members noted the report on Officer Delegated Decisions.

81 PAY POLICY - 2019/20

Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011 required local authorities to publish an annual Pay Policy Statement. The purpose of the statement was to increase accountability in relation to payments made to senior members of local authority staff by enabling public scrutiny.

RESOLVED that the Pay Policy Statement for 2019/20 be approved.

82 URGENT ITEM: INDEPENDENT MEMBER/APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Members noted a report following notification that Councillor R S Robinson had advised that he had ceased representing the Labour Group and intended to sit as an independent member of the Council.

As a result of the change, proportionality on four Council committees had been reviewed and it was therefore necessary to amend committee membership as follows. As the committees were due to meet before the elections and the annual meeting, the Mayor declared that due to there being special circumstances the report would be considered as a matter of urgency under section 100B (4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972. This would allow for all councillors to comment on the consultation.

As proportionality only allowed for one independent member to be appointed to the Council's quasi-judicial committees it was agreed that Councillor R D MacRae retain his position on these committees.

RESOLVED that the following amendments to the Committee appointments be approved.

Governance, Audit and Standards Committee

Conservative

J W Handley (Chair)
E H Atherton (Vice Chair)
T P Brindley
J C Goold
J M Owen
P J Owen

Labour

S A Bagshaw
J C Patrick
D A Elliott

Liberal Democrat

K E Rigby

Planning Committee

Conservative

M Handley (Chair)
L A Ball BEM (Vice Chair)
J S Briggs
T P Brindley
M Brown
P J Owen
P D Simpson

Substitutes

1. W J Longdon
2. G Harvey
3. S Kerry
4. J M Owen
5. J W Handley
6. A G W A Stockwell
7. E Cubley

Labour

D Bagshaw
G Marshall
T A Cullen

Substitutes

1. J C Patrick
2. J W McGrath

Liberal Democrat

J K Marsters

Substitute

1. B C Carr

Independent

R D MacRae

Licensing and Appeals Committee

Conservative

D A Burnett BEM (Chair)
W J Longdon (Vice Chair)

Substitutes

1. L A Ball BEM
2. T P Brindley

E H Atherton
M J Crow
M E Plackett
P D Simpson
A W G A Stockwell

3. M Brown
4. J W Handley
5. A Harper
6. G Harvey
7. E Cubley

Labour

D Bagshaw
T A Cullen
J C Patrick

Substitutes 1. S A Bagshaw
2. L A Lally
3. P Lally

Liberal Democrat

K E Rigby

Substitute 1. S J Carr

Independent

R D MacRae

Alcohol and Entertainments Licensing Committee

Conservative

D A Burnett BEM (Chair)
W J Longdon (Vice Chair)
E H Atherton
M J Crow
M E Plackett
P D Simpson
A G W A Stockwell

Labour

T A Cullen
R H Darby
P Lally

Liberal Democrat

K E Rigby

Independent

R D MacRae

TO APPROVE THE REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS, PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS, TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, INVESTMENT STRATEGY, MEDIUM TERM GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND FIX THE COUNCIL TAX FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1 APRIL 2019

The Finance and Resources Committee, at its meeting held on 14 February 2019, considered a report dealing with budget consultation, impact analysis, the Housing Revenue Account budget and council house rents 2019/20, capital programme 2019/20 to 2021/22, General Fund revenue budget 2019/20, prudential indicators 2019/20 to 2021/22, treasury management strategy 2019/20 to 2021/22, investments strategy 2019/20 to 2021/22, and the medium term General Fund financial strategy to 2021/22.

The precept figures for Nottinghamshire County Council had not been finalised at the time of printing the agenda. These were considered and resolved at a meeting held on 28 February 2019 and the final figures resulting from the meeting were distributed to members.

The motion was moved by Councillor R I Jackson and seconded by Councillor P D Simpson and it was stated that Council Tax had been frozen for the fourth year in succession and although the New Homes Bonus was lower than 2018/19 the Council was self-sufficient whilst retaining a sound financial base.

The following amendment was moved by Councillor M Radulovic MBE and seconded by Councillor D A Elliott:

“Additional recommendation 3 to be inserted:

‘This Council tonight commits itself to the provision of an accelerated new-build Council house programme and the Interim Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to arrange the financing of the accelerated programme and subsequent revenue implications.’

At recommendation 1, third bullet point be amended to read:

‘The Capital Submissions and Priorities be approved, subject to the additional commitment of £1.2m from the 2019/20 Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme. This will enable the provision of new build housing to address homelessness and provide short-stay facilities especially for those ex-service personnel, for those in need of emergency shelter, young or old, or people in our community suffering from homelessness due to their mental health.’

At recommendation 1, seventh bullet point be amended to read:

‘An amount of £500,720 be withdrawn from the General Fund reserve in 2019/20. The additional withdrawal of £150,000 to fund the following new initiatives:

- The reinstatement a Domestic Violence Support Officer.
- To establish community forums in each area of Broxtowe to respond to local area needs in a much quicker and more effective way. Also to support a programme of education and direct action to mitigate against the involvement of people involved in drug abuse, anti-social behaviour and knife crime.

- To ensure that all our major town centres have payment facilities and support/help from Broxtowe staff to mitigate against the negative effect of Universal Credit.”

It was proposed by Councillor R I Jackson and seconded by Councillor M J Crow that the meeting be adjourned for a period of ten minutes. On being put to the meeting the proposal was carried.

Following the adjournment members considered the amendment and the following points were amongst those made:

- The Council would need to lead on house building in order to combat the effects of many years of austerity.
- If the current leading group should retain its position following the elections in May, it would look into methods by which new build housing could be accelerated. Task and finish groups could consider quick proposals on the matter.
- A working group would be more suitable to consider the proposed new initiatives, in a similar fashion to methods used by the Mental Health Working Group.
- The amendment would move to resolve the failings of the leading group. Rent arrears were at their peak and the amendment was for the people of Broxtowe.
- People needed something more effective than Community Action Team meetings. People who needed to use cash to make payments were being excluded as the lack of facilities would not allow for this.
- In order to tackle knife crime, it would necessitate full engagement from all parties.
- The increased use of food banks was not acceptable in 2019.
- Projects were in need of support to help young people know what to do should they encounter somebody with a knife.
- Homelessness in Broxtowe was rising, but the leading group could not see the cost benefit of taking action.
- Housing should be a priority in such a rich country.
- Broxtowe is a good place to live and this should be celebrated.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, a recorded vote was required. The voting was as follows:

| <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> | <u>Abstention</u> |
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| D Bagshaw | E H Atherton | |
| S A Bagshaw | L A Ball BEM | |
| B C Carr | J S Briggs | |
| S J Carr | T P Brindley | |
| T A Cullen | M Brown | |
| R H Darby | D A Burnett BEM | |
| D A Elliott | M J Crow | |
| L A Lally | E Cubley | |
| P Lally | J A Doddy | |
| R D MacRae | S Easom | |
| G Marshall | L Fletcher | |
| J K Martsters | J C Goold | |
| J W McGrath | J W Handley | |
| J C Patrick | M Handley | |
| M Radulovic MBE | A Harper | |
| K E Rigby | G Harvey | |
| R S Robinson | R I Jackson | |
| | E Kerry | |

ForAgainstAbstention

S Kerry
W J Longdon
J M Owen
P J Owen
M E Plackett
P D Simpson
A W G A Stockwell

The amendment, on being put to the meeting, was lost.

Councillor K E Rigby left the meeting at this point.

Members debated the original motion and discussion included the following points:

- The health and wellbeing of residents would be improved as a result of measures taken in the budget.
- Council Tax had been frozen for the last four years which had resulted in cuts to Council funding.
- The leading group would build as many houses as possible during the next term.
- The leading group had run the Council very well. There was a need to be commercial and bring in income.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, a recorded vote was required. The voting was as follows:

| <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> | <u>Abstention</u> |
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| E H Atherton | | D Bagshaw |
| L A Ball BEM | | S A Bagshaw |
| J S Briggs | | B C Carr |
| T P Brindley | | S J Carr |
| M Brown | | T A Cullen |
| D A Burnett BEM | | R H Darby |
| M J Crow | | D A Elliott |
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| J C Goold | | J K Marsters |
| J W Handley | | J W McGrath |
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| E Kerry | | |
| S Kerry | | |
| W J Longdon | | |
| J M Owen | | |
| P J Owen | | |
| M E Plackett | | |
| P D Simpson | | |
| A W G A Stockwell | | |

The motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried.

RESOLVED that:

1. The recommendations arising from the Finance and Resources Committee meeting of 14 February 2019 as set out below be approved and adopted.
 - The Housing Revenue Account Budget as submitted be approved.
 - The General Fund Revenue Budgets as submitted be approved.
 - The Capital Submissions and Priorities within them be approved.
 - The Interim Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to arrange the financing of the capital programme as necessary.
 - An amount of £25,000 be provided for General Contingency in 2019/20.
 - The Council Tax Requirement for 2019/20 including special expenses (but excluding local precepting requirements) be £5,475,252.
 - An amount of £350,720 be withdrawn from the General Fund reserve in 2019/20.
 - An amount of £264,325 be withdrawn from non-earmarked reserves in 2019/20.
 - The Capital Strategy be approved.
 - The Minimum Revenue Provision policy as set out be approved.
 - The Treasury Management Statement be approved.
 - The General Fund Medium Term Financial Strategy be approved.

2. It be noted that, at its meeting on 8 January 2019, The Finance and Resources Committee approved the following amounts for the year 2019/20 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012:
 - (a) 33674.71 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, as its council tax base for the year.

 - (b) Part of the Council's area

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| Parish of Awsworth | 615.03 |
| Parish of Brinsley | 698.95 |
| Parish of Cossall | 208.48 |
| Parish of Eastwood | 2,791.97 |
| Parish of Greasley | 3,663.94 |
| Parish of Kimberley | 1,804.75 |
| Parish of Nuthall | 2,268.75 |
| Parish of Stapleford | 4,051.19 |
| Parish of Trowell | 821.17 |
| Beeston Special Expense Area | 16,569.21 |

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations as the amounts of its council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

The amount calculated for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates is 181.27.

3. The following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2019/20 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act) as amended:

- (a) £54,371,430 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act.
- (b) £48,044,857 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act.
- (c) £6,326,573 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the Act, as its council tax requirement for the year.
- (d) £187.87 being the amount at 3(c) above divided by the amount at 2(a) 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) £876,321 being the aggregate amount of all special items (including parish precepts and special expenses) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £161.85 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

(g) Part of the Council's Area

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| Parish of Awsworth | £291.92 |
| Parish of Brinsley | £255.17 |
| Parish of Cossall | £217.16 |
| Parish of Eastwood | £198.81 |
| Parish of Greasley | £217.41 |
| Parish of Kimberley | £228.00 |
| Parish of Nuthall | £215.13 |
| Parish of Stapleford | £180.22 |
| Parish of Trowell | £250.91 |
| Beeston Special Expense Area | £163.36 |

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.