

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 6.00 pm**

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Furlong) (in the Chair)

Councillors Ms Ballard, Bateman, Mrs Batty, Beavis, Blackman, Burgess, Carter, Casey, Chegwyn, Mrs Cully, Earle, Farr, Hammond, Herridge, Hicks, Hook, Mrs Hook, Mrs Huggins, Hutchison, Hylands, Jessop, Johnston, Mrs Jones, Miss Kelly, Mrs Morgan, Murphy, Pepper, Philpott, Mrs Prickett, Raffaelli, Scard and Westerby

Also in attendance: Honorary Freeman O'Neill and Wright and Honorary Aldermen Gill and Kimber

**TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FROM MEMBERS FOR THEIR INABILITY TO ATTEND THE MEETING.**

Apologies for non attendance were received from Councillor Foster-Reed and Honorary Alderman Lucas.

**TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL AND COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 12TH DECEMBER 2018 (COPY HEREWITH).**

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 12 December 2018 be confirmed and signed.

**TO CONSIDER ANY MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor advised that there were only 3 remaining tickets for her upcoming tea party. She also advised that she had enjoyed the New Year's Day swim supporting Loud and Proud.

**TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO 3.4 AND TO ANSWER PUBLIC QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO 3.5, SUCH QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED ORALLY DURING A TIME NOT EXCEEDING 15 MINUTES.**

There were none.

**QUESTIONS (IF ANY) PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO 3.3.**

Question standing in the name of Councillor Mrs Westerby on:

A presentation was made to Economic Development Board on 19th September 2018 at which Richard Stokes spoke about the Gosport Infrastructure Investment Plan.

One thing Richard emphasised as a necessity was an increased broadband speed for Gosport; he advised that grants were available to enable this.

Has the Council pursued this to make Gosport a more attractive town in which to invest?

Was answered by the Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board.

## **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS BY BOARDS OF THE COUNCIL:**

### **BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE AND COUNCIL DWELLING RENTS 2019/20**

Consideration was given to a recommendation by the Community Board at its meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019.

**RESOLVED:** That

- The revised HRA Business Plan extract (Appendix A) and associated 2018/19 Revised Budget and 2019/20 Budget (Appendix B) is agreed.
- That Council Dwelling rents decrease by 1% (an average of £0.79 per week). This is the final year of 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  
Councillors Hylands and Mrs Jones declared pecuniary interests at the point the Business Rates Relief item of the Policy and Organisation Board Part II minutes was discussed, left the room and took no further part in the discussion or voting thereon.

- Community Board: 23 January 2019
- Economic Development Board: 30 January 2019
- Policy and Organisation Board: 5 February 2018

## **BUDGET & COUNCIL TAX 2019/20 & MEDIUM TERM BUDGET FORECAST 2020/21 TO 2022/23**

Consideration was given to a Report of the Borough Treasurer detailing Council's overall Budget for the forthcoming year 2019/20 (both Revenue & Capital) and the associated level of Council Tax necessary to fund that Budget.

It is recommended that the following be approved:

- 2.1 A Revised Budget for 2018/19 of £10,730,000 as set out in Appendix A
- 2.2 A Budget for 2019/20 of £10,465,000 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 £6.56 per annum for a Band D property for 2019/20

- 2.5 It be noted that the Borough Treasurer Officer has determined that the Council Tax Base for the financial year 2019/20 will be 26,956.2 [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 2019/20 in accordance with Section 31 and Sections 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a)	£49,692,702	Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
(b)	£43,607,340	Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
(c)	£6,085,362	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)	£225.75	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)

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
150.50	175.58	200.67	225.75	275.92	326.08	376.25	451.50

***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 2019/20 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)

- 2.8 That it be noted that for the financial year 2019/20 the Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner is recommending 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)**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
134.31	156.69	179.08	201.46	246.23	291.00	335.77	402.92

- 2.9 That it be noted that for the financial year 2019/20 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

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
824.58	962.01	1,099.44	1,236.87	1,511.73	1,786.59	2,061.45	2,473.74

1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:

**Valuation Bands (Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority)**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
45.14	52.66	60.19	67.71	82.76	97.80	112.85	135.42

- 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 2019/20 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

**Valuation Bands (Total Council Tax)**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
1,154.53	1,346.94	1,539.38	1,731.79	2,116.64	2,501.47	2,886.32	3,463.58

- 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 2019/20, which represents a 2.99% 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 2019/20 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 2018/19 to 2021/22 as set out in Appendix D is approved.
- 2.16 That the Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix E are approved
- 2.17 That the Pay Policy Statement 2018/19 as set out in Appendix F is approved

**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 Bateman, Rev Blackman, Beavis, Burgess, Carter, Casey, Mrs Cully, Farr, Hook, Mrs Hook, Mrs Huggins, Mrs Furlong, Jessop, Mrs Jones, Mrs Morgan, Murphy, Philpott, Raffaelli, Scard, The Mayor **(20)**

**AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATION:** Councillors Chegwyn, Earle, Hammond, Herridge, Hicks, Hutchison, Hylands, Johnston, Miss Kelly, Pepper, Mrs Prickett, Mrs Westerby. **(12)**

**COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendations be approved.**

### **LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME FOR GOSPORT**

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Treasurer informing Members of the proposal not to change the Local Council Tax Support scheme (LCTS) for Gosport for the forthcoming 2019-2020 financial year.

**RESOLVED:** That Council approve the Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTS) for Gosport at Appendix 1 of this report for working age customers and notes the statutory scheme for Pension Age customers. Statutory changes to the Pension Age scheme are

administered by Ministry for Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and this year only contains minor changes which Members are asked to note.

### **ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2019/20**

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. K Jones for Mayor-Elect and one nomination Councillor Z Huggins for Deputy Mayor-Elect for the 2019-20 Municipal Year.

A subsequent nomination of Councillor A Hicks was made for Deputy Mayor-Elect.

The Council accordingly approved the nomination for Councillor Mrs Jones as Mayor-Elect.

A vote on the proposed nominations for Deputy Mayor-Elect was taken and Councillor Mrs Z Huggins was approved.

The Meeting concluded at 8.15 pm

The Mayor.