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COUNCIL

Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Thursday 3 March 2016 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Richard FitzHerbert - In the Chair

Councillors Jason Atkin, Deborah Botham, Jennifer Bower, Martin Burfoot, Sue Burfoot, Albert Catt, Tom Donnelly, Ann Elliott, Graham Elliott, Steve Flitter, Chris Furness, Alyson Hill, Angus Jenkins, Vicky Massey, Tony Millward, Jean Monks, Tony Morley, Joyce Pawley, Garry Purdy, Irene Ratcliffe, Mike Ratcliffe, Lewis Rose, Andrew Statham, Jacquie Stevens, John Tibenham, Philippa Tilbrook and Joanne Wild.

Dorcas Bunton (Chief Executive), Sandra Lamb (Head of Corporate Services), Karen Henriksen (Head of Resources), Tim Braund (Head of Regulatory Services), Heidi McDougall (Head of Environmental Services), Steve Capes (Head of Regeneration and Policy), Ashley Watts (Head of Community Development), Rob Cogings (Head of Housing) and Jackie Cullen (Committee Assistant).

A reporter from Radio Derby.

Members were advised that Radio Derby would be recording extracts from the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Richard Bright, Sue Bull, David Chapman, Phil Chell, Susan Hobson, Mark Salt, Andrew Shirley, Peter Slack and Colin Swindell.

Members conveyed their best wishes to Councillor Slack's wife, who was in hospital.

331/15 – MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Jacquie Stevens, seconded by Councillor Garry Purdy and

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 January 2016 be
(unanimously) approved as a correct record.

The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

332/15 – PERFORMANCE PLAN AND REVENUE BUDGET 2016/17

The Council considered a report that sought approval of the District Council's Performance Plan 2016/17, revised spending proposals for 2015/16 and the spending proposals for 2016/17.

Councillor Lewis Rose, OBE, Leader of the Council, acknowledged the Performance Plan and Revenue Budget 2016/17, and drew Members' attention to the Council Tax increase of 1.94% reminding them that this was the first increase in 6 years. The methodology for determining the demand on Council Tax was set out in Section 6 of the report. Councillor Rose advised Members that the Local Plan was on course to be examined later in the year; and that the Council was committed to continuing to help provide more affordable housing, whilst maintaining frontline services.

Statutory Legislation required a recorded vote in respect of the Revenue Budget in accordance with rule of procedure 19e.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, OBE, seconded by Councillor Albert Catt and

RESOLVED

That the Council approves:

1. That the level of Council Tax for 2016/17 be increased by 1.94% from the 2015/16 level.
2. The revised estimate of net revenue expenditure for 2015/16 of £5,322,715 as detailed in the Summary Revenue Account.
3. The net sum of £686,941 be transferred from earmarked reserves in 2015/16, as shown in Appendix 6.
4. The estimated net revenue expenditure for 2016/17 totalling £5,465,778 as detailed in the Summary Revenue Account.
5. The minimum level of uncommitted working balances be approved at £1,000,000 at 1st April 2016, and £1,000,000 at 1st April 2017.
6. The net sum of £1,922,638 be transferred from earmarked reserves in 2016/17, as shown in Appendix 6.
7. The following amounts be calculated by the Council for the chargeable financial year 2016/17 in accordance with Section 31A of the Localism Act 2011:-
 - i aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2)(a) to (f) thereof is 43,297,604;
 - ii aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3)(a) to (d) thereof is £36,448,854;
 - iii calculation under Section 31A(4) being the amount of which the aggregate at (i) above exceeds the aggregate of (ii) above, as the Council Tax Requirement for 2016/17 is £6,848.750;

8. The Derbyshire Dales District Council Service Plans and Revenue Spending Proposals (as circulated with the agenda).
9. That progress on service reviews and progress against the corporate savings target are noted.
10. The Head of Resources' report on the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of reserves in accordance with clause 25 of the Local Government Act 2003.
11. That the Council's response to the government's consultation paper on New Homes Bonus Funding be delegated to the Head of Resources (after consultation with the Chief Executive, Corporate Director, Council Leader and Deputy Leader).
12. That the decision on acceptance of central government's four-year funding settlement to 2019-20 be delegated to the Head of Resources to determine (after consultation with the Chief Executive, Council Leader and Deputy Leader).

Voting:

In favour

Councillors Jason Atkin, Deborah Botham, Jennifer Bower, Martin Burfoot, Sue Burfoot, Albert Catt, Tom Donnelly, Ann Elliott, Graham Elliott, Richard FitzHerbert, Steve Flitter, Chris Furness, Alyson Hill, Angus Jenkins, Vicky Massey, Tony Millward, Jean Monks, Tony Morley, Joyce Pawley, Garry Purdy, Irene Ratcliffe, Mike Ratcliffe, Lewis Rose, Andrew Statham, Jacquie Stevens, John Tibenham, Philippa Tilbrook and Joanne Wild. (28)

Against (0)

Abstentions (0)

333/15 – CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16 TO 2019/20

Council considered a report that:

- Determined the revised Capital Programme and financing arrangements for 2015/16
- Determined Capital Programme and financing arrangements for 2016/17
- Outlined the Capital Programme proposals for 2017/18 to 2019/20

Further to the report on the Capital Programme approved at the Council meeting on the 19th November 2015, a revised programme was presented for consideration, including new schemes and changes recommended by the Corporate Leadership Team. The changes were explained in paragraphs 1.2.3 and 1.3.3-6 and by the shading used in Appendix 1 to the report.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, OBE, seconded by Councillor Albert Catt and

RESOLVED

(unanimously)

1. That the revised Capital Programme and financing arrangements as at 31st January 2016 detailed in appendix 1 to the report for 2015/16 in the sum £ 2,899,597 be approved;
2. That the revised Capital Programme and financing arrangements for 2016/17 in the sum of £3,657,104 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.
3. That the Capital Programmes for 2017/18 – 2019/20 onwards as detailed in appendix 1 to the report be noted.

334/15 – COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2016/17

The Council considered a report that enabled calculation and setting of the Council Tax for 2016/17.

The precept levels of other precepting bodies had been received and were detailed in the report.

A recorded vote is required in respect of Council Tax setting in accordance with rule of procedure 19e.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, OBE, seconded by Councillor Albert Catt and

RESOLVED That the formal Council Tax resolution set out in Appendices A to C of the report be approved

Voting:

In favour

Councillors Jason Atkin, Deborah Botham, Jennifer Bower, Martin Burfoot, Sue Burfoot, Albert Catt, Tom Donnelly, Ann Elliott, Graham Elliott, Richard FitzHerbert, Steve Flitter, Chris Furness, Alyson Hill, Angus Jenkins, Vicky Massey, Tony Millward, Jean Monks, Tony Morley, Joyce Pawley, Garry Purdy, Irene Ratcliffe, Mike Ratcliffe, Lewis Rose, Andrew Statham, Jacquie Stevens, John Tibenham, Philippa Tilbrook and Joanne Wild. (28)

Against (0)

Abstentions (0)

335/15 – TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT, MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT, ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Council considered a report that:

- Determined the Treasury Management Strategy for 2016/17
- Set the Prudential Indicators as required under the Local Government Act 2003
- Determined the Annual Investment Strategy for 2016/17
- Determined the Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy for 2016/17

and which complied with the CIPFA Code of Practice.

It was moved by Councillor Jacquie Stevens, seconded by Councillor Chris Furness and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

1. That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement be approved
2. That the Prudential Indicators be approved
3. That the Annual Investment Strategy be approved
4. That the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Strategy be approved

336/15 – CORPORATE PLAN 2016/17

The Council considered a report that set out the top priorities for the District Council, and provided the framework for allocating scarce resources through the budget that followed on the agenda. The report recommended the Corporate Plan targets for 2016/17, on the basis of the Corporate Plan 2015-2019 adopted in November 2015. The report also presented performance against the Corporate Plan targets 2015/16 as at the end of the third quarter.

In relation to the current year's Corporate Plan, Council adopted nine specific targets for 2015/16 on 5 March 2015. Progress to date was broadly on track to achieve targets, as tabled in the report, with full details set out in Appendix 2 to the report. Outturn performance would be reported to Council later this year.

A table setting out a summary of progress overall using the 'traffic light' system was included in the report.

It was moved by Councillor Jacquie Stevens, seconded by Councillor Tony Morley and

- RESOLVED**
(unanimously)
1. That the Corporate Plan targets for 2016/17 are adopted as set out in section 2 of the report
 2. That performance to date against 2015/16 Corporate Plan targets be noted.

337/15 – SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

It was moved by Councillor Jean Monks, seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly and

- RESOLVED**
(unanimously)
- That the common seal of the Council be affixed to those documents, if any, required to complete transactions undertaken by Committees or by way of delegated authority to officers since the last meeting of the Council.

MEETING CLOSED 7.18PM

CHAIRMAN