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Tuesday, 4 May 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 12 May 2021 at DE VERE East Midlands Conference Centre. Beeston Lane, The University of Nottingham, Nottingham. NG7 2RJ, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Should you require advice on declaring an interest in any item on the agenda, please contact the Monitoring Officer at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

To all members of the Council.

#### AGENDA

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

#### 2. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest in any item on the agenda.

3. <u>MINUTES</u> (Pages 1 - 12)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 March 2021

#### 4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 5. ELECTION OF MAYOR

#### 6. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

#### 7. RECOGNITION OF POLITICAL LEADERS

The Council is asked to note the members chosen as Leaders and Deputy Leaders of the Council and Opposition and the Leaders and Deputy Leaders of any other groups.

# 8. <u>ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISCHARGE OF FUNCTIONS</u>

1. Appointments to committees/working groups etc.

To make appointments in accordance with the schedule laid before the meeting.

#### 2. The Council is asked to NOTE that:

Either the Leader of the Council or another councillor being their nominated representative, and either the Leader of the Opposition or another councillor being their nominated representative, have the right to attend any of the Council's Committees and to speak but not vote there at provided that such representatives may not be in attendance at the same meeting as their respective Leaders or either of them, as the case may be.

#### 9. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To appoint representatives on outside bodies in accordance with the schedule laid before the meeting.

## Agenda Item 3.

## **COUNCIL**

## WEDNESDAY, 3 MARCH 2021

Present: Councillor J C Patrick, Mayor

Councillors: E H Atherton

S A Bagshaw

D Bagshaw L A Ball BEM B C Carr

S J Carr M J Crow

E Cubley T A Cullen S Easom

D A Elliott

L Fletcher

J C Goold

D Grindell

T Hallam R I Jackson

E Kerry

S Kerry

H G Khaled MBE

L A Lally

P Lally

H Land

G Marshall

J W McGrath

P J Owen

J M Owen

J P T Parker

D D Pringle

M Radulovic MBE

P Roberts-Thomson

R S Robinson

P D Simpson

H E Skinner

C M Tideswell

I L Tyler

D K Watts

E Williamson

R D Willimott

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Brown, M Handley, M Hannah and R D MacRae

#### 56 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

Councillors G Marshall, S J Carr and R I Jackson declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9 as being on the Beeston Town Centre Board. Minute number 64 refers.

#### 57 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

#### 58 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor gave a resume of her time in office and expressed thanks to Councillors and officers by working together for the good of all the residents of Broxtowe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Mayor gave a presentation of recent events she had attended that included:

- The Holocaust Memorial day be the light in darkness
- New Dementia Bungalows in Beeston
- Food donations from the Belfry Hotel
- Arc Cinema Development in Beeston
- Opening the Community Testing Site in Stapleford

The Mayor further announced that the Council's partners in Gutersloh were organising a European Light and Music Festival in 2022 and has invited local schools and music groups who would like to take part to contact the Mayor's Office.

#### 59 <u>VOTE OF THANKS</u>

A vote of thanks was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor H Land in order to show gratitude to the Chief Executive and Officers for the exceptional service they have provided to the residents of Broxtowe during the pandemic. Especially to the staff within front line services.

A recorded vote was proposed by Councillor M Radulovic MBE and this was seconded by at least five other councillors. The voting was as follows:

For Against Abstain

E H Atherton

D Bagshaw

S A Bagshaw

L A Ball BEM

B C Carr

S J Carr

M J Crow

E Cublev

T A Cullen

S Easom

For Against Abstain

D A Elliott

L Fletcher

J C Goold

D Grindell

T Hallam

R I Jackson

E Kerry

S Kerry

H G Khaled MBE

LA Lally

P Lally

H Land

**G** Marshall

J W McGrath

J M Owen

P J Owen

J Parker

J C Patrick

D Pringle

M Radulovic MBE

T Roberts Thomson

P D Simpson

H E Skinner

C M Tideswell

I L Tyler

D K Watts

E Williamson

R D Wilimott

#### 60 <u>REFERENCES</u>

#### 60.1 PAY AWARD AND REVIEW OF ALLOWANCES

11 February 2021

Finance and Resources Committee

Councillors considered the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel regarding the pay award for members. It was agreed that the freeze was the appropriate cause of action given that the public sector pay freeze for staff earning more than £24,000.

RESOLVED that members' allowances be frozen in line with the employees pay award.

#### 61 PAY POLICY STATEMENT - 2021/22

Members considered the Pay Policy Statement for 2021/22 in line with the statutory requirement- Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011, to publish the statement to increase accountability in relation to payments made to senior members of Local Authority staff

by enabling scrutiny and publishing the Pay Policy Statement also meets requirements under the Code of Recommended Practice for Local Authorities on Data Transparency.

#### RESOLVED that the Pay Policy statement for 2021/22 be approved.

#### 62 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UPDATE

Members were updated on progress relating to the setting up of an interim vehicle for the East Midlands Development Corporation. Alongside the opportunity, the investment would bring along with jobs and strategic growth to the area. Councillors were asked to confirm that Councillor M Radulovic MBE as the shareholder representative on the Oversight Board and the Chief Executive as the officer director for the independent board which is accountable to the oversight board be appointed.

A recorded vote was proposed by Councillor M Radulovic MBE and seconded by a minimum of five other Councillors. The voting was as follows:

For Against Abstention E H Atherton L Fletcher D Pringle

D Bagshaw

S A Bagshaw

L A Ball BEM

B C Carr

S J Carr

M J Crow

E Cubley

T A Cullen

S Easom

D A Elliott

J C Goold

D Grindell

T Hallam

R I Jackson

E Kerry

S Kerrv

H G Khaled MBE

L A Lally

P Lally

H Land

G Marshall

J W McGrath

J M Owen

P J Owen

J Parker

J C Patrick

M Radulovic MBE

T Roberts-Thomson

R S Robinson

P D Simpson

H E Skinner

C M Tideswell

For	Against	Abstention
LI T. Jan		

I L Tyler D K Watts E Williamson R D Willimott

The Committee NOTED the appendices 1, 2 and 3 of the report and RESOLVED that;

- 1. Councillor M Radulovic MBE be appointed as the Councils shareholder representative on the Oversight Body for the Interim Vehicle with the Chief Executive as the office director on the independent board.
- 2. The Council's funding profile for the interim vehicle be revised to £167,000 in 2021/22, £167,000 in 2022/23 and £166,000 in 2023/24 with funding commencing from 1 April to enable the incorporation of the interim vehicle.

#### 63 APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBERTY LEISURE LTD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members noted the issues with having the Chair and Vice Chair of the Leisure and Health Committee being on the board of Directors of Liberty Leisure. This had placed them both in a difficult position as Chair and Vice-Chair with policy decisions at both the board and at the Committee.

It was stated that the resignation from the board would provide greater transparency and prevent issues surrounding conflicts of interest.

A query was raised with regards to transparency and how Directors of Liberty Leisure would be able to relay operational items back to the Council.

#### **RESOLVED** that:

- 1. Councillors I L Tyler and D Bagshaw be replaced and Councillor D Grindell and M Hannah be appointed to the Liberty Leisure board.
- 2. Members to be provided with written advice from the Monitoring Officer to clarify any conflicts of interest to members being on the Liberty Leisure Directors board.
- 64 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 2021

The Leader reflected the sad and incredibly difficult year it has been and sent thoughts and prayers to all those families who had lost loved ones including remembering with great fondness Councillor R H Darby and gave thanks to his family for the service he gave to this Council and residents of this Borough.

The Leader offered his own personal thanks and gratitude to all the residents, businesses and staff who have worked tirelessly throughout this last year and say a

special thank you to those in the public sector especially the NHS, Police, Fire, and Armed Forces who had ensured the public are best serviced by their dedication to duty. With the vaccination rollout being delivered by the NHS within Broxtowe the Leader would continue to campaign on behalf of the Council and all of the residents to ensure that a community based rollout was accessible to everyone within the Borough.

The Leader thanked the Finance team for the rapid disbursements for business grants and relief given and support offered to businesses during the lockdown and tier arrangements. £25m grants and business rate relief of around £17m to 1,500 businesses, organisations, groups and individuals.

The budget proposal focussed on the continuation of delivering high quality services across Broxtowe to all residents and to ensure that post COVID-19 economic, health and wellbeing and our green futures strategy is at the heart of this Councils agenda.

This year's financial settlement would be a one year settlement based on 50% of business rates retention and the details on future finance settlements have been promised in November 2021 as part of the spending review.

Financial projections for the funding of services are reliant on income from council tax, business rates, fees and charges and commercial activity. Prudent assumptions of business rates income and the business rates pool on future modest growth.

- Income from the New Homes Bonus will only be £19,400 consultation underway on a reformed scheme. Closes 7 April 2021.
- Small increase in the Broxtowe element of council tax of £5.00 per band D property in line with government recommendations. Takes the charge from £166.85 in 2021/2021 to £171.85 in 2021/2022 per band D property.
- 1.5% increase in council house rents and garage fees to continue investment into housing stock, again in line with government guidelines.
- An ambitious post pandemic economic based on sustainable investment and growth, a significant capital investment in our housing stock based upon the findings of our stock condition survey and investing in green energy technology and the eradication of fuel poverty.
- Business growth strategy committed investment in all 4 major town centres with Levelling up bids for Kimberley and Eastwood. Beeston will see the opening of the new cinema and associated development. Stapleford Town Fund prospectus formally submitted to the government for approval.

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

For D Bagshaw S A Bagshaw BC Carr S J Carr	Against	Abstention E H Atherton L A Ball BEM M J Crow E Cubley
S J Carr T A Cullen		E Cubley S Easom
D A Elliott		L Fletcher
D Grindell		J C Goold
T Hallam		R I Jackson
L A Lally		E Kerry

For
P Lally
H Land
G Marshall
J W McGrath
J C Patrick

M Radulovic MBE R S Robinson H E Skinner C M Tideswell

I L Tyler
D K Watts
E Williamson

Against Abstention S Kerry

H G Khaled MBE

J M Owen P J Owen J Parker D Pringle

T Roberts-Thomson

P D Simpson R D Willimott

#### **RESOLVED that:**

- 1. The recommendations arising from the Finance and Resources Committee meeting of 11 February 2021 as set out below be approved and adopted.
  - The Housing Revenue Account Budget as submitted by approved.
  - The General Fund Revenue Budgets as submitted be approved.
  - The Capital Submissions and Priorities within them be approved.
  - The 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 2021/22.
  - The Council Tax Requirement for 2021/22 including special expenses (but excluding local precepting requirements) be £5,905,271.
  - An amount of £7,556,782 be withdrawn from the General Fund reserves in 2021/22. This will include:-
- a) £764,522 from the overall General Fund balance.
- b) £30,000 to be added to the General Fund non-earmarked reserves.
- c) £6,822,260 to be withdrawn from the Collection Fund Equalisation Reserve to cover the projected deficit relating to Council Tax and Business Rates in 2021/22. Central Government Funding received in 2020/21 has been set aside for this purpose.
  - The Capital Strategy be approved.
  - The Minimum Revenue Provision policy as set out be approved.
  - The Treasury Management Strategy be approved.
  - The General Fund Medium Term Financial Strategy be approved.
- 2. It be noted that, at its meeting on 7 January 2021, the Finance and Resources Committee approved the following amounts for the year 2021/22 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012:

(a) 34217.46 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

Parish of Awsworth	611.38
Parish of Brinsley	690.26
Parish of Cossall	212.88
Parish of Eastwood	2932.81
Parish of Greasley	3,693.75
Parish of Kimberley	1,845.06
Parish of Nuthall	2,267.65
Parish of Stapleford	4,133.03
Parish of Trowell	824.48
Beeston Special Expense Area	16,832.24

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 173.92.

- 3. The following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2021/22 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act) as amended:
  - (a) £58,084,338 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act.
  - (b) £51,265,610 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act.
  - (c) £6,818,728 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) £199.28 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) £938,457 being the aggregate amount of all special items (including parish precepts and special expenses) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
    - (f) £171.85 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

Parish of Awsworth	£296.92
Parish of Brinsley	£260.17
Parish of Cossall	£222.74
Parish of Eastwood	£203.81
Parish of Greasley	£225.18
Parish of Kimberley	£233.99
Parish of Nuthall	£220.13
Parish of Stapleford	£185.22
Parish of Trowell	£264.24
Beeston Special Expense Area	£168.34

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.

	VALUATION BANDS							
PART OF THE COUNCIL'S	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
AREA	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish of Awsworth	201.28	234.83	268.37	301.92	369.01	436.11	503.20	603.84
Parish of Brinsley	176.78	206.24	235.71	265.17	324.10	383.02	441.95	530.34
Parish of Cossall	151.04	176.21	201.39	226.56	276.91	327.25	377.60	453.12
Parish of Eastwood	139.70	162.98	186.27	209.55	256.12	302.68	349.25	419.10
Parish of Greasley	155.20	181.07	206.93	232.80	284.53	336.27	388.00	465.60
Parish of Kimberley	159.33	185.88	212.44	238.99	292.10	345.21	398.32	477.98
Parish of Nuthall	150.09	175.10	200.12	225.13	275.16	325.19	375.22	450.26
Parish of Stapleford	130.24	151.95	173.65	195.36	238.77	282.19	325.60	390.72
Parish of Trowell	179.49	209.41	239.32	269.24	329.07	388.90	448.73	538.48
Beeston Special Expense								
ΦArea	115.56	134.82	154.08	173.34	211.86	250.38	288.90	346.68
All other parts of the								
Council's Area	114.57	133.66	152.76	171.85	210.04	248.23	286.42	343.70

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(f) and 3(g) 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.

4. That it be noted for the year 2021/22 the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority, Nottinghamshire County Council and the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner are proposing 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 dwellings shown below:

Precepting Authority	VALUATION BANDS							
	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
Nottinghamshire								
County Council	1,053.90	1,229.55	1,405.20	1,580.85	1,932.15	2,283.45	2,634.75	3,161.70
Nottinghamshire								
Police and Crime								
Commissioner	162.84	189.98	217.12	244.26	298.54	352.82	407.10	488.52
Nottinghamshire								
and City of								
Nottingham Fire and								
Rescue Authority	55.30	64.52	73.73	82.95	101.38	119.82	138.25	165.90

5. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(h) and 4 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 2021/22 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

	VALUATION BANDS							
PART OF THE	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
COUNCIL'S AREA	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish of Awsworth	1,473.32	1,718.88	1,964.42	2,209.98	2,701.08	3,192.20	3,683.30	4,419.96
Parish of Brinsley	1,448.82	1,690.29	1,931.76	2,173.23	2,656.17	3,139.11	3,622.05	4,346.46
Parish of Cossall	1,423.08	1,660.26	1,897.44	2,134.62	2,608.98	3,083.34	3,557.70	4,269.24
Parish of Eastwood	1,411.74	1,647.03	1,882.32	2,117.61	2,588.19	3,058.77	3,529.35	4,235.22
Parish of Greasley	1,427.24	1,665.12	1,902.98	2,140.86	2,616.60	3,092.36	3,568.10	4,281.72
Parish of Kimberley	1,431.37	1,669.93	1,908.49	2,147.05	2,624.17	3,101.30	3,578.42	4,294.10
அParish of Nuthall	1,422.13	1,659.15	1,896.17	2,133.19	2,607.23	3,081.28	3,555.32	4,266.38
Parish of Stapleford	1,402.28	1,636.00	1,869.70	2,103.42	2,570.84	3,038.28	3,505.70	4,206.84
⊸Parish of Trowell	1,451.53	1,693.46	1,935.37	2,177.30	2,661.14	3,144.99	3,628.83	4,354.60
Beeston Special Expense								
Area	1,387.60	1,618.87	1,850.13	2,081.40	2,543.93	3,006.47	3,469.00	4,162.80
All other parts of the								
Council's Area	1,386.61	1,617.71	1,848.81	2,079.91	2,542.11	3,004.32	3,466.52	4,159.82