

## COUNCIL

*At a meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 2 March 2016 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall*

Present: Councillors E. Cargill, S. Baker, D. Cargill, Cassidy, Cole, Dennett, Edge, Fry, Gilligan, Harris, R. Hignett, S. Hill, V. Hill, Horabin, Howard, Jones, M. Lloyd Jones, P. Lloyd Jones, C. Loftus, K. Loftus, A. Lowe, J. Lowe, MacManus, McDermott, A. McInerney, T. McInerney, Nelson, Nolan, Osborne, Parker, Philbin, Polhill, N. Plumpton Walsh, Joe Roberts, June Roberts, Sinnott, G. Stockton, J. Stockton, Thompson, Wainwright, Wall, Wallace, Wharton, Woolfall, Wright and Zygadlo

Apologies for Absence: Councillors M. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw, C. Gerrard, J Gerrard, P. Hignett, Lea, Logan, Morley, C. Plumpton Walsh and Rowe

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: D. Parr, I. Leivesley, G. Meehan, M. Reaney, A. Scott, E. Dawson and M. Allen

Also in attendance: None

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### COU70 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 3 February 2016, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

### COU71 BUDGET 2016/17 KEY DECISION (MINUTE EXB 109 REFERS)

The Executive Board had considered a report setting out a recommendation to Council in respect of the Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax for 2016/17. Since then the Cheshire Fire Authority and the Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner had set their budgets and council tax precepts and these had been included in the report to full Council.

The report included detail on the following:-

- Medium Term Financial Strategy;
- Budget Consultation;
- Review of the 2015/16 Budget;
- 2016/17 Budget;
- the Local Government Finance Settlement;
- Budget Outlook;
- Halton's Council Tax;
- Parish Precepts;
- Average Council Tax;

- Police Precept;
- Fire Precept;
- Total Council Tax;
- Capital Programme;
- Prudential Code; and
- School Budgets.

The Executive Board had recommended that Council adopt the resolution set out in Appendix A of the report, which included setting the budget at £98.460m, the Council Tax requirement of £41.217m (before Parish, Police and Fire precepts) and the Band D Council Tax for Halton of £1,250.97.

Councillor Wharton, Resources Portfolio Holder, thanked all the Officers involved for their support in producing this budget and wished to record his thanks to the Members of the Executive Board, the Budget Working Group and the Chairs of the Policy and Performance Boards for their contribution. In addition he thanked the Leader for his help and support in delivering this budget.

In accordance with Standing Order 16 (3), a recorded vote was taken.

The following Members voted FOR the motion:

Councillors S. Baker, D. Cargill, E. Cargill, Cassidy, Cole, Dennett, Edge, Fry, Gilligan, P. Harris, R. Hignett, S. Hill, V. Hill, Horabin, Howard, Jones, M. Lloyd Jones, P. Lloyd Jones, C. Loftus, K. Loftus, A. Lowe, J. Lowe, MacManus, McDermott, A. McInerney, T. McInerney, Nelson, Nolan, Osborne, Parker, Philbin, N. Plumpton Walsh, Polhill, Joe Roberts, June Roberts, Sinnott, G. Stockton, J. Stockton, Thompson, Wainwright, Wall, Wallace, Wharton, Woolfall, Wright and Zygadllo.

There were no votes against the motion.

There were no abstentions.

RESOLVED: That Council adopt the following resolution -

- 1) The policies outlined in this paper be adopted, including the Budget for 2016/17, the savings set out in Appendix B and the Capital Programme set out in Appendix F.
- 2) That it be noted that at the meeting on 09 December 2015 the Council agreed the following:
  - (a) The Council Tax Base 2016/17 for the whole Council area is 32,948 (item T in the formula in Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act) and

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- (b) For dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates, be set out as follows:

Parish	Tax Base
Hale	659
Daresbury	159
Moore	326
Preston Brook	336
Halebank	499
Sandymoor	966

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which special items relate.

- 3) Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2016/17 (excluding Parish precepts) is £41,216,960.
- 4) In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (Sections 31 to 36), the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2016/17 and agreed as follows:
- (a) £305,055,242 – being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the said Act, taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
- (b) £263,754,397– being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) £41,300,845 – being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31A(4) of the Act).
- (d) £1,253.52– being the amount at 3(c) above (item R), all divided by item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- (e) £83,885– being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act, each individual Parish precept being:

	£
Hale	26,131
Daresbury	4,200
Moore	4,498
Preston Brook	9,150
Halebank	15,350
Sandymoor	24,556

(f) £1,250.97 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by item T (2(a) above), 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.

(g) Part of the Council's Area

	£
Hale	1,290.62
Daresbury	1,277.39
Moore	1,264.77
Preston Brook	1,278.20
Halebank	1,281.73
Sandymoor	1,276.39

being the amounts given by adding to the amounts at 3(e) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(h) Part of the Council's Area

Band	Hale	Dares bury	Moore	Preston Brook	Hale bank	Sandy moor	All other Parts of the Council's Area
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
A	860.41	851.59	843.18	852.13	854.49	850.93	833.98
B	1,003.82	993.53	983.71	994.16	996.90	992.75	972.98
C	1,147.21	1,135.45	1,124.24	1,136.17	1,139.31	1,134.57	1,111.97
<b>D</b>	<b>1,290.62</b>	<b>1,277.39</b>	<b>1,264.77</b>	<b>1,278.20</b>	<b>1,281.73</b>	<b>1,276.39</b>	<b>1,250.97</b>
E	1,577.42	1,561.25	1,545.83	1,562.24	1,566.56	1,560.03	1,528.96
F	1,864.22	1,845.11	1,826.88	1,846.28	1,851.38	1,843.67	1,806.96
G	2,151.03	2,128.98	2,107.95	2,130.33	2,136.22	2,127.32	2,084.95
H	2,581.24	2,554.78	2,529.54	2,556.40	2,563.46	2,552.78	2,501.94

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(f) and 3(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- 5) It is further noted that for the year 2016/17 the Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner has 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 shown below:

	£
A	107.49
B	125.40
C	143.32
<b>D</b>	<b>161.23</b>
E	197.06
F	232.89
G	268.72
H	322.46

- 6) It is further noted that for the year 2016/17 the Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

	£
A	47.91
B	55.89
C	63.88
<b>D</b>	<b>71.86</b>
E	87.83
F	103.80
G	119.77
H	143.72

- 7) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4h, 5 and 6 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2016/17 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Band	Hale	Daresbury	Moore	Preston Brook	Hale bank	Sandy moor	All other Parts of the Council's Area
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
A	1,015.81	1,006.99	998.58	1,007.53	1,009.89	1,006.33	989.38
B	1,185.11	1,174.82	1,165.00	1,175.45	1,178.19	1,174.04	1,154.27
C	1,354.41	1,342.65	1,331.44	1,343.37	1,346.51	1,341.77	1,319.17
<b>D</b>	<b>1,523.71</b>	<b>1,510.48</b>	<b>1,497.86</b>	<b>1,511.29</b>	<b>1,514.82</b>	<b>1,509.48</b>	<b>1,484.06</b>
E	1,862.31	1,846.14	1,830.72	1,847.13	1,851.45	1,844.92	1,813.85
F	2,200.91	2,181.80	2,163.57	2,182.97	2,188.07	2,180.36	2,143.64
G	2,539.52	2,517.47	2,496.44	2,518.82	2,524.71	2,515.81	2,473.44
H	3,047.42	3,020.96	2,995.72	3,022.58	3,029.64	3,018.96	2,968.12

being satisfied that:

- (a) the total amount yielded by its Council Taxes for the said financial year will be sufficient, so far as is practicable, to provide for items mentioned at 4(a) to (c) above; and, to the extent that they are not, to be provided for by any other means.
- (b) those amounts which relate to a part only of its area will secure, so far as is practicable, that the precept or portion of a precept relating to such part will be provided for only by the amount yielded by such of its Council Taxes as relate to that part.
- 8) The Operational Director Finance be authorised at any time during the financial year 2016/17 to borrow on behalf of the

Council by way of gross bank overdraft such sums as he shall deem necessary for the purposes of this paragraph, but not such that in any event the said overdraft at any time exceeds £10m (£0.5m net) as the Council may temporarily require.

COU72 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2016/17  
(MINUTE EXB 110 REFERS)

Executive Board had considered a report of the operational Director, Finance, on the proposed Treasury Management Statement, incorporating the Annual Investment Strategy and the Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy for 2016/17.

RESOLVED: That Council adopt the policies, strategies, statements and prudential indicators outlined in the report.

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*(N.B. The following Councillors made a Disclosable Other Interest in the following item of business for the reasons stated; Councillor Edge as a Governor of St Bede's Junior School; Councillor Joe Roberts as a Governor of Ditton Primary School)*

COU73 2015/16 REVISED CAPITAL PROGRAMME (MINUTE EXB 116 REFERS)

The Executive Board had considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, which summarised the overall revenue and capital spending position as at 31 December 2015.

RESOLVED: That Council approve the revisions to the Council's 2015/16 Capital Programme, as set out in the report.

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COU74 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2016/17

Council considered a report of the Strategic Director, Community and Resources, which set out the Calendar of Meetings for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That Council

- 1) approve the Calendar of Meetings for the 2016/17 Municipal Year, attached to the report at Appendix 1; and
- 2) delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to set dates for the Health and Wellbeing Board and to advise all Members when these dates are agreed.

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## COU75 PAY POLICY STATEMENT

Council considered a report of the Strategic Director, Community and Resources, which contained details of the Council's recommended Pay Policy Statement for 2016/17.

The Localism Act 2011 required every local authority to prepare a pay policy statement each year, which detailed the Council's approach to a range of issues relating to the pay of its employees.

The report detailed the following information:

- Background to the Pay Structure;
- Senior Management Remuneration;
- Recruitment of Chief Officers;
- Additions to Salaries of Chief Officers;
- Pension Contributions;
- Payments on Termination;
- Publication;
- Lowest Paid Employees; and
- Accountability and Decision Making.

RESOLVED: That the Pay Policy Statement for 2016/17 be adopted.

## COU76 PART II OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 (MINUTE REG 30 REFERS)

Regulatory Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director, Community and Resources, on the proposal to re-adopt legislation which related to the private hire and hackney carriage controls.

RESOLVED: That Council intends to pass a resolution at a future meeting (the Adoption Resolution)

- 1) to adopt the extent that they are not already in force in the Borough, the provisions of Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (the 1976 Act), (other than Section 45), to apply to the whole area of the Council on and after the appointed day stated in that resolution;
- 2) the Operational Director, Legal and Democratic Services, be directed to publish and serve notice as required by Section 45 of the 1976 Act; and
- 3) following compliance with item 2) of this resolution, the matter be reported back to Council for the Adoption Resolution to be considered.

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COU77 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982 SECTION 3 AND SCHEDULE 4 - STREET TRADING (MINUTE REG 31 REFERS)

Regulatory Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director, Community and Resources, which related to the designation of streets for street trading purposes.

RESOLVED: That Council

- 1) pass the Designation Resolution set out in Appendix 1 attached to the report; and
- 2) that the Operational Director, Legal and Democratic Services, be authorised to prepare and to publish notice as required by Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

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COU78 RECOMMENDATION FROM MAYORAL COMMITTEE (MINUTE MYR2 REFERS)

The Mayoral Committee had considered a Part II item which made recommendations for the appointment of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2016/17 Municipal Year. Formal confirmation would be sought at the Annual Meeting of Council.

RESOLVED: That Council note that

- 1) Councillor Ged Philbin be appointed Mayor; and
- 2) Councillor Alan Lowe be appointed Deputy Mayor.

*Meeting ended at 7.03 p.m.*