

## COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2010

### DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 25 February 2010. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

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#### **CAPITAL & REVENUE ESTIMATES, COUNCIL TAX, PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS & REVIEW OF MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2010/11 (CABINET, 11 FEBRUARY 2010)**

Council **RESOLVED**

- (a) that the capital programme and the associated funding up to the year ending 31 March 2015 be approved as submitted;
- (b) that the revised revenue estimates for the year 2009/10 and the revenue estimates for 2010/11 be approved as submitted in the General Fund summary;
- (c) that the Medium Term Financial Strategy be approved based on the assumptions set out in the report to Cabinet;
- (d) that the District Council demand for general expenses for 2010/11 be £6,827,780;
- (e) that the Council sets the amount of Council Tax for each of the relevant categories of dwelling in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 on the basis of a District Council Tax for general expenses on a Band D property of £115.46 plus the relevant amounts required by the precepts of Parish Councils, Cambridgeshire County Council and the Cambridgeshire Police and Fire Authorities, details of those precepts and their effect to be circulated with the formal resolution required at the Council meeting; and
- (f) that the prudential indicators be approved.

#### **FURTHER TO RECOMMENDATION (e) ABOVE, COUNCIL RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING STATUTORY RESOLUTION IN RESPECT OF THE COUNCIL TAX FOR 2010-11:**

That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2010-11 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- (a) **£77,673,630** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act (gross expenditure including parish precepts, the Housing Revenue Account and additions to reserves)
- (b) **£59,357,450** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act (gross income including the Housing Revenue Account and use of reserves)
- (c) **£18,316,180** being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year (net expenditure) being the district amount of £14,660,800 and the parish precepts of £3,655,380
- (d) **£7,833,020** being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of formula grant increased/decreased by the amount of the sums which the Council

estimates will be transferred in the year from/to its collection fund to/from its general fund in accordance with Section 97(3)(Council Tax transactions) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988

- (e) **£177.27** being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year (average Council Tax for a band D property for the District including parishes)
- (f) **£3,655,380** being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (parish precepts)
- (g) **£115.46** being the amount 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 (average Council Tax for a Band D property for the District excluding parishes), the amounts being for each of the categories of dwellings shown below in **Table 1**
- (h) In accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, the basic amounts of council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a special item relates are shown by adding the amounts for band D for the District Council in **Table 1** and **Appendix A**
- (i) In accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands are shown by adding the amounts for each band in **Table 1** and **Appendix A**.

That it be noted that for the year 2010-11 the Cambridgeshire County Council and the Cambridgeshire Police Authority and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authorities have stated 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 as shown in **Table 1**:

<b>Table 1</b>	<b>Band A</b>	<b>Band B</b>	<b>Band C</b>	<b>Band D</b>	<b>Band E</b>	<b>Band F</b>	<b>Band G</b>	<b>Band H</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
County Council	698.52	814.94	931.36	1,047.78	1,280.62	1,513.46	1,746.30	2,095.56
Police Authority	113.04	131.88	150.72	169.56	207.24	244.92	282.60	339.12
District Council	76.97	89.80	102.63	115.46	141.12	166.78	192.43	230.92
Fire Authority	38.58	45.01	51.44	57.87	70.73	83.59	96.45	115.74

and

- (j) That the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts set out in **Appendix B** as the amounts of council tax for the year 2010-11 for each of the categories of dwellings shown in **Appendix B**.

## **HOUSING RENTS AND SERVICE CHARGES 2010/11 (CABINET, 11 FEBRUARY 2010)**

Council **RESOLVED** that

- (a) from the first rent week in April 2010, rents for existing tenants be increased by an average of 2.7% based on a deflationary adjustment of -0.9%, with a maximum variation of £2.75 towards the phasing in of rent restructuring;
- (b) subject to written confirmation from the Department of Communities and Local Government that there will be no adverse impact on the negative

- housing subsidy, from the first rent week in April 2010, properties be let to new tenants at the target rent level;
- (c) new lifeline alarm users be charged £18 from 1 April 2010 for the installation of lifeline alarms;
- (d) tenants living in flats with communal areas and with door entry systems be charged £2 a week from 1 April 2010 towards the cost of these communal areas;
- (e) tenants living in flats with communal areas where there is no door entry system be charged £1 a week from 1 April 2010 towards the cost of the communal areas;
- (f) charges for other services and facilities be increased as follows from 1 April 2010:

Service or Facility	Current Charge per week	Proposed Charge per week	Increase / Decrease	
	£	£	%	£
<b>Charges for Flats with Communal Areas</b>				
Blocks with a Door Entry System	-	2.00	N/A	N/A
Other Blocks	-	1.00	N/A	N/A
<b>Sheltered Housing Charges</b>				
Tenants				
- support element	14.99	15.14	1.0	0.15
- communal facilities	6.93	7.14	3.1	0.21
Equity Shareholders				
<b>Maximum Charge (exclusive of capital works)</b>				
- schemes with communal facilities	27.77	30.32	9.1	2.55
- schemes without communal facilities	19.54	20.53	5.1	0.99
<b>Alarm System Service Charges**</b>				
Individual Alarms				
- Those not in receipt of benefit				
- where the Council supplies the alarm	3.83	3.98	2.6	0.10
- where the user supplies the alarm	3.09	3.22	2.5	0.08
- Those in receipt of benefit				
- where the Council supplies the alarm	3.49	3.98	12.4	0.44
- where the user supplies the alarm	2.75	3.22	15.0	0.42
Group Alarms	3.48	3.51	0.9	0.03
** plus VAT where appropriate				

<b>Garage Rents</b>				
Garages rented to a Council tenant or leaseholder	7.00	7.22	3.1	0.22
N.B. In excess of two garages will be subject to VAT				
Other Garages (subject to VAT)	9.67	9.97	3.1	0.30

- (g) the grounds maintenance budget be funded by an additional £20,000, with an equivalent amount to be met from the General Fund;
- (h) a £300,000 revenue contribution be funded to capital outlay to provide increased support to the disabled adaptation budget; and
- (i) the HRA budget as summarised in the revised Appendix A be approved.

**COMMUNITY SAFETY 3-YEAR ROLLING PLAN 2008-2011: REFRESH (CABINET, 11 FEBRUARY 2010)**

Council **ADOPTED** the refreshed Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership Rolling Plan 2008-11.

**INVESTMENT STRATEGY (TREASURY MANAGEMENT) 2010/11 (FINANCE AND STAFFING PORTFOLIO HOLDER, 17 FEBRUARY 2010)**

Council **AGREED** the Investment Strategy for 2010/11 with amendments, with delegated authority to the Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder to make minor amendments to the Strategy in the event that the final guidance from the Department for Communities and Local Government differs from the draft guidance.

**SWAVESEY BYEWAYS RATE 2010/11**

Council **RESOLVED** that the following advice of the Swavesey Byeways Advisory Committee be accepted and agreed:

- (a) That the current level of byeway maintenance be maintained for the period 2010/11;
- (b) That a rate at 90 pence be levied to fund the required maintenance for the period 2010/11.

**CHANGE TO THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP'S REPRESENTATION ON THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Council **AGREED** the appointment of Councillor David McCraith to the Corporate Governance Committee in place of Councillor Janice Guest.

**STANDING IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR SEBASTIAN KINDERSLEY**

Council **RESOLVED** that the following Motion be agreed:

In the light of the severe winter weather, the worst for 30 years, this Council recognises the four-fold increase in potholes and carriageway failures compared with last year, and requests that Cambridgeshire County Council take timely and effective steps to restore the District's highways to at least a reasonable and safe state for use by all South Cambridgeshire citizens.