

COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH 2023

Present: Councillor D Grindell, Mayor

Councillors: D Bagshaw
L A Ball BEM
M Brown
M J Crow
S Dannheimer
S Easom
L Ellis
L Fletcher
J C Goold
T Hallam
R I Jackson
E Kerry
S Kerry
L A Lally
P Lally
H Land
G Marshall
J W McGrath
J M Owen
P J Owen
J P T Parker
S Paterson
J C Patrick
D D Pringle
M Radulovic MBE
R S Robinson
C M Tideswell
I L Tyler
P D Simpson
H E Skinner
D K Watts
E Williamson
R D Willimott

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E H Atherton, S A Bagshaw, B C Carr, S J Carr, T A Cullen, M Handley, M Hannah, H G Khaled MBE, R D MacRae and P Roberts-Thomson.

64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

65 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 14 December 2022 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

66 MINUTES OF THE FREEMAN AND ALDERMAN COUNCILS

The minutes of the meetings of the Freeman and Alderman Councils on 16 November 2022 and 14 December 2022 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

67 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor gave a brief résumé of his engagements including visits to food banks and the Mayor's Charity Tea Party. He also summarised his duties at the Holocaust Memorial Day commemorations.

68 REFERENCES

68.1 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

25 January 2023

Pay award and review of allowances

Members considered the 5% pay award for the financial year 2023/24, that have been recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel, who had also recommended that the two Business Manager Roles be reinstated at an allowance of £315 per annum, as they had an essential role organising attendance at Committees and mentoring new Councillors.

It was proposed by Councillor M Radulovic MBE and seconded by Councillor T Hallam that the matter of the increase in Member's Allowances be considered at a future meeting to allow the new Council to determine the award. On being put to the meeting the motion was carried.

RESOLVED that there be a 5% increase in Member's Allowances be considered at a future meeting to allow the new Council to determine the award and that the two Business Managers roles be reinstated with an allowance of £315 each per annum.

68.2 CABINET

20 December 2022

Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2023/24

Members considered the arrangements to operate the Local Council Tax Support Schemes 2023/24.

RESOLVED that the current Local Council Tax Support Scheme remains in place for 2023/24.

69 PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2023-2024

Consideration was given to the Pay Policy Statement for 2023/24 which set out the Council's policies relating to the remuneration of its officers, including the relationship between the levels of pay to senior and junior officers.

RESOLVED that the Pay Policy Statement for 2023/24 be approved.

70 DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES

Consideration was given to proposed changes to three polling places within the Borough.

RESOLVED that the amendments to the designation of polling places be approved.

71 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Council debated changes to the Constitution that would allow the Licensing and Appeals Committee to consider appeals regarding Discretionary Housing Payments, with Panels to be convened as requires, bringing this policy into line with other appeals considered by members.

RESOLVED that the responsibilities for the Discretionary Housing Payments Panel be transferred to the Licensing and Appeals Committee.

72 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

The Local Government Act 1972 stated that when a Councillor fails to attend any meeting for six consecutive months from the date of their last attendance, then, subject to certain exceptions, they cease to be a Member of the authority, unless the Council accepts a reason for the failure to attend before the six months expires. It is put before Members to consider a dispensation under Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the period of six months from 1 March 2023 before which forfeiture applies.

RESOLVED that Councillor E H Atherton be granted a dispensation under 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the period of six months from 1 March 2023.

TO APPROVE THE REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS, CAPITAL STRATEGY, TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, INVESTMENTS STRATEGY, MEDIUM TERM GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND FIX THE COUNCIL TAX FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1 APRIL 2023

Councillor M Radulovic MBE offered his sincerest thanks to all Councillors and Officers who assisted in preparing the budget.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor R I Jackson and seconded by Councillor M J Crow:

Establish a cross party staff vacancy member reference panel to deliver a saving of £180,000 from current new and long-term vacant posts noting that the current new and senior vacant posts total £448,208 including on costs.

The debate on the amendment focussed on the performance of the previous administration, that the proposal would not mean redundancies, and would balance the books without a Council Tax rise, against the pressure that was put on Officers by vacant posts being deleted.

On being put to the meeting the motion fell. The vote was recorded and the voting was as follows:

For	Against	Abstain
L A Ball BEM	D Bagshaw	
M Brown	S Dannheimer	
M J Crow	D Grindell	
S Easom	T Hallam	
L Ellis	L A Lally	
L Fletcher	P Lally	
J C Goold	H Land	
R I Jackson	G Marshall	
E Kerry	J W McGrath	
S Kerry	S Paterson	
J M Owen	J C Patrick	
P J Owen	M Radulovic MBE	
J Parker	R S Robinson	
D D Pringle	H E Skinner	
P D Simpson	C M Tideswell	
R D Willimott	I L Tyler	
	D K Watts	
	E Williamson	

The Council debated the substantive motion with particular reference to it being a no cuts budget and that the Council was set on a course of sustainable progress.

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

The voting was as follows:

For	Against	Abstain
D Bagshaw	L A Ball BEM	
S Dannheimer	M Brown	
D Grindell	M J Crow	
T Hallam	S Easom	
L A Lally	L Ellis	
P Lally	L Fletcher	
H Land	J C Goold	
G Marshall	R I Jackson	
J W McGrath	E Kerry	
S Paterson	S Kerry	
J C Patrick	J M Owen	
M Radulovic MBE	P J Owen	
R S Robinson	J Parker	
H E Skinner	D D Pringle	
C M Tideswell	P D Simpson	
I L Tyler	R D Willimott	
D K Watts		
E Williamson		

RESOLVED that:

1. **The recommendations arising from the Cabinet meeting of 7 February 2023 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 and the Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to arrange the financing of the capital programme as necessary.**
 - **An amount of £25,000 be provided for a General Contingency in 2023/24.**
 - **The Council Tax Requirement for 2023/24 including special expenses (but excluding local precepting requirements) be £6,372,250.**
 - **An amount of £1,190,742 be withdrawn from the General Fund reserves in 2023/24 to include:**
 - a) **£938,181 from General Fund balances.**
 - b) **£252,561 from the General Fund earmarked reserves.**
 - **The Capital Strategy 2023/24 to 2025/26 be approved.**
 - **The Minimum Revenue Provision policy as set out be approved.**
 - **The Treasury Management Strategy 2023/24 to 2025/26 be approved.**

- The Investments Strategy 2023/24 to 2025/26 be approved.
 - The General Fund Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2026/27 be approved.
2. It be noted that Cabinet, at its meeting on 20 December 2022, approved the following amounts for the year 2023/24 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012:

(a) 34,861.86 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	577.62
Parish of Brinsley	713.48
Parish of Cossall	248.54
Parish of Eastwood	3,050.06
Parish of Greasley	3,732.76
Parish of Kimberley	1,883.90
Parish of Nuthall	2,265.27
Parish of Stapleford	4,206.21
Parish of Trowell	841.96
Beeston Special Expense Area	17,163.57

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 178.49.

3. The following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2023/24 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act) as amended:
- (a) £55,280,783 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act.
 - (b) £47,948,445 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act.
 - (c) £7,332,338 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) £210.33 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) £985,388 being the aggregate amount of all special items (including parish precepts and special expenses) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £182.06 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	£316.61
Parish of Brinsley	£284.35
Parish of Cossall	£228.92
Parish of Eastwood	£220.51
Parish of Greasley	£243.01
Parish of Kimberley	£253.29
Parish of Nuthall	£235.34
Parish of Stapleford	£209.30
Parish of Trowell	£281.24
Beeston Special Expense Area	£183.53

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.

PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Parish of Awsworth	211.07	246.25	281.43	316.61	386.97	457.33	527.68	633.22
Parish of Brinsley	189.57	221.16	252.76	284.35	347.54	410.73	473.92	568.70
Parish of Cossall	152.61	178.05	203.48	228.92	279.79	330.66	381.53	457.84
Parish of Eastwood	147.01	171.51	196.01	220.51	269.51	318.51	367.52	441.02
Parish of Greasley	162.01	189.01	216.01	243.01	297.01	351.01	405.02	486.02
Parish of Kimberley	168.86	197.00	225.15	253.29	309.58	365.86	422.15	506.58
Parish of Nuthall	156.89	183.04	209.19	235.34	287.64	339.94	392.23	470.68
Parish of Stapleford	139.53	162.79	186.04	209.30	255.81	302.32	348.83	418.60
Parish of Trowell	187.49	218.74	249.99	281.24	343.74	406.24	468.73	562.48
Beeston Special Expense Area	122.35	142.75	163.14	183.53	224.31	265.10	305.88	367.06
All other parts of the Council's Area	121.37	141.60	161.83	182.06	222.52	262.98	303.43	364.12

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 2023/24, 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							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Nottinghamshire County Council	1,149.11	1,340.62	1,532.14	1,723.66	2,106.70	2,489.73	2,872.77	3,447.32
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner	179.46	209.37	239.28	269.19	329.01	388.83	448.65	538.38
Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority	59.71	69.67	79.62	89.57	109.47	129.38	149.28	179.14

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 2023/24 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Parish of Awsworth	1,599.35	1,865.91	2,132.47	2,399.03	2,932.15	3,465.27	3,998.38	4,798.06
Parish of Brinsley	1,577.85	1,840.82	2,103.80	2,366.77	2,892.72	3,418.67	3,944.62	4,733.54
Parish of Cossall	1,540.89	1,797.71	2,054.52	2,311.34	2,824.97	3,338.60	3,852.23	4,622.68
Parish of Eastwood	1,535.29	1,791.17	2,047.05	2,302.93	2,814.69	3,326.45	3,838.22	4,605.86
Parish of Greasley	1,550.29	1,808.67	2,067.05	2,325.43	2,842.19	3,358.95	3,875.72	4,650.86
Parish of Kimberley	1,557.14	1,816.66	2,076.19	2,335.71	2,854.76	3,373.80	3,892.85	4,671.42
Parish of Nuthall	1,545.17	1,802.70	2,060.23	2,317.76	2,832.82	3,347.88	3,862.93	4,635.52
Parish of Stapleford	1,527.81	1,782.45	2,037.08	2,291.72	2,800.99	3,310.26	3,819.53	4,583.44
Parish of Trowell	1,575.77	1,838.40	2,101.03	2,363.66	2,888.92	3,414.18	3,939.43	4,727.32
Beeston Special Expense Area	1,510.63	1,762.41	2,014.18	2,265.95	2,769.49	3,273.04	3,776.58	4,531.90
All other parts of the Council's Area	1,509.65	1,761.26	2,012.87	2,264.48	2,767.70	3,270.92	3,774.13	4,528.96