

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2014

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 27 February 2014. 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 PRIORITIES 2014-2019 (CABINET, 13 FEBRUARY 2014)

Council **APPROVED** the Corporate Plan, setting out the Council's vision, objectives and actions for 2014 – 2019.

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2014/15 INCLUDING COUNCIL TAX SETTING), HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (INCLUDING HOUSING RENTS), CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15-2018/19 AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT (REVISED 2013/14 AND 2014/15) (CABINET, 13 FEBRUARY 2014)

Council **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) the Capital Programme and the associated funding up to the year ending 31 March 2019 be approved as submitted;
- (b) a contribution of £60,000 be paid to the Friends of Friendless Churches in respect of St Denis Church, East Hatley;
- (c) projected Local Plan expenditure be included in the revenue estimates and Medium Term Financial Strategy;
- (d) the revenue estimates for 2014-15 be approved as submitted in the General Fund summary;
- (e) the precautionary items for the General Fund be approved;
- (f) the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the General Fund be approved based on the assumptions set out in the report to Cabinet on 13 February 2014;
- (g) the fees and charges proposed for 2014-15 be approved;
- (h) Executive Management Team be instructed to identify additional income/ savings of £300,000 in 2014-15 and further additional income/savings of £790,000 from 2015-16;
- (i) the Council Tax requirement for 2014-15 be £7,155,680;

- (j) 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 £122.86 plus the relevant amounts required by the precepts of Parish Councils, Cambridgeshire County Council, the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the Cambridgeshire Fire Authority, details of those precepts and their effect to be circulated with the formal resolution required at the Council meeting;
- (k) the Housing Revenue Account estimates and the rent increase for the financial year ending 31 March 2015 be approved, the rent increase being in accordance with rent restructuring guidance from the Department for Communities and Local Government;
- (l) the service and other charges for housing services for the financial year ending 31 March 2015 be approved;
- (m) the Housing Revenue Account business plan summary for the next 30 years to 31 March 2044 be approved;
- (n) the borrowing and investment strategy for the year to 31 March 2015 be approved;
- (o) the prudential indicators required by the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities for the year to 31 March 2015 be approved;
- (p) the Executive Director, Corporate Services, be given delegated authority to issue the final version of the Estimates Book, incorporating any amendments required from Council's decisions.

In addition to resolution (i) above, Council **AGREED** the following statutory resolution in respect of the Council Tax for 2014/15:

That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2014-15 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- (a) **£84,933,596** 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) **£73,372,205** 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)

Table 1	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
County Council	747.96	872.62	977.28	1,121.94	1,371.26	1620.58	1,869.90	2,243.88
Police & Crime Commissioner	120.90	141.05	161.20	181.35	221.65	261.95	302.25	362.70
District Council	81.91	95.56	109.21	122.86	150.16	177.46	204.77	245.72
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 of the report as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2014-15 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	122.86	+1.99%
	Special Expenses for Parish Precepts (average)	75.64	+2.85%
County Council		1,121.94	+1.99%
Police & Crime Commissioner		181.35	+1.92%
Fire Authority		64.26	+0%
Total		1,566.05	+1.94%

On these figures the Council Tax would range from £993.61 for Band A to £3,227.76 for Band H before any discounts or benefits.

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

SWAVESEY BYWAYS RATE 2014-15

Council **AGREED** to:

- (a) maintain the current level of byeway maintenance for the period 2014/15;
- (b) levy a rate at 90 pence to fund the required maintenance for the period 2014/15.

REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE AND THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO COMMITTEES

Council **APPROVED**:

- (a) the allocation of seats, as set out in Appendix A of the report;
- (b) the nominations of the political groups to seats on committees, as set out in Appendix B of the report, subject to Councillor Alison Elcox being appointed as a substitute on the Planning Committee and the hierarchal substitutes list for the committee being revised as follows:
 - 1) Charlie Nightingale
 - 2) Richard Barrett
 - 3) Raymond Matthews
 - 4) Alex Riley
 - 5) Alison Elcox
- (c) the addition of a paragraph in the Council's Standing Orders under the section entitled 'appointment of substitute members of committees, sub-committees and outside or joint bodies' to read:

"Vacant positions

Individual Group Leaders can appoint a substitute to fill any vacancy that may arise on a committee, sub-committee, outside body or joint body, where those bodies allow, until a replacement has been appointed at a meeting of Council."

NOTICES OF MOTION

STANDING IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR AIDAN VAN DE WEYER

Council **AGREED** the following motion:

"This Council requests that the Civic Affairs Committee considers and proposes amendments to the Council's Standing Orders so that all votes, except for those taken by affirmation and for appointments, are recorded in the manner described in Standing Order 16.5 (Recorded Vote)."

STANDING IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR JANET LOCKWOOD

Council **AGREED** the following motion:

"This Council is disturbed by reports suggesting that the Treasury is planning to move Papworth Hospital to Peterborough in an attempt to shore up the finances of Peterborough Hospital, and asks the Treasury and the Department of Health to avoid any further delays to the planned move to Addenbrooke's."