

Minutes of the meeting of the MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL held on WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2013 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillor Morris (Mayor)
Councillors Alexander, Bald, Barney, Bint, Brackenbury, Bradburn, Bramall, Brock, Brunning, M Burke, S Burke, Coventry, Dransfield, Eastman, Edwards, Exon, Ferrans, A Geary, P Geary, Hawthorn, Hopkins, Hoyle, Jury, Kennedy, Klein, Legg, Long, Maric, Marland, D McCall, I McCall, McDonald, McKenzie, McLean, Middleton, Miles, O'Neill, Richards, Shafiq, Small, Tallack, Venn, Wales, Wallis, Webb, Wharton, White, C Williams, P Williams and Zealley
Aldermen Bristow and Howell

Apologies: Alderpersons Ellis, E Henderson, I Henderson and Lloyd

Also Present: 36 members of the public

CL88 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9 January 2013 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

CL89 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Eastman disclosed a personal interest in Item 4(b) (Budget Report 2013/14), as he was employed by a charity which assisted in the management of Adult Social Care Personal Budgets.

Councillor Hoyle disclosed a personal interest in Item 4(b) (Budget Report 2013/14), as he had a friend who was a user of the services provided by a Group whose level of financial support from the Council was subject to the Council's Budget decisions.

Councillor I McCall disclosed a personal interest in Item 4(b) (Budget Report 2013/14), as she was Secretary to a Group whose level of financial support from the Council was subject to the Council's Budget decisions.

CL90 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that Professor Eileen Scanlon, of the Open University's Institute of Educational Technology had been awarded a Regius Professorship in Open Education by the Queen.

The Mayor indicated that she would be writing to Professor Eileen Scanlon congratulating her on her award.

The Leader of the Council announced that the Council's bid for a City Deal, which had been submitted in liaison with key partners, had been selected to progress to the next round and would be dealt with as an early application.

The Leader thanked all who had an input into the bid.

CL91

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT – QUESTION FROM MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

Mr P Bailey, a user of the Milton Keynes bus service on a daily basis, asked Councillor Bint (Cabinet member for Highways and Transport), understanding that increased parking charges had yielded additional revenue of approximately £1.4m why it was intended to cut bus subsidy by £451,000.

Councillor Bint indicated that the General Fund currently subsidised the Transport and Highways Budget by in excess of £2m per year. Due to the financial pressures on the Council such support was no longer sustainable and it was necessary for the Transport and Highways Budget to become more self supporting and as a result it was being proposed that both parking fees should be increased and bus subsidies reduced.

Councillor Bint invited Mr Bailey to suggest alternative options where savings across the Council's budget could be found in order to protect the Transport and Highways Budget.

Mr P Bailey asked a supplementary statement which was addressed by Councillor Bint.

CL91

REPORT FROM CABINET - LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT GRANT

Cabinet – 19 December 2012: Council Tax Base 2013/14

Councillor Bald moved the following recommendation from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 19 December 2012, which was seconded by Councillor A Geary:

“That the Local Council Tax Support Grant distribution to parish and town councils be adopted.”

On being put to the vote the recommendation was declared carried unanimously.

RESOLVED –

That the Local Council Tax Support Grant distribution to parish and town councils be adopted.

CL92

PROCEDURAL MOTION / ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor moved the following Procedural Motion in respect of the forthcoming debate on the budget, which was seconded by the Deputy Mayor:

“That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 21.1, Council Procedure Rule 13.6(e) [Ownership of motion to pass with a successful amendment] be suspended in respect of Item 4 [Budget Report 2013/14].”

On being put to the vote the Procedural Motion was declared carried unanimously.

RESOLVED -

That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 21.1, Council Procedure Rule 13.6(e) [Ownership of motion to pass with a successful amendment] be suspended in respect of Item 4(3) [Budget Report 2013/14].

The Mayor also announced that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.4, she would allow the speech from the Leader of the Council to exceed the limit of 4 minutes, and then allow each of the Leaders of the Opposition Groups to speak for up to a similar time.

CL93

REPORTS FROM CABINET - BUDGET REPORT 2013/14

Councillor A Geary moved the following recommendation from the meeting of the Cabinet on 13 February 2013, which had been updated with the Fire and Police Authorities' precepts and any outstanding parish and town Council precepts, and which was seconded by Councillor Bald:

"That the Council be recommended to:

- (a) agree the 2013/14 Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and the financing of the Capital Programme;
- (b) note, in line with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003, that the Corporate Director Resources is of the view that:
 - Based on the Period 9 forecast, the General Fund balance is adequate to meet the Council's financial needs in 2013/14. This view takes account of the reserves included in the Council's latest audited Accounts as at 31 March 2012; the movement of these reserves since that date (as tracked through the Budget Monitoring Reports); and the reserves required, as outlined in the MTFP report.
 - The budget position set out in this report is sufficiently robust to allow a budget to be set for 2013/14. This takes into account the adequacy of the level of balances and reserves outlined above and the assurance gained from the forecast position for 31 March 2013.
- (c) note the estimated 2013/14 Dedicated Schools Grant, in advance of the grant confirmation from Department for Education;
- (d) approve the fees and charges for 2013/14 (as per Annex J), including the exceptions to the Income Policy (as per Annex I to the report);
- (e) note that, at its meeting on 19 December 2012, the Cabinet approved the amount of 74,879.22 equivalent Band D properties as the Council's Tax Base for the year 2013/14 in accordance with Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

- (f) note that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2013/14 (excluding Parish Precepts) is £85.216m;
- (g) calculate the following amounts for the year 2013/14 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 [the "Act"]:
- a. £652.930m being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - b. £563.002m being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3).
 - c. £89.928m as its Council Tax requirement for the year, 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).
 - d. £1,200.97 as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts), being the amount at (c) above, divided by the Council Tax Base agreed on 19th December 2012.
 - e. £4,712,134 being the aggregate amount of all special items (parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
 - f. £1,138.04 being the amount at (d) less the result given by dividing the amount at (e) above by the Council Tax Base agreed on the 19th December 2012, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year for Milton Keynes Council, excluding parish and major precepting authorities.
 - g. that the following amounts be calculated for Milton Keynes Council Tax:

VALUATION BANDS							
A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
758.69	885.14	1,011.59	1,138.04	1,390.94	1,643.84	1,896.73	2,276.08

As the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (f) by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to all dwellings listed in each particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation B and D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act.

- (h) note that for the year 2013/14, Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has confirmed the following precepts to the Council for each of the categories of dwellings:

VALUATION BANDS (to be confirmed)							
A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
104.92	122.41	139.89	157.38	192.35	227.33	262.30	314.76

- (i) note that for the year 2013/14, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has confirmed the following precepts to the Council for each of the categories of dwellings:

VALUATION BANDS (to be confirmed)							
A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
39.42	45.99	52.56	59.13	72.27	85.41	98.55	118.26

- (j) set, as a result of the above, the amounts of Council Tax (shown in Annex F to the report), in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwelling shown in the Schedule;
- (k) note that following the policy decision made on the technical reforms to Council Tax (Council 12 December), the following determinations are made in relation to the prescribed classes of dwellings in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended), to take effect from 1 April 2013 and to remain in effect until varied or revoked by determination:

Class A
Section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%
Class B
Section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%
Class C
1. For any day on or after 1 May 2013 where any dwelling is unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C) and has been so for a continuous period of less than 1 calendar month immediately preceding the day in question: 100% discount

Class C (continued)	
2.	For any day on or after 1 May 2013 where any dwelling is unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C) and has been so for a continuous period of 1 calendar month or more immediately preceding the day in question: section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%
3.	For any day from 1 April 2013 to 12 May 2013 where the property is unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C), but has not been unoccupied and not substantially unfurnished (not meeting Class C prescription) for a continuous period of 6 weeks or less immediately preceding the day in question: section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%
4.	For any day on or after 13 May 2013 where the property is unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C), but has not been unoccupied and not substantially unfurnished (not meeting the Class C prescription) for a continuous period of 6 weeks or less immediately preceding the day in question: section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%
5.	For any day, in respect of any dwelling that has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C) for a continuous period of one month or more immediately preceding 1 April 2013 and continues to be unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C) on 1 April 2013: section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%
6.	For any day, in respect of any dwelling that, on or after 1st April 2013 has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C) for a continuous period of more than one day but less than one month prior to 1st April 2013, a 100% discount for each day until the total unoccupied and unfurnished (Class C) period equals 31 days.
7.	For any day, in respect of any dwelling that, on or after 1 April 2013 has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C) for more than one day prior to 1st April 2013, and the total unoccupied and unfurnished (Class C) period equals a continuous period of more than 31 days: section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%
Class D	
50% discount.	

- (l) agree the Treasury Management Strategy for 2013/14 to 2017/18 and the Treasury Policy Statement, including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy (as outlined in Annex O to the report);

- (m) agree the prudential indicators for Capital Expenditure and the Capital Financing Requirement, the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for External Debt, the Affordability Prudential indicators and the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators for the years 2013/14 to 2017/18, (as outlined in section 9 of the report).
- (n) confirm the authorised limit for external debt of £587m for 2013/14 to be the statutory limit determined under section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003; and
- (o) note the equalities impact assessment for the budget (see section 17.5 for further details) used to inform the Budget Resolution of the Council.”

In moving the recommendation Councillor A Geary referred to the ongoing review of car parking provision in Central Milton Keynes, which was aimed at ensuring the most efficient utilisation of parking spaces and the maximisation of standard rate bays.

Councillor D McCall moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Councillor Tallack:

“That the following additional Clause be added to the recommendation:

‘That the 2013/14 Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and the financing of the Capital Programme be agreed, subject to a reduction in the saving from bus subsidies (S98) of £287,152, to allow 10 bus routes listed at **Annex A**, which allow people to get from home to work, to be maintained, with the change being funded from the one-off resources available in the Budget proposal to Council, until the cost pressure created by this change can be addressed as part of the development of the 2014/15 Budget.’”

On being put to the vote the amendment was declared lost, with 15 Members voting in favour, 36 Members voting against and 0 Members abstaining from voting.

Councillor D McCall moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Councillor Tallack:

“That the following additional Clause be added to the recommendation:

‘That the 2013/14 Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and the financing of the Capital Programme be agreed, subject to the proposal to introduce a charge for bulky waste (S109) being deleted, so the collection of bulky waste from domestic properties remains free in Milton Keynes, with the resulting reduction in income of £350,000 being funded from the one-off resources available in the budget proposal to Council, until the cost pressure created by this change can be addressed as part of the development of the 2014/15 Budget.’”

On being put to the vote the amendment was declared lost, with 15 Members voting in favour, 36 Members voting against and 0 Members abstaining from voting.

Councillor Legg moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Councillor O'Neill and accepted by the mover of the motion:

"That the following additional Clauses be added to the recommendation:

(a) Reduction in Bus Subsidies

That the 2013/14 Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and the financing of the Capital Programme be agreed, subject to a reduction in the saving from bus subsidies (S98) of £43,000 to allow Bus Service 5 (Contracts 1245,1247 and 1248) and Service 28/29 contract 1274 to be maintained, with the changes being funded from the one-off resources available in the budget proposal to Council, until the cost pressure created by this change can be addressed as part of the development of the 2014/15 Budget.

(b) Bulky Waste Charges

That the 2013/14 Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and the financing of the Capital Programme be agreed, subject to the proposed charge (S109) being reduced from £15 to £10, with no subsidy, with the reduction in income to the Council of £70,000 being funded from the one-off resources available in the budget proposal to Council, until the cost pressure created by this change can be addressed as part of the development of the 2014/15 Budget.

(c) Community Transport

That the 2013/14 Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and the financing of the Capital Programme be agreed, subject to limiting the increase in Community Transport fares (S88) to £3.00, with the reduction in income of £22,000 being funded from the one-off resources available in the budget proposal to Council, until the cost pressure created by this change can be addressed as part of the development of the 2014/15 Budget.

(d) Community Safety

That the 2013/14 Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and the financing of the Capital Programme be agreed, subject to the creation of a £100,000 match funding reserve for CCTV, which can be spent over two years to support other organisations to utilise the existing CCTV infrastructure, with the change being funded from the one-off resources available in the budget proposal to Council.

(e) Wi-Fi in Libraries

That Wi-Fi in libraries be available free of charge."

Councillor Long moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Councillor Webb and accepted by the mover of the motion:

“That the following additional Clauses be added to the recommendation:

‘That the 2013/14 Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and the financing of the Capital Programme be agreed, subject to:

(a) Improving services for older people with dementia

Courtney Lodge sheltered housing scheme being further developed as a centre of intensive support for older people with dementia, to include:

- Increased specialist domiciliary care services for people with complex needs, at a cost of £60,000 for 2013/14; and
- The development of more support for carers of older people with dementia through an 18 month pilot with a community organisation, at a cost of £150,000.

(b) Improving Support for People to Manage Personal Budgets to Cover the Costs of their Own Care and Support

a pilot project costing up to £150,000 being commissioned from a community organisation to increase support to service users who are using personal budgets, so empowering older and disabled residents through control over their own personal budgets

(c) Increasing the Uptake of Assistive technology.

the establishment of a one-year promotional post costing £30,000 to work on increasing access by service users to assistive technology.

(d) Mutual / Co-operative Study

£15,000 being allocated to research the viability of a public sector mutual or co-operative within the area of Adult Social care.

(e) the total additional cost of £405,000 of (a) to (d) above being funded from the one-off resources available in the Budget proposal to Council and the cost pressure created by the additional specialist domiciliary care being addressed as part of the development of the 2014/15 Budget, with the remainder of the proposals being one-off pressures.

(f) Increasing support for vulnerable people

three extra social workers being appointed to provide enhanced support to the key service areas of intermediate care, older people and learning disabilities, at a cost of £210,000, providing that the Council underspend in 2012/13 is sufficient to fund this amount.”

Councillor Marland moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Councillor Wallis and on which a recorded vote was requested:

“That the following additional Clauses be added to the recommendation:

- ‘1. That this Council is concerned that services are being outsourced as a matter of course by the Tory Administration and that this will lead to poorer more costly services in the long term.
2. That this Council therefore agrees that:
 - (a) all services proposed for outsourcing should be the subject of review by the Budget Review Group;
 - (b) any financial costs in relation to outsourcing are made clear and transparent and subject to review by the Budget Review Group; and
 - (c) all future notices placed in OJEU should be reported to the Cabinet Procurement Committee so that both the intention to test the market and the actual decision to go to market are transparent and can be subject to appropriate scrutiny.”

The voting on Clause 1 was as follows:

FOR: Councillors M Burke, Coventry, Edwards, Legg, Long, Marland, McKenzie, Middleton, Miles, O'Neill, Venn, Wales, Wallis, Webb, White and P Williams (16)

AGAINST Councillors Alexander, Bald, Barney, Bint, Brackenbury, Bradburn, Bramall, Brock, Brunning, S Burke, Dransfield, Eastman, Exon, Ferrans, A Geary, P Geary, Hawthorn, Hopkins, Hoyle, Jury, Kennedy, Klein, Maric, D McCall, I McCall, McDonald, McLean, Morris, Richards, Shafiq, Small, Tallack, Wharton, C Williams and Zealley (35)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The amendment was declared lost.

The voting on Clause 2 was as follows:

FOR: Councillors Alexander, Barney, Brackenbury, Bradburn, M Burke, S Burke, Coventry, Eastman, Edwards, Exon, Ferrans, Legg, Long, Maric, Marland, D McCall, I McCall, McKenzie, Middleton, Miles, O'Neill, Richards, Shafiq, Tallack, Venn, Wales, Wallis, Webb, White, C Williams, P Williams and Zealley (32)

AGAINST Councillors Bald, Bint, Bramall, Brock, Brunning, Dransfield, A Geary, P Geary, Hawthorn, Hopkins, Hoyle, Jury, Kennedy, Klein, McDonald, McLean, Morris, Small and Wharton(19)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The amendment was declared carried.

The Council heard from a member of the public during consideration of this item.

A recorded vote on the substantive motion was requested and the voting was as follows:

FOR: Councillors Bald, Barney, Bint, Bramall, Brock, Brunning, Dransfield, A Geary, P Geary, Hawthorn, Hopkins, Hoyle, Jury, Kennedy, Klein, McDonald, McLean, Morris, Small and Wharton(20)

AGAINST Councillors Alexander, Brackenbury, Bradburn, S Burke, Eastman, Exon, Ferrans, Maric, D McCall, I McCall, Richards, Shafiq, Tallack, C Williams and Zealley (15)

ABSTENTIONS: Councillors M Burke, Coventry, Edwards, Legg, Long, Marland, McKenzie, Middleton, Miles, O'Neill, Venn, Wales, Wallis, Webb, White and P Williams (16)

The substantive motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED -

1. That the 2013/14 Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and the financing of the Capital Programme be agreed, subject to:
 - (a) a reduction in the saving from bus subsidies (S98) of £43,000 to allow Bus Service 5 (Contracts 1245, 1247 and 1248) and Service 28/29 contract 1274 to be maintained, with the changes being funded from the one-off resources available in the budget proposal to Council, until the cost pressure created by this change can be addressed as part of the development of the 2014/15 Budget;

- (b) the proposed charge (S109) being reduced from £15 to £10, with no subsidy, with the reduction in income to the Council of £70,000 being funded from the one-off resources available in the budget proposal to Council, until the cost pressure created by this change can be addressed as part of the development of the 2014/15 Budget;
- (c) limiting the increase in Community Transport fares (S88) to £3.00, with the reduction in income of £22,000 being funded from the one-off resources available in the budget proposal to Council, until the cost pressure created by this change can be addressed as part of the development of the 2014/15 Budget;
- (d) the creation of a £100,000 match funding reserve for CCTV, which can be spent over two years to support other organisations to utilise the existing CCTV infrastructure, with the change being funded from the one-off resources available in the budget proposal to Council;
- (e) Wi-Fi in libraries being available free of charge;
- (f) Courtney Lodge sheltered housing scheme being further developed as a centre of intensive support for older people with dementia, to include:
 - (i) increased specialist domiciliary care services for people with complex needs, at a cost of £60,000 for 2013/14;
 - (ii) the development of more support for carers of older people with dementia through an 18 month pilot with a community organisation, at a cost of £150,000;
- (g) a pilot project costing up to £150,000 being commissioned from a community organisation to increase support to service users who are using personal budgets, so empowering older and disabled residents through control over their own personal budgets;
- (h) the establishment of a one-year promotional post costing £30,000 to work on increasing access by service users to assistive technology;
- (i) £15,000 being allocated to research the viability of a public sector mutual or co-operative within the area of Adult Social care;
- (j) the total additional cost of £405,000 of (f) to (i) above being funded from the one-off resources available in the Budget proposal to Council and the cost pressure created by the additional specialist domiciliary care

being addressed as part of the development of the 2014/15 Budget, with the remainder of the proposals being one-off pressures; and

- (k) three extra social workers being appointed to provide enhanced support to the key service areas of intermediate care, older people and learning disabilities, at a cost of £210,000, providing that the Council underspend in 2012/13 is sufficient to fund this amount.
2. That in line with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003, it be noted that the Corporate Director Resources is of the view that:
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3. That the estimated 2013/14 Dedicated Schools Grant, in advance of the grant confirmation from Department for Education, be noted.
4. That the fees and charges for 2013/14, including the exceptions to the Income Policy, be agreed.
5. That it be noted that, at its meeting on 19 December 2012, the Cabinet approved the amount of 74,879.22 equivalent Band D properties as the Council's Tax Base for the year 2013/14 in accordance with Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
6. That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2013/14 (excluding Parish Precepts) of £85.216m, be noted.
7. That the following amounts be used for the year 2013/14 for calculations in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 [the "Act"]:

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- (g) that the following amounts be calculated for Milton Keynes Council Tax:

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as the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (f) by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to all dwellings listed in each particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation B and D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act.

8. That it be noted that for the year 2013/14, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has confirmed the following precepts to the Council for each of the categories of dwellings:

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9. That it be noted that for the year 2013/14, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has confirmed the following precepts to the Council for each of the categories of dwellings:

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10. That, as a result of the above, the amounts of Council Tax (shown in **Annexes B and C**) be set in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwelling shown in the Schedule.
11. That following the policy decision made on the technical reforms to Council Tax by the Council on 12 December 2012, the following determinations be made in relation to the prescribed classes of dwellings in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended), to take effect from 1 April 2013 and to remain in effect until varied or revoked by determination:

Class A

Section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%.

Class B

Section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%.

Class C

- For any day on or after 1 May 2013 where any dwelling is unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C) and has been so for a continuous period of less than 1 calendar month immediately preceding the day in question: 100% discount.

Class C (continued)

2. For any day on or after 1 May 2013 where any dwelling is unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C) and has been so for a continuous period of 1 calendar month or more immediately preceding the day in question: section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%.
3. For any day from 1 April 2013 to 12 May 2013 where the property is unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C), but has not been unoccupied and not substantially unfurnished (not meeting Class C prescription) for a continuous period of 6 weeks or less immediately preceding the day in question: section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%.
4. For any day on or after 13 May 2013 where the property is unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C), but has not been unoccupied and not substantially unfurnished (not meeting the Class C prescription) for a continuous period of 6 weeks or less immediately preceding the day in question: section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%.
5. For any day, in respect of any dwelling that has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C) for a continuous period of one month or more immediately preceding 1 April 2013 and continues to be unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C) on 1 April 2013: section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%.
6. For any day, in respect of any dwelling that, on or after 1st April 2013 has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C) for a continuous period of more than one day but less than one month prior to 1st April 2013, a 100% discount for each day until the total unoccupied and unfurnished (Class C) period equals 31 days.
7. For any day, in respect of any dwelling that, on or after 1 April 2013 has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Class C) for more than one day prior to 1st April 2013, and the total unoccupied and unfurnished (Class C) period equals a continuous period of more than 31 days: section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%.

Class D

50% discount.

12. That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2013/14 to 2017/18 and the Treasury Policy Statement, including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, be agreed.
13. That the prudential indicators for Capital Expenditure and the Capital Financing Requirement, the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for External Debt, the Affordability Prudential indicators and the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators for the years 2013/14 to 2017/18, be agreed.
14. That the authorised limit for external debt of £587m for 2013/14 to be the statutory limit determined under section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003 be confirmed.
15. That the equalities impact assessment for the budget, used to inform the Budget Resolution of the Council, be noted.
16. That this Council agrees that:
 - (a) all services proposed for outsourcing should be the subject of review by the Budget Review Group;
 - (b) any financial costs in relation to outsourcing are made clear and transparent and subject to review by the Budget Review Group; and
 - (c) all future notices placed in OJEU should be reported to the Cabinet Procurement Committee so that both the intention to test the market and the actual decision to go to market are transparent and can be subject to appropriate scrutiny.

THE MAYOR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 10.51 PM