

COUNCIL – 26 FEBRUARY 2009

AGENDA ITEM 7(a)

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR AG ORGEE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RMA MANNING

- (a) That the capital programme (Appendix A to the Cabinet report) up to the year ending 31st March 2012 be approved as submitted which includes an additional £400,000 for disabled adaptations to be financed from the Housing Revenue Account;
- (b) That the further revised revenue estimates for the year 2008/09 and the revenue estimates for 2009/10 be approved as submitted in the General Fund summary (amended Appendix B tabled at the meeting and **attached**);
- (c) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy (amended Appendix C tabled at the meeting and **attached**) be approved based on the assumptions set out in the report,
- (d) To note that amended appendices B-C no longer include appropriations from the Building Control reserve as the use of this reserve is currently being discussed with the Council's external auditors; this exclusion, and the amended Council Tax increase of 4.5% over the period of the Medium Term Financial Strategy results in an increase in the Efficiency and other savings targets from £250,000 to £325,000.
- (e) That the Chief Executive be given delegated authority to authorise expenditure up to the sum of £51,015 on the benefits service, to be financed by additional government grant;
- (f) That the approval of Senior Management Team to start the recruitment process for posts which are /will be vacant be re-established;
- (g) That the District Council demand for general expenses for 2009/10 be £6,530,100;
- (h) 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 £112.10 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 (**see below**);
- (i) That the prudential indicators in Appendix E to the Cabinet report be approved; and
- (j) That the list of precautionary items (Appendix D to the Cabinet report) to be used under delegated powers already given to the Finance Portfolio Holder and the Chief Executive be approved.

FURTHER TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT, COUNCIL IS RECOMMENDED TO AGREE THE FOLLOWING STATUTORY RESOLUTION IN RESPECT OF THE COUNCIL TAX FOR 2009-10:

That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2009-10 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

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| (a) | £76,493,286 | 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) | £58,727,460 | 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) | £17,765,826 | 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 £14,232,950 and the parish precepts of £3,532,876 |
| (d) | £7,702,850 | 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) | £172.75 | 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) | £3,532,876 | being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (parish precepts) |
| (g) | £112.10 | 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 2009-10 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**:

Table 1	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
County Council	678.18	791.21	904.24	1,017.27	1,243.33	1,469.39	1,695.45	2,034.54
Police Authority	109.80	128.10	146.40	164.70	201.30	237.90	274.50	329.40
District Council	74.73	87.19	99.64	112.10	137.01	161.92	186.83	224.20
Fire Authority	37.56	43.82	50.08	56.34	68.86	81.38	93.90	112.68

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 2009-10 for each of the categories of dwellings shown in **Appendix B**.

NOTES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX

- (1) *The advice of the Chief Finance Officer is that there is a high risk of the Council being capped as its proposed council tax increase of 4.5% is not “substantially below 5%” as expected by the Minister for Local Government.*
- (2) *Members should be aware of the provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 which state that any Member who, at the time of a Council meeting considering matters relating to the Council’s finances, is two months or more in arrears with their Council Tax or any payment instalment of it, must disclose that fact at the meeting and not vote on the subject. Failure to do so is a criminal offence. If you think this might apply to you, please contact the Chief Executive urgently.*
- (3) *The report and appendices considered by Cabinet are available to view using the following [link to the Council's website \(www.scambs.gov.uk\)](http://www.scambs.gov.uk). Alternatively, hard copies of these documents are available in the Members Room and from Democratic Services, telephone 01954 713016, e-mail democratic.services@scambs.gov.uk.*
- (4) *Hard copies of the book of Revenue Estimates for the year ending 31 March 2010 and Capital Estimates to the year ending 31 March 2012 have been distributed to all Members either with this Agenda or under separate cover. A copy has also been placed in the Members’ Room or is available from Democratic Services using the contacts shown in note (3) above.*
- (5) *Including the precepts from the County Council, the Police and Fire Authorities and all of the parishes, the formal Council Resolution would produce a Council Tax for a band D property of:*

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District Council	General Expenses	112.10
	Special Expenses for Parish Precepts (average)	60.65
County Council		1,017.27
Police Authority		164.70
Fire Authority		56.34
Total		1,411.06

On these figures the Council Tax would range from £900.27 for Band A to £2,907.96 for Band H before any discounts or benefits.

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