

## COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2013

### DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 28 February 2013. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Graham Aisthorpe-Watts.

#### **CORPORATE PLAN 2013-18 (CABINET, 18 FEBRUARY 2013)**

Council **RESOLVED** that the Corporate Plan setting out the Council's vision, aims, approaches and actions for 2013-18 be approved.

#### **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2013/14, INCLUDING COUNCIL TAX SETTING), HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT, INCLUDING HOUSING RENTS) AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14 - 2017/18 (CABINET, 18 FEBRUARY 2013)**

Council **RESOLVED**: -

- (a) That the Capital Programme and the associated funding up to the year ending 31 March 2018 be approved as submitted.
- (b) That the revenue estimates for 2013-14 be approved as submitted in the General Fund summary.
- (c) That approval be given for capital and revenue budget rollovers totalling £501,080 to be carried forward into the 2013-14 financial year.
- (d) That the fees and charges proposed for 2013-14 be approved.
- (e) That the precautionary items for the General Fund be approved.
- (f) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the General Fund be approved, based on the assumptions set out in the report to Cabinet on 18 February 2013.
- (g) That Executive Management Team be instructed to identify further savings of £920,000 in 2014-15 and subsequent years.
- (h) That the council tax requirement for 2013-14 be £6,933,690.
- (i) That it 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 £120.46 plus the relevant amounts required by the precepts of Parish Councils, Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority and the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner and that details of those precepts and their effect be circulated with the formal resolution required at the Council meeting.

- (j) That the Housing Revenue Account estimates and the rent increase for the financial year ending 31 March 2014 be approved, the rent increase being in accordance with rent restructuring guidance from the Department for Communities and Local Government.
- (k) That the service and other charges for housing services for the financial year ending 31 March 2014 be approved.
- (l) That the Housing Revenue Account business plan summary for the next 30 years to 31 March 2043 be approved.
- (m) That the borrowing and investment strategy for the year to 31 March 2014 be approved.
- (n) That the prudential indicators required by the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities for the year to 31 March 2014 be approved.

In addition to resolution (h) above, Council **AGREED** the following statutory resolution in respect of the Council Tax for 2013/14: -

That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2013-14 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- (a) **£82,531,439** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) (a) to (f) of the Act (gross expenditure including parish precepts, the Housing Revenue Account and additions to reserves);
- (b) **£71,364,250** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) (a) to (d) of the Act (gross income including the Housing Revenue Account and use of reserves);
- (c) **£11,167,189** being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the Act, as its council tax requirement for the year (net expenditure to be met from council tax) being the district amount of £6,933,690 and the parish precepts of £4,233,499;
- (d) **£194.01** being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B 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);
- (e) **£4,233,499** being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (parish precepts);
- (f) **£120.46** 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**;

- (g) 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**.
- (h) 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 2013-14 Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority 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: -

Table 1	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
County Council	733.38	855.61	977.84	1,100.07	1,344.53	1,588.99	1,833.45	2,200.14
Police & Crime Commissioner	118.62	138.39	158.16	177.93	217.47	257.01	296.55	355.86
District Council	80.31	93.69	107.08	120.46	147.23	174.00	200.77	240.92
Fire Authority	42.84	49.98	57.12	64.26	78.54	92.82	107.10	128.52

and

- i) 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 2013-14 for each of the categories of dwellings shown in **Appendix B**.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX**

*Including the precepts from the County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner, Fire Authority and all of the parishes, the formal Council Resolution would produce a council tax for a band D property of: -*

		£ p	%
District Council	General Expenses	120.46	+4.33%
	Special Expenses for Parish Precepts (average)	73.55	+10.70%
County Council		1,100.07	+1.99%
Police Authority		177.93	+1.96%
Fire Authority		64.26	+8.35%
Total		1,536.27	+2.80%

On these figures the council tax would range from £975.15 for Band A to £3,167.12 for Band H before any discounts or benefits.

**Appendix C** shows the General Fund summary including Parish precepts and the final Formula Grant figure.

## **ANNUAL PAY POLICY STATEMENT (EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE, 22 JANUARY 2013)**

Council **APPROVED**: -

- (a) The changes to the pay band for the post of Executive Director.
- (b) The policy in relation to the re-engagement of ex-employees.
- (c) The Pay Policy Statement as required by the Localism Act.

## **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2013/14**

Council **RESOLVED**: -

- (a) That the allowances be increased by the equivalent % amount as the Council agrees to apply to the pay rates of Council staff, to become effective from 1 April 2013.
- (b) To remove from the current Members' Allowances Scheme the paragraph stating that 'No councillor may receive more than one special responsibility allowance' and replace with 'Councillors may receive more than one special responsibility allowance, with the exception of the Cabinet members responsible for Planning and Licensing if they become voting members on those particular committees'.
- (c) That the current arrangements for paying expenses remain unchanged for 2013/14.
- (d) That Councillors' subsistence allowances be increased in line with those payments made to staff (as detailed in paragraph 11 of the Independent Remuneration Panel's report) and the reference to a sandwich allowance be deleted from the Scheme.

## **SWAVESEY BYEWAYS RATE 2013/14**

Council **RESOLVED**: -

- (a) To maintain the current level of byeway maintenance for the period 2013/14.
- (b) To levy a rate at 90 pence to fund the required maintenance for the period 2013/14.

## **NORTHSTOWE JOINT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE: ALTERNATE MEMBERS**

Council **AGREED**: -

- (a) To amend the Terms of Reference for the Northstowe Joint Development Control Committee in order that Cambridgeshire County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council can each appoint two alternate members in respect of each political group representing their authority on the Committee, whilst noting that this cannot occur without approval from Cambridgeshire County Council.

- (b) To appoint Councillors Ray Manning and Lynda Harford from the Conservative Group and Councillors Tumi Hawkins and Jonathan Chatfield from the Liberal Democrat Group to the Joint Committee as alternate members, should Cambridgeshire County Council also agree to this amendment to the Committee's Terms of Reference.

**JOINT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE - CAMBRIDGE FRINGES:  
ALTERNATE MEMBERS**

Council **RESOLVED**: -

- (a) To amend the Terms of Reference for the Joint Development Control Committee – Cambridge Fringes in order that Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council can each appoint two alternate members in respect of each political group representing their authority on the Committee, whilst noting that this cannot occur without approval from Cambridgeshire County Council and Cambridge City Council.
- (b) To appoint Councillors Tim Wotherspoon and Roger Hall from the Conservative Group and Councillors Janet Lockwood and Jim Stewart from the Liberal Democrat Group to the Joint Committee as alternate members, should Cambridgeshire County Council and Cambridge City Council also agree to this amendment to the Committee's Terms of Reference.