

## Council

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### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2021 AT ONLINE MEETING.

#### Present:

Cllr Richard Gamble (Chairman), Cllr James Sheppard (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Andrew Bryant, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Christine Crisp, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Bill Douglas, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr David Halik, Cllr Russell Hawker, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Hayley Illman, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Steve Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Leo Randall, Cllr Fleur de Rhé-Philipe MBE, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr John Smale, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Tony Trotman, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill

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#### 95 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anna Cuthbert, Nick Fogg MBE and Ashley O'Neil.

#### 96 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on 20 October and 24 November 2020 were presented for consideration and it was,

#### **Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the last Council meetings held on 20 October and 24 November 2020 be approved as a correct record.**

97 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Brian Dalton and Derek Brown declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the Budget in relation to the housing revenue account, as they both held a garage tenancy with the Council. Councillors Dalton and Brown indicated that they would withdraw from the meeting when a separate vote would be taken on the housing revenue account details.

98 **Announcements by the Chairman**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

**a) Chairman's Engagements**

Events Attended by the Chairman from Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2020:

Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2020      Was due to attend the Devizes Town Council Remembrance Day Service, but it was cancelled due to second lockdown. The Chairman laid a wreath in his own time.

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 West Lavington Remembrance Avenue Tree Planting and unveiling of Memorial stone.

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2020      Recorded a YouTube Christmas video message in conjunction with the Lord-Lieutenant, the Leader of Swindon Borough and Lord Talbot, DL, following the cancellation of the County of Wiltshire Carol Service at The Chapel of All Saints, Wardour Castle (Lord Talbot's family's former seat).

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020      Royal Visit of TRH The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall to Salisbury Cathedral to mark the 800th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone.

Events Attended by the Vice-Chairman from Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2020:

Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2020      Was due to attend the Marlborough Town Council Remembrance Day Service but it was cancelled due to second lockdown. The Vice-Chairman laid a wreath in his own time.

**b) New Years Honours**

The Chairman announced that a number of Wiltshire residents had received national recognition in Her Majesty's New Years Honours' list in January as follows:

OBEs had been awarded to:

- Mr. Anthony Price of Malmesbury for services to the Energy Storage Industry;

MBE's had been awarded to:

- Mrs. Anne Baker of Salisbury for charitable services, particularly during Covid-19;
- Mrs. Mercedes Henning of Edington for services to Education in Wiltshire;
- Mr. Derek Howland of East Tytherley for services to National Mapping;
- Prof. Alan Maryon-Davis of Tisbury for services to Public Health;
- Dr. Joanne Thwaite of Warminster for services to the NHS during the Covid-19 Response;
- Mr. Stephen Trowbridge of Swindon for services to Domiciliary Care during Covid-19;
- Mr. David Waters of Winterbourne Gunner for services to Wildlife Conservation and to the re-introduction of Rare Native Species to the UK;

BEM's had been awarded to:

- Mr. Terry Bracher of Corsham for services to Heritage and Public Libraries in Wiltshire;
- Mr. Christopher Martin of Ramsbury for services to the community in Ramsbury;
- Revd. Bernard Rumbold of Swindon for voluntary service to Young People;
- Ms. Patricia Trevett, Salisbury, for services to the community in Salisbury during Covid-19.

CVO's had been awarded to:

- Mr. Peter Troughton, CBE, the Lord-Lieutenant's husband, for his work with the Royal Collection over the last 15 years.

### **c) Voting**

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice- Chairman, it was,

**Resolved:**

**To suspend Paragraphs 22.6.2-22.6.4 of Part 4 of the Constitution to remove the requirement for automatic recorded votes for non-budgetary items.**

### **d) George McDonic**

The Chairman paid tribute to George McDonic, who had passed away on 14 February. Mr McDonic was formerly Chief Planning Officer for Wiltshire County Council and a longstanding chairman of the Wiltshire Historic Trust.

Cllr Jonathan Seed also paid tribute to Mr McDonic.

#### **e) Ian Gibbons**

The Chairman announced that the Monitoring Officer, Ian Gibbons would be retiring at the end of May 2021 after more than 33 years' service with the Council. The Chairman expressed his gratitude to Mr Gibbons for his service and advice to Members and officers over the years.

#### **f) Final Council Meeting**

The Chairman announced that with the elections in May 2021 expected to go ahead as scheduled, the meeting would be the final meeting of Full Council for many Members.

The Chairman extended thanks to all Members who would not be returning for their service to the council and the people of Wiltshire over, in some cases, several decades.

#### **99 Petitions Received**

The Chairman stated that six petitions had been formally received by the Council since the last ordinary meeting. No petitions were to be presented to the meeting. Details were given on the situation surrounding the Furlong Close petition and it was explained that the lead petitioner had requested that the petition was not debated at the current time. The Leader was aware of concerns raised regarding the proposed closure of the HfT residential facility and Overview and Scrutiny had been invited to undertake a rapid scrutiny exercise to inform the Council.

#### **100 Petitions Update**

A report was presented which gave Council details of the six petitions received for the period since the last Council meeting.

#### **Resolved:**

**That Council note the report, the petitions received and the actions being taken in relation to them.**

#### **101 Public Participation**

All questions received and the responses provided were published in the agenda supplement. The Chairman invited questioners present whether they wished to ask a supplementary question.

- Steve Bucknell had submitted a question regarding the delivery of political leaflets during the pandemic. In response to a supplementary

question Cllr Clewer explained that further government guidance was awaited regarding leaflet delivery and doorstep campaigning.

- Caroline Thomas had submitted a question regarding Wiltshire Council's plans to help residents be more active. In response to a supplementary question Cllr Blair-Pilling, Cabinet Member for ICT, Digitalisation, Operational Assets, Leisure and Libraries, stated that at the current time he was unable to provide a date when the findings of the impact review of leisure and physical activity services would be available, however the findings would be shared when available. Cllr Blair-Pilling confirmed that Wiltshire Council would encourage Town and Parish Councils who were developing Neighbourhood Plans to ensure that this topic was considered.

There were no further supplementary questions. Questions and statements related to particular agenda items would be taken under those items.

## 102 **Treasury Management Strategy 2021/2022**

The Chairman invited the Cabinet Member for Finance, Procurement and Commercial Investment, Cllr Pauline Church to present a report on the Treasury Management Strategy 2021/2022.

Cllr Church stated that the report was recommended to Council by Cabinet at the meeting on 2 February 2021. The report set out a prudent approach to treasury management, taking into account:

- Liquidity
- Risk Profile and credit worthiness of counter parties, and
- Yield

Cllr Church explained that the Council was required to operate a balanced budget and part of the treasury management operation was to ensure that cash flow was adequately planned. Surplus monies were invested within the Council's risks appetite as set out in the strategy.

The second main function of the treasury management strategy was the funding of the Council's capital plans. Capital plans provided a guide to the borrowing needs of the Council, the long-term cash flow planning ensured spending obligations could be met.

The treasury management function was critical to the Council as the balance of debt and investment operation ensured liquidity and the ability to meet spending commitments.

Cllr Church passed on thanks to officer Debbie Price for all her work on the treasury management strategy.

Cllr Church proposed a motion to accept the recommendations in the report as detailed on page 68 of the agenda summons, which was seconded by Cllr Philip Whitehead.

Comments were then made on the proposals by Group Leaders as follows:

Cllr Philip Whitehead, Leader of the Council, commended the strategy and stated he felt that the report was of a very high quality.

Cllr Ian Thorn, Leader of the Liberal Democrats, asked a question regarding the issue of spend on major projects and investments and the ongoing issue of the gap between the budget in terms of capital investment and the turnout.

Cllr Ernie Clark, Independent Group Leader, thought the report was acceptable however was uncertain regarding proposal g.

Cllr Ricky Rogers, Labour Group Leader, stated that the report was very thorough and he was happy to support the strategy.

There were no comments in debate from Members.

Cllr Church responded to Cllr Thorn's question, reassuring him that the team were focusing on profiling and the spend as per the planned project. It was,

**Resolved:**

**That Full Council:**

- a) Adopt the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy (paragraph 31 – 33)**
- b) Adopt the Prudential and Treasury Indicators (paragraphs 24 – 30, 43 – 49 and Appendix A)**
- c) Adopt the Annual Investment Strategy (paragraph 82 onwards).**
- d) Delegate to the Interim Corporate Director of Resources the authority to vary the amount of borrowing and other long-term liabilities within the Treasury Indicators for the Authorised Limit and the Operational Boundary**
- e) Authorise the Interim Corporate Director of Resources to agree the restructuring of existing long-term loans where savings are achievable or to enhance the long-term portfolio**
- f) Agree that short term cash surpluses and deficits continue to be managed through temporary loans, deposits and money market funds**
- g) Agree that any surplus cash balances not required to cover borrowing are placed in the most appropriate specified or non-**

**specified investments, particularly where this is more cost effective than short term deposits; and delegate to the Interim Corporate Director of Resources the authority to select such funds**

**h) Adopt the Third Party Loans Policy (paragraph 97 and Appendix F)**

103 **Wiltshire Council's Financial Plan Update 2021/22, Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025/26 and Capital Programme and Strategy**

The Chairman introduced the item, drew attention to the various papers connected to the item and explained the procedures to be followed. The Chairman then invited Cllr Philip Whitehead, Leader of the Council, to present his budget speech.

Cllr Whitehead detailed how difficult the last year had been and how COVID-19 had deeply affected everyone. Wiltshire Council had not lost sight of the ambition for stronger communities and the pandemic had highlighted how strong communities could become stronger when faced with challenges.

Cllr Whitehead gave some facts and figures detailing the extra spending and work undertaken in response to the pandemic. Business as usual had also continued throughout, with teams working towards a stronger future.

Cllr Whitehead explained that there would be further challenges to come due to continued uncertainty and latent demand, these had been planned for in the budget. The budget was proactive and efficient, there would be more scrutiny of finances, more demand modelling and organisational recovery would take advantage of lessons learnt during the pandemic, driving efficiencies. The budget would offer resilience and ensure that vital services were provided and those most in need supported.

Cllr Pauline Church, Cabinet Member for Finance, Procurement and Commercial Investment, presented the Financial Plan 2021/22, Medium Term Financial Strategy Update, Capital Strategy and Capital Programme. Cllr Church explained that the last year had been a journey. When she accepted her Cabinet post Wiltshire Council was £50 million in deficit and had lobbied the government for funds to cover this shortfall. In response to the pandemic the Corporate Leadership Team had reassessed forecasts and spending controls had been implemented.

It was stated that uncertainty and the ever-changing landscape was a huge challenge and Wiltshire Council needed to ensure that service delivery could continue throughout the pandemic, recovery and beyond. The extra Government funds received were a one year settlement and a planned Government review of financing of local councils had been delayed due to the pandemic. As a result, Wiltshire Council had made preparations within the budget by setting up a latent demand reserve account and a council tax volatility reserve account. Officers had also introduced a mechanism to control reserve levels using a risk assessment model. It was proposed that Council Tax

and the Adult Social Care levy should be increased, raising £8.5 million for services.

Some services had seen demand go down, however there could be hidden issues leading to latent demand and a surge for services, so a latent demand reserve account would be created, and funds added to the council tax discretionary hardship fund. Funding had also been set aside to help Wiltshire's town centres adapt and recover. Significant funds had been set aside for Children's Services, SEN and disability transport and Waste Services. Wiltshire Council was investing in the health and wellbeing of residents by bringing all leisure centres in house and providing improved facilities/activities.

Cllr Church thanked all officers who had worked on the budget.

Cllr Pauline Church proposed a motion to adopt the recommendations as set out in the budget report on page 112 of the agenda. This was seconded by Cllr Philip Whitehead.

The Chairman invited Cllr Graham Wright, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to comment and present the report of the Scrutiny meeting held on 26 January 2021. The report could be found at pages 119-126 of the agenda. Cllr Wright explained that a report by the Financial Planning Task Group had been welcomed, received and noted at the meeting. Senior officers, Members of the Executive and Scrutiny Chair's were in attendance so that issues could be raised, and answers provided as required. Cllr Wright stated that the OSMC had noted the plan and assured Members and the public that robust scrutiny had been undertaken, despite the difficulties of this during the pandemic. Cllr Wright considered the reports and the questions and answers received at the meeting to be of a high quality.

The Chairman invited Cllr Pip Ridout as Chair of the Financial Planning Task Group to comment. Cllr Ridout stated that she considered the budget to be of a very high quality, with an improved layout and increased readability. The task group had also invited Members and officers to attend their meeting in order to raise questions and obtain answers, full details of all the issues considered and raised could be found in the report to OSMC.

Questions and statements were then received from members of the public; their responses were published in the agenda supplement. There were no supplementary questions.

Adrian Temple-Brown read a statement regarding the risks of extreme weather, increased temperatures caused by global warming and the mass migration of people to the UK as a result of flooding and famine elsewhere, which could create food shortages here. Mr Temple-Brown felt that the budget Cabinet recommended to Council did not contain adequate risk assessments of climate and ecological damage and did not consider the environment or carbon emissions..

The Chairman then invited group leaders to comment as follows:



Cllr Philip Whitehead, Leader of the Council had no comment.

Cllr Ian Thorn, Leader of the Liberal Democrats thanked residents, businesses, Wiltshire Council staff and Members for their resilience and hard work during the past year. Regarding the question on delivery of political leaflets Cllr Thorn stated that he did not feel it was acceptable in the present situation and apologised for any that had been delivered by his party. Cllr Thorn reflected on the past four years and issues that his party had fought on, highlighting Furlong Close and called for an independent inquiry into the situation surrounding Furlong Close. In regards to the budget Cllr Thorn stated that the briefing and scrutiny process had been helpful. However, he felt that the budget was not ambitious enough. Cllr Thorn drew attention to the large increase over the last year in residents claiming Universal Credit; children claiming free school meals and the increase in usage of food banks. Meanwhile he stated that Wiltshire Council had a record surplus; was putting a record £17 million into reserves and was putting Council Tax up by the maximum amount allowed by central government. Whilst Cllr Thorn acknowledged that it was prudent to save for an uncertain future, he felt that people were struggling now. Therefore, the Liberal Democrats would not support the budget. Their intention had been to produce a full budget, however after discussion with officers it was deemed untenable at the current time due to the demands on officers dealing with the pandemic. The amendments being proposed at the meeting were sound and would help to rebalance the proposed budget in favour of the needs of the people of Wiltshire.

Cllr Ernie Clark, Leader of the Independents, stated that Cllr Thorn had covered most of his points. Cllr Clark also hoped the Furlong Close situation could be resolved. Cllr Clark questioned whether Wiltshire Council was Member led, stating that some Members felt Wiltshire Council was officer led.

Cllr Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group stated that the Furlong Close situation was very difficult, welcomed a possible rapid scrutiny exercise and hoped that a satisfactory solution could be found for all. Cllr Rogers declared that the response given by Wiltshire Council during COVID-19 was outstanding and thanked all involved. Cllr Rogers agreed with Cllr Whitehead that this was an apolitical budget. However, after listening to feedback from his community and the difficulties that residents were facing, he felt unable to support the budget and a rise in Council Tax.

The Chairman then invited Cllr Gavin Grant, seconded by Cllr Ian Thorn to proposed Amendment A, as follows.

#### **Amendment A**

- To reduce the Adult Social Care levy from 3% in 2021/22 to 2% in 2021/22 and to apply a 1% levy in 2022/23. The loss of funding is approximately £2.841m in 2021/22. The £2.841m shortfall is to be met from a draw of funds from the Latent Demand Reserve.

Cllr Graham Wright, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee confirmed that appropriate scrutiny had taken place on the financial

issues being discussed. Cllr Wright stated that Cllrs Thorn and Grant had confirmed that there would be no impact on service delivery by spreading the adult social care levy over 2 years. Details were sought on additional draw down on the latent reserve fund and queries raised on overall council position on reserves. In response to queries around the balancing of financial risks by the council, it was noted that the S151 Officer had estimated the cover of that risk from 96% to 80% in the event all three amendments were approved.

The Leader stated Wiltshire Council had frozen Council Tax from 2011-2016, which had been opposed each year by Liberal Democrats, if Council Tax had been raised each of those years, residents would be paying approximately £200 per year more than current levels. The proposed amendment would save residents £15.00 a year. Cllr Whitehead felt it was sensible to raise the Council Tax and use the monies raised to protect the vulnerable and the poor, he also highlighted that those on Universal Credit get 80% of their Council Tax paid for them, so the amendment would save them £2.00. Cllr Whitehead confirmed the S151 officer had stated that there were risks in reducing earmarked reserves and any reduction in the level of the reserves reduced Wiltshire Councils ability to meet demand and deal with volatility in the future.

Cllr Clark, Leader of the Independent Group, stated he had a mixed mind in the amendment.

Cllr Ricky Rogers stated that the proposed amendments would slightly reduce the burden of the Council Tax increase. However, he identified the social care levy as an issue and felt that this should be funded by central government rather than being passed to local councils to collect.

The Chairman opened the debate to all Members.

Comments in support of the amendment included but were not limited to: That the reduction in Council Tax proposed by the amendment was a lot of money to those on low incomes and could make a real difference; the amendment would not affect the delivery of frontline services or pose a financial risk; that the amendments had at its heart the people of Wiltshire.

Comments in objection to the amendment included but were not limited to: the wealthy would benefit from the amendment rather than the poor who could be supported by benefits; the reserve funds were incredibly important and to reduce them was risky, and there was large latent demand forecast.

Cllr Thorn was invited to respond as Liberal Democrat Group Leader, regarding the amendment Cllr Thorn reiterated his support for the amendment.

Cllr Grant as the mover of the motion was given the opportunity to respond and detailed facts and figures in support of the motion and stated that the amendment was about cash flow, timing and leaving money in the pockets of residents at this time, which he felt was correct.

Cllr Church as the mover of the original motion was given the right to reply. Cllr Church stated that Wiltshire Council could not deliver services if they did not have sufficient reserves. The proposed motion would leave a shortfall in the latent demand reserve.

In accordance with the Constitution the vote on the Amendment A was a recorded vote:

- For – 27
- Against - 59
- Abstentions – 3

Amendment A was lost.

The meeting was adjourned at 1.47pm for lunch and would reconvene at 2.15pm.

### **Amendment B**

The Chairman invited Cllr Gavin Grant to table Amendment B, seconded by Cllr Ian Thorn as follows:

- To increase the Hardship Fund from £0.300m to £1.000m in 2021/22. The pressure is £0.700m. That pressure to be made up by an additional draw of funds from the Collection Fund Volatility Reserve.

Cllr Graham Wright, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee confirmed that appropriate scrutiny had taken place on the financial issues being discussed and there would not be any additional risks to the Council arising from the amendment.

The Leader commented on the amendment highlighting that there was no additional funding proposed with the amendment, merely a release of funding from a reserve account that may be used following advice, calculations and judgement by officers and he would not support the amendment.

Cllr Ian Thorn, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, supported the amendment, indicating that it maintained a growing need and covered the options against a growing economic challenge.

Cllr Ernie Clark, Leader of the Independent Group expressed support for the amendment.

Cllr Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group expressed support for the amendment.

Cllr Pauline Church, Cabinet Member for Finance, Procurement and Commercial Investment did not accept the amendment as a friendly amendment and therefore the debate was opened to all Members.

During the debate the following issues and comments were raised – observing an increase in need in schools and local communities and support for appropriate funding to help residents during the coming year, officers react to needs as they arise during the year and this should continue, need for a flexible reserve, the Council needs the ability to react to circumstances and ability to move funding as necessary.

In accordance with the Constitution the vote on the Amendment B was a recorded vote:

- For - 24
- Against - 55
- Abstain - 9

Amendment B was lost.

### **Amendment C**

The Chairman invited Cllr Gavin Grant to table Amendment C, seconded by Cllr Ian Thorn as follows:

- To ring-fence any in-year favourable variance that arises against the £1m reduction of section 31 grants attributed to Business Rate reliefs in the budget report (paragraph 64 & 65) and that variance be transferred to an earmarked reserve specifically to support businesses that are in financial distress by way of discretionary reliefs or discretionary grants.

Cllr Graham Wright, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee confirmed that appropriate scrutiny had taken place on the financial issues being discussed and there would not be any additional risks to the Council arising from the amendment.

The Leader commented on the amendment highlighting that Members had relied on officer advice during the COVID-19 epidemic and the amendment would raise unnecessary challenges if the funding needed to be used for another purpose.

Cllr Ian Thorn, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, did not comment on the amendment.

Cllr Ernie Clark, Leader of the Independent Group did not support the amendment.

Cllr Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group did not support the amendment.

Cllr Pauline Church, Cabinet Member for Finance, Procurement and Commercial Investment did not accept the amendment as a friendly amendment and therefore the debate was opened to all Members.

During the debate the following comments were raised – the amendment conveys a message of support to the business community and the Council should have maximum discretion to react to events as they materialise.

In accordance with the Constitution the vote on the Amendment C was a recorded vote. The result of the vote was:

- For - 21
- Against - 59
- Abstain - 5

Amendment C was lost.

There were no further amendments moved by Group Leaders and debate was opened to all Members.

During the debate the following issues and comments were raised – the budget was ambitious and deliverable and rose to the challenge of COVID-19, the budget may negatively impact some residents who suffer financial hardships, the budget would not address issues as a result of savings year on year, references to the increases in demands for funding especially Children's Services, Social Care, and impact of mental health issues associated with COVID-19, and the budget was flexible, maintaining and investing in services for the future.

**Resolved:**

**Vote 1**

**That Council:**

1. That a net general fund budget of 2021/22 of £412.561m is approved;
2. That the Councils Tax requirement for the Council be set at £298.265m for 2021/22 with an average Band D of £1,590.60;
3. That the Wiltshire Council element of the Council Tax be increased in 2021/22 the following:
  - i. A 1.99% general increase
  - ii. Plus a levy of 3% to be spent solely on Adult Social Care;
4. That the Corporate Leadership Team be required to meet the revenue budget targets for each service area as set out in Appendix 1 to this report, for the delivery of Council services in 2021/22;
5. Delegate changes in fees and charges as set out in the report.
6. That the Capital Programme 2021/22 to 2029/30 is approved;

**7. That the Capital Strategy set out in Appendix 9 is adopted;**

**8. 8-10. In Vote 2**

**11. Endorses the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the forecast budget gap of £45.512m for the 2022/23 financial year with regular updates to be received on delivery against strategy and addressing the forecast budget gap.**

**Vote 2**

**That Council:**

**8. That the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for 2021/22 is set at £23.626m;**

**9. That a 1.5% increase is set for social dwelling rents, except for rents currently over the formula rent which will be capped at formula rent as per national guidance;**

**10. All service charges related to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) being increased to cover costs and garage rents increased by 1.5%;**

*In accordance with the Constitution this was a recorded vote.*

*Vote 1*

*Votes for the motion (59)*

*Votes against the motion (22)*

*Votes in abstention (5)*

*Vote 2*

*Votes for the motion (77)*

*Votes against the motion (0)*

*Votes in abstention (5)*

*Details of each vote are attached to the minutes.*

**104 Council Tax Setting 2021/22**

Councillor Pauline Church, Cabinet Member for Finance, Procurement and Commercial Investment, presented the report enabling the Council to calculate and approve the Council Tax requirement for 2021/22.

The report detailed the level by which the basic element of the Council Tax would be allowed to increase for 2021/22 (1.99%), as set out in the 2021/22 Local Government Finance Settlement and the council's ability to increase the adult social care precept by a further 3% on top of the basic element. Cabinet considered this proposal at its meeting on 2 February 2021 and supported the proposals for consideration by Full Council. Since this Cabinet meeting the

precept levels of other precepting authorities (Town & Parish Councils / Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon / Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority) had been received by the Council.

There were no comments from Group Leaders or other Councillors.

**Resolved:**

1. It be noted that on 4 December 2020 an Officer Decision was made by Andy Brown, Interim Corporate Director of Resources.
  - a. the Council Tax Base 2021/22 for the whole Wiltshire Council area as 187,517.35 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")] and,
  - b. for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2021/22 (excluding parish precepts) is £298,265,097.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2021/22 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:

<b>(a) £900,262,388</b>	<b>(Gross Revenue Expenditure including transfers to reserves, parish precepts and any collection fund deficit) 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>
<b>(b) £577,373,520</b>	<b>(Gross Revenue Income including transfers from reserves, General Government Grants and any collection fund surplus) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.</b>
<b>(c) £322,888,868</b>	<b>(Net Revenue Expenditure including parish precepts) being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above</b>

	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).
<b>(d) £1,721.91</b>	(Wiltshire Council band D tax plus average Town & Parish Councils Band D Council Tax) 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), as shown below:

<b>Band A £</b>	<b>Band B £</b>	<b>Band C £</b>	<b>Band D £</b>	<b>Band E £</b>	<b>Band F £</b>	<b>Band G £</b>	<b>Band H £</b>
<b>1,147.94</b>	<b>1,339.26</b>	<b>1,530.59</b>	<b>1,721.91</b>	<b>2,104.56</b>	<b>2,487.20</b>	<b>2,869.85</b>	<b>3,443.82</b>

<b>(e) £24,623,771</b>	(Aggregate of Town & Parish Council Precepts) being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix C).
<b>(f) £1,590.60</b>	(band D Council Tax for Wiltshire Council purposes only) being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its



	<b>Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates, as shown below:</b>
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<b>Band A £</b>	<b>Band B £</b>	<b>Band C £</b>	<b>Band D £</b>	<b>Band E £</b>	<b>Band F £</b>	<b>Band G £</b>	<b>Band H £</b>
<b>1,060.40</b>	<b>1,237.13</b>	<b>1,413.87</b>	<b>1,590.60</b>	<b>1,944.07</b>	<b>2,297.53</b>	<b>2,651.00</b>	<b>3,181.20</b>

105 **Pay Policy Statement**

Councillor Richard Clewer, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Heritage, Arts & Tourism, Housing and Communities, presented the report which provided an update on the pay policy statement for 2021/2022 which applies to all non-schools' employees of Wiltshire Council, except for centrally employed teachers who are covered by the teachers' pay policy.

There were no comments from Group Leaders or other Councillors.

**Resolved:**

**To approve the updated Pay Policy Statement set out in Appendix 1 of the report.**

106 **Returning Officer Fees and Charges**

Councillor Richard Clewer, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Heritage, Arts & Tourism, Housing and Communities, presented the report on the which proposed the Returning Officer's scale of fees and charges scheme to run local elections and referenda effective from 1 April 2021.

Cllr Clewer explained the Returning Officer was appointed by the local authority to conduct elections and referendums within the local authority area. The current 2013 scale of fees and charges is outdated in terms of pay rates and inadequately reflecting the job roles and services required. There was now a need for specific job roles and services to be identified and included in the fees and charges scheme. The report also included information relating to the Returning Officer as the designated Counting Officer for Neighbourhood Planning Referendums.

There were no comments from Group Leaders or other Councillors.

**Resolved:**

- a) approve the revised scale of fees and charges effective from April 2021;**
- b) note the inclusion of fees for Neighbourhood Planning Referendums;**
- c) approve a revised scale of charging for uncontested elections;**
- d) approve a revised scale of charging for countermanded or postponed elections.**

107 **Wiltshire Council's Response to the Climate Emergency- Update Report**

Councillor Richard Clewer, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Heritage, Arts & Tourism, Housing and Communities, presented the update report on Wiltshire Council's Response to the Climate Emergency.

Cllr Clewer explained the expectation had been to introduce the full Climate Strategy however, this had not been possible following the impact of COVID-19 national restrictions and the Council's response. Therefore, a discussion document was appended to the report, setting out the proposed approach to developing a draft Climate Strategy and its outline content, navigating engagement and consultation through to its final adoption.

Cllr Clewer confirmed that the Council's Climate Team was now in place and making good progress with the development of a Climate Engagement Plan following engagement with a significant number of stakeholders. He commented on the investment of £50m to raise councils homes to an energy performance B rating, as a minimum, over the next 10 years, the council's successful application to the Government's 'Green Homes Grant' Local Authority Delivery Scheme – Phase 1b – targeting improvements to 100 homes with the poorest levels of insulation by September 2021.

Cllr Clewer proposed, seconded by Cllr Whitehead, that the recommendations as detailed in the report be adopted.

Public questions were received from Sue Deedigan and Mary Webb. All questions and their written responses were contained in the agenda supplement. There were no supplementary questions.

Statements were received from the following in relation to the Council's response to the Climate Emergency:

- Andrew Nicolson
- Carys Richards – Wiltshire Climate Alliance Youth
- Baroness Jones of Mouselcoomb
- Caroline Lanyon

In response to a number of comments raised in the questions and statements Cllr Clewer the (i) Wiltshire was a large rural county and therefore transport issues were difficult to overcome. Appropriate infrastructure would be required in advance of any new homes developments; (ii) The Council must meet housing targets set by the Government; (iii) Carbon neutrality may not be completely resolved by 2030; (iv) The Council understands the importance of sustainable energy and discussions have been taking place with energy companies to progress the delivery of energy proposals, alongside the necessary support from Government.

The Chairman then invited Group Leaders to speak before opening the debate to Members.

The Leader of the Council, confirmed the Council was committed to carbon neutrality and working towards the Councils motion of 26 February 2019 to acknowledge that 'there is a climate emergency and to seek to make the county of Wiltshire carbon neutral by 2030'. He reported that significant progress was being made on a number of issues, although the framework for achieving carbon neutrality was very tight.

Cllr Thorn, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, thanked the public for their questions and statements, and congratulated Cllr Clewer for the work being undertaken and his commitment to achieving carbon neutrality. He questioned how the 'new' Council could be more effective in it's review of the Council's Carbon Strategy and the Council would need to listen to issues raised by the public in order to deliver on the huge challenges facing the Council.

Cllr Clark, Leader of the Independents, commented on the challenges ahead for the Council including the number of new homes required in the county.

Cllr McLennan, on behalf of the Labour Party, was pleased that new Council housing builds would be zero emissions and noted that the challenge was to influence and lead on many other fronts and work alongside established climate organisations.

A number of other comments were received from the Council including, an apparent lack of ambition and 'can do' attitude in the areas of change and reallocation of resources, the future of waste management and links with climate commitments, the commitment to work together to achieve lasting results, dramatic increase in the volume of cardboard and glass during the lockdown, collection of food waste and delays to the Environment Bill and Pension Fund investment in renewable energy sources and local infrastructure.

**Resolved:**

- 1. That Council notes the actions taken in response to the climate emergency since July 2020.**
- 2. That Council notes that Cabinet, on February 2nd, 2021, delegated authority to the Director of Economic Development and Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Heritage, Arts & Tourism, Housing and Communities, to proceed to:**
  - a. develop and implement a Climate Engagement Plan based on the appended discussion document; and,**
  - b. authorise a subsequent consultation on such draft proposals as may emerge from the engagement process; and,**
  - c. return to Cabinet with a final draft Climate Strategy, seeking approval to submit to Council for adoption.**

**108 Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion received for this meeting.

**109 Appointment of an Independent Remuneration Panel for Wiltshire**

Councillor Richard Clewer, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Heritage, Arts & Tourism, Housing and Communities, presented the report on the appointment of an Independent Remuneration Panel to review the Wiltshire Council Members' Allowance Scheme, for implementation in the new Council term.

Cllr Clewer explained that members' allowances must be reviewed every 4 years in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003. The Council agreed in October 2020 the arrangements for recruitment of 3 Panel members. Since that time and following a selection process with participation from each political group on the council, 3 candidates were recommended for appointment by the Monitoring Officer. However, one candidate had withdrawn leaving a vacancy and Council is requested that this selection and appointment is undertaken under delegated authority as detailed below. Details about the remaining 2 candidates were included in the report.

The Chairman then invited Group Leaders to comment on the report. There were no additional comments.

**Resolved:**

- a) Notes the process undertaken to recruit members to an Independent Remuneration Panel and approves the appointment of:**

- **John Quinton – Panel Chairman**
- **Bernadette Fitzmaurice – Panel Member**

**b) Delegates authority to the Director of Legal and Governance, in consultation with Group Leaders (or their nominated representative), to undertake the selection process and appointment of the final Panel member, and if subsequent vacancies may arise during the course of a review.**

**c) Notes that Panel members are appointed for a 4-year term.**

#### 110 **Appointment of Co-opted Members to the Standards Committee**

Councillor Richard Clewer, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Heritage, Arts & Tourism, Housing and Communities, presented the report on the appointment of co-opted members to the Standards Committee.

Cllr Clewer explained that the Standards Committee's Terms of Reference provide for the appointment of 8 non-voting co-opted members. The term for 4 of these non-voting co-opted members ends in May 2021 and new appointments would be required for the 4 vacancies. In previous years the Council had resolved that these appointments should be for the remainder of the Council term (4 years) and the decision delegated to the Standards Committee.

A further delegation for the latest appointment of 4 non-voting co-opted members is requested.

**Resolved:**

**To delegate the appointment of 4 non-voting co-opted members to the Standards Committee and the arrangements for selection of such members to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chairman of the Standards Committee.**

#### 111 **Announcements from Cabinet and Committees**

There were no announcements by Cabinet Members or Chairs of Committees.

Cllr Seed raised a question in relation to the Technical Rescue Review undertaken by the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Rescue Service at their meeting held on 11 February 2021. In particular, concern was raised about the reduction in the number of Fire Stations in Wiltshire where flood rescue equipment is located. Cllr Oatway, as a member of Wiltshire Council on the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority, reported that he and other Wiltshire Councillors on the Authority were opposed to these proposals and voted against them. He confirmed that a considerable amount of lobbying had been undertaken with local MP's.

There were no general issues relating to Area Boards.

The Council received comments from a number of Members who were standing down at the forthcoming unitary elections. They expressed their thanks to other Councillors and officers for the help and support offered during their time as a serving Member.

Note:

Councillor Seed declared an personal interest in the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service issue raised above as he was a candidate for the forthcoming elections of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

112 **Membership of Committees**

There were no changes to the membership of Committees.

113 **Councillors' Questions**

There were no questions from Members for this meeting.

**Recorded Votes**

Details of recorded votes are attached to these minutes.

**Members Attendance**

Members attendance details are attached to these minutes.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 7.00 pm)

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**Item 8 - Wiltshire Council's Financial Plan Update 2021/22, Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025/26 and Capital Programme and Strategy**

**Vote on Amendment A - For: 28 Against: 58 Abstain: 3**

First Name	Surname	Vote
Phil	Alford	Against
Ben	Anderson	Against
Pat	Aves	For
Chuck	Berry	Against
Ian	Blair-Pilling	Against
Richard	Britton	Against
Derek	Brown	Against
Andrew	Bryant	For
Allison	Bucknell	Against
Clare	Cape	For
Trevor	Carbin	For
Mary	Champion	Against
Pauline	Church	Against
Ernie	Clark	For
Richard	Clewer	Against
Mark	Connolly	Against
Christine	Crisp	Against
Kevin	Daley	Against
Brian	Dalton	For
Jane	Davies	Against
Andrew	Davis	Against
Matthew	Dean	Against
Tony	Deane	Against
Stewart	Dobson	Against
Bill	Douglas	For
Mary	Douglas	Against
Peter	Evans	Against
Sue	Evans	Against
Peter	Fuller	Against
Richard	Gamble	Abstain
Sarah	Gibson	For
Gavin	Grant	For
Jose	Green	Against
Howard	Greenman	Against
Mollie	Groom	Against
David	Halik	Against
Ross	Henning	For
Alan	Hill	Against
Sven	Hocking	Against
Nick	Holder	Against
Ruth	Hopkinson	For
Atiquil	Hoque	Against
Jon	Hubbard	Against
Chris	Hurst	For
Peter	Hutton	Against

First Name	Surname	Vote
Hayley	Illman	For
Tony	Jackson	Against
Simon	Jacobs	Against
George	Jeans	Abstain
Bob	Jones	For
Johnny	Kidney	Against
Carole	King	For
Gordon	King	For
Edward	Kirk	Against
Jerry	Kunkler	Against
Jacqui	Lay	Against
Jim	Lynch	For
Brian	Mathew	For
Laura	Mayes	Against
Ian	McLennan	For
Nick	Murry	For
Christopher	Newbury	Against
Paul	Oatway	Against
Stephen	Oldrieve	For
Stewart	Palmen	For
Andy	Phillips	For
Horace	Prickett	Against
Fleur	de Rhé-Philipe	Against
Pip	Ridout	Against
Ricky	Rogers	For
Tom	Rounds	Against
Jonathon	Seed	Against
James	Sheppard	Abstain
John	Smale	For
Toby	Sturgis	Against
John	Thomson	Against
Ian	Thorn	For
Jo	Trigg	For
Tony	Trotman	Against
John	Walsh	For
Bridget	Wayman	Against
Fred	Westmoreland	Against
Philip	Whalley	Against
Stuart	Wheeler	Against
Philip	Whitehead	Against
Suzanne	Wickham	Against
Christopher	Williams	Against
Graham	Wright	Against
Robert	Yuill	Against

*During the recorded vote Cllr Aves cast her vote as against.*

*However, later in the meeting she corrected that her vote had been intended to be for.*

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**Vote on Amendment B - For: 24 Against:55 Abstain:9**

First Name	Surname	Vote
Phil	Alford	Against
Ben	Anderson	Against
Pat	Aves	For
Chuck	Berry	Against
Ian	Blair-Pilling	Against
Richard	Britton	Against
Derek	Brown	Against
Andrew	Bryant	For
Allison	Bucknell	Against
Clare	Cape	For
Trevor	Carbin	For
Mary	Champion	Against
Pauline	Church	Against
Ernie	Clark	Abstain
Richard	Clewer	Against
Mark	Connolly	Against
Christine	Crisp	Against
Kevin	Daley	Against
Brian	Dalton	For
Jane	Davies	Against
Andrew	Davis	Against
Matthew	Dean	Against
Tony	Deane	Against
Christopher	Devine	Abstain
Stewart	Dobson	Against
Bill	Douglas	For
Mary	Douglas	Against
Peter	Evans	Against
Sue	Evans	Against
Peter	Fuller	Abstain
Richard	Gamble	Abstain
Sarah	Gibson	For
Gavin	Grant	For
Jose	Green	Against
Howard	Greenman	Against
David	Halik	Against
Ross	Henning	For
Alan	Hill	Against
Sven	Hocking	Against
Nick	Holder	Against
Ruth	Hopkinson	For
Atiquil	Hoque	Against
Jon	Hubbard	Against
Chris	Hurst	For

First Name	Surname	Vote
Peter	Hutton	Against
Hayley	Illman	For
Tony	Jackson	Against
Simon	Jacobs	Against
George	Jeans	Abstain
Bob	Jones	For
Johnny	Kidney	Against
Carole	King	For
Gordon	King	For
Edward	Kirk	Abstain
Jerry	Kunkler	Against
Jacqui	Lay	Against
Jim	Lynch	For
Brian	Mathew	For
Laura	Mayes	Against
Ian	McLennan	Abstain
Nick	Murry	For
Christopher	Newbury	Against
Paul	Oatway	Against
Stephen	Oldrieve	For
Stewart	Palmen	For
Andy	Phillips	Abstain
Horace	Prickett	Against
Fleur	de Rhé-Philipe	Against
Pip	Ridout	Against
Ricky	Rogers	For
Tom	Rounds	Against
Jonathon	Seed	Against
James	Sheppard	Abstain
John	Smale	Against
Toby	Sturgis	Against
John	Thomson	Against
Ian	Thorn	For
Jo	Trigg	For
Tony	Trotman	Against
John	Walsh	For
Bridget	Wayman	Against
Fred	Westmoreland	Against
Philip	Whalley	Against
Stuart	Wheeler	Against
Philip	Whitehead	Against
Suzanne	Wickham	Against
Christopher	Williams	Against
Graham	Wright	Against



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**Vote on Amendment C - For: 21 Against:59 Abstain: 5**

First Name	Surname	Vote
Phil	Alford	Against
Ben	Anderson	Against
Pat	Aves	For
Chuck	Berry	Against
Ian	Blair-Pilling	Against
Richard	Britton	Against
Derek	Brown	Against
Andrew	Bryant	For
Allison	Bucknell	Against
Clare	Cape	For
Trevor	Carbin	For
Mary	Champion	Against
Pauline	Church	Against
Ernie	Clark	Against
Richard	Clewer	Against
Mark	Connolly	Against
Christine	Crisp	Against
Kevin	Daley	Against
Brian	Dalton	For
Jane	Davies	Against
Andrew	Davis	Against
Matthew	Dean	Against
Tony	Deane	Against
Stewart	Dobson	Against
Mary	Douglas	Against
Peter	Evans	Against
Sue	Evans	Against
Peter	Fuller	Against
Richard	Gamble	Abstain
Gavin	Grant	For
Jose	Green	Against
Howard	Greenman	Against
David	Halik	Against
Ross	Henning	For
Alan	Hill	Against
Sven	Hocking	Against
Nick	Holder	Against
Ruth	Hopkinson	For
Atiquil	Hoque	Against
Jon	Hubbard	For
Chris	Hurst	For
Peter	Hutton	Against
Tony	Jackson	Against

First Name	Surname	Vote
Simon	Jacobs	Against
George	Jeans	Abstain
Bob	Jones	For
Johnny	Kidney	Against
Carole	King	For
Gordon	King	For
Edward	Kirk	Against
Jerry	Kunkler	Against
Jacqui	Lay	Against
Jim	Lynch	For
Brian	Mathew	For
Laura	Mayes	Against
Ian	McLennan	Abstain
Nick	Murry	For
Christopher	Newbury	Against
Paul	Oatway	Against
Stephen	Oldrieve	For
Stewart	Palmen	For
Andy	Phillips	Against
Horace	Prickett	Against
Fleur	de Rhé-Philipe	Against
Pip	Ridout	Against
Ricky	Rogers	Against
Tom	Rounds	Against
Jonathon	Seed	Against
James	Sheppard	Abstain
John	Smale	Against
Toby	Sturgis	Against
John	Thomson	Against
Ian	Thorn	For
Jo	Trigg	For
Tony	Trotman	Against
John	Walsh	Abstain
Bridget	Wayman	Against
Fred	Westmoreland	Against
Philip	Whalley	Against
Stuart	Wheeler	Against
Philip	Whitehead	Against
Suzanne	Wickham	Against
Christopher	Williams	Against
Graham	Wright	For
Robert	Yuill	Against

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**Budget Motion 1 (Proposals 1-7, 11) - For: 59 Against:22 Abstain: 5**

First Name	Surname	Vote
Phil	Alford	For
Ben	Anderson	For
Pat	Aves	Against
Chuck	Berry	For
Ian	Blair-Pilling	For
Richard	Britton	For
Derek	Brown	For
Andrew	Bryant	Against
Allison	Bucknell	For
Clare	Cape	Against
Trevor	Carbin	Against
Mary	Champion	For
Pauline	Church	For
Ernie	Clark	For
Richard	Clewer	For
Mark	Connolly	Abstain
Christine	Crisp	For
Kevin	Daley	For
Brian	Dalton	Against
Jane	Davies	For
Andrew	Davis	For
Matthew	Dean	For
Tony	Deane	For
Christopher	Devine	Abstain
Stewart	Dobson	For
Bill	Douglas	Abstain
Mary	Douglas	For
Peter	Evans	For
Sue	Evans	For
Peter	Fuller	For
Richard	Gamble	Abstain
Gavin	Grant	Against
Jose	Green	For
Howard	Greenman	For
Mollie	Groom	For
David	Halik	For
Ross	Henning	Against
Alan	Hill	For
Sven	Hocking	For
Nick	Holder	For
Ruth	Hopkinson	Against
Atiquil	Hoque	For
Jon	Hubbard	For
Chris	Hurst	Against
Peter	Hutton	For

First Name	Surname	Vote
Tony	Jackson	For
Simon	Jacobs	For
George	Jeans	For
Bob	Jones	Against
Johnny	Kidney	For
Carole	King	Against
Gordon	King	Against
Edward	Kirk	For
Jerry	Kunkler	For
Jacqui	Lay	For
Jim	Lynch	Against
Brian	Mathew	Against
Laura	Mayes	For
Ian	McLennan	Against
Christopher	Newbury	For
Paul	Oatway	For
Stephen	Oldrieve	Against
Stewart	Palmen	Against
Andy	Phillips	Against
Horace	Prickett	For
Fleur	de Rhé-Philipe	For
Pip	Ridout	For
Ricky	Rogers	Against
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Jonathon	Seed	For
James	Sheppard	Abstain
John	Smale	For
Toby	Sturgis	For
John	Thomson	For
Ian	Thorn	Against
Jo	Trigg	Against
Tony	Trotman	For
John	Walsh	Against
Bridget	Wayman	For
Fred	Westmoreland	For
Philip	Whalley	For
Stuart	Wheeler	For
Philip	Whitehead	For
Suzanne	Wickham	For
Christopher	Williams	For
Graham	Wright	For
Robert	Yuill	For

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**Budget Motion 2 (Proposals 8-10) - For: 77 Against:0 Abstain: 5**

First Name	Surname	Vote
Phil	Alford	For
Ben	Anderson	For
Pat	Aves	For
Chuck	Berry	For
Ian	Blair-Pilling	For
Richard	Britton	For
Andrew	Bryant	For
Allison	Bucknell	For
Clare	Cape	For
Trevor	Carbin	For
Mary	Champion	For
Pauline	Church	For
Ernie	Clark	For
Richard	Clewer	For
Mark	Connolly	For
Christine	Crisp	For
Kevin	Daley	For
Jane	Davies	For
Andrew	Davis	For
Matthew	Dean	For
Tony	Deane	For
Christopher	Devine	For
Stewart	Dobson	For
Bill	Douglas	For
Mary	Douglas	For
Peter	Evans	For
Sue	Evans	For
Peter	Fuller	For
Richard	Gamble	Abstain
Gavin	Grant	For
Jose	Green	For
Howard	Greenman	For
Mollie	Groom	For
David	Halik	For
Alan	Hill	For
Sven	Hocking	For
Nick	Holder	For
Ruth	Hopkinson	For
Atiquil	Hoque	For
Jon	Hubbard	For
Chris	Hurst	For
Peter	Hutton	For
Tony	Jackson	For

First Name	Surname	Vote
Simon	Jacobs	For
George	Jeans	For
Bob	Jones	For
Johnny	Kidney	For
Carole	King	For
Gordon	King	For
Edward	Kirk	For
Jerry	Kunkler	For
Jacqui	Lay	For
Jim	Lynch	For
Brian	Mathew	For
Laura	Mayes	For
Ian	McLennan	For
Christopher	Newbury	For
Paul	Oatway	For
Stephen	Oldrieve	For
Stewart	Palmen	For
Andy	Phillips	Abstain
Horace	Prickett	For
Fleur	de Rhé-Philipe	For
Pip	Ridout	For
Ricky	Rogers	Abstain
Tom	Rounds	For
Jonathon	Seed	For
James	Sheppard	Abstain
John	Smale	For
Toby	Sturgis	For
John	Thomson	For
Ian	Thorn	For
Jo	Trigg	For
Tony	Trotman	For
John	Walsh	Abstain
Bridget	Wayman	For
Fred	Westmoreland	For
Philip	Whalley	For
Stuart	Wheeler	For
Philip	Whitehead	For
Suzanne	Wickham	For
Christopher	Williams	For
Graham	Wright	For
Robert	Yuill	For

**Item 9 - Council Tax Setting 2021/22**  
**For 82, Against 0, Abstain 3**

First Name	Surname	Vote
Phil	Alford	For
Ben	Anderson	For
Pat	Aves	For
Chuck	Berry	For
Ian	Blair-Pilling	For
Richard	Britton	For
Derek	Brown	For
Andrew	Bryant	For
Allison	Bucknell	For
Clare	Cape	For
Trevor	Carbin	For
Mary	Champion	For
Pauline	Church	For
Ernie	Clark	For
Richard	Clewer	For
Mark	Connolly	Abstain
Christine	Crisp	For
Kevin	Daley	For
Brian	Dalton	For
Jane	Davies	For
Andrew	Davis	For
Matthew	Dean	For
Tony	Deane	For
Christopher	Devine	For
Stewart	Dobson	For
Mary	Douglas	For
Peter	Evans	For
Sue	Evans	For
Peter	Fuller	For
Richard	Gamble	Abstain
Gavin	Grant	For
Jose	Green	For
Howard	Greenman	For
Mollie	Groom	For
David	Halik	For
Alan	Hill	For
Sven	Hocking	For
Nick	Holder	For
Ruth	Hopkinson	For
Atiquil	Hoque	For
Jon	Hubbard	For
Chris	Hurst	For
Peter	Hutton	For
Tony	Jackson	For

First Name	Surname	Vote
Simon	Jacobs	For
George	Jeans	For
Bob	Jones	For
Johnny	Kidney	For
Carole	King	For
Gordon	King	For
Edward	Kirk	For
Jerry	Kunkler	For
Jacqui	Lay	For
Jim	Lynch	For
Brian	Mathew	For
Laura	Mayes	For
Ian	McLennan	For
Christopher	Newbury	For
Paul	Oatway	For
Stephen	Oldrieve	For
Stewart	Palmen	For
Andy	Phillips	For
Horace	Prickett	For
Fleur	de Rhé-Philipe	For
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Ricky	Rogers	For
Tom	Rounds	For
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James	Sheppard	Abstain
John	Smale	For
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John	Thomson	For
Ian	Thorn	For
Jo	Trigg	For
Tony	Trotman	For
John	Walsh	For
Bridget	Wayman	For
Fred	Westmoreland	For
Philip	Whalley	For
Stuart	Wheeler	For
Philip	Whitehead	For
Suzanne	Wickham	For
Christopher	Williams	For
Graham	Wright	For
Robert	Yuill	For

**Full Council Meeting – 23/02/21 – Members Attendance**

<b>Councillor Name</b>	<b>Time In</b>	<b>Time Out</b>
Phil Alford	10.30	7.00pm
Ben Anderson	10.30	7.00pm
Pat Aves	10.30	6.26pm
Chuck Berry	10.30	7.00pm
Ian Blair-Pilling	10.30	7.00pm
Richard Britton	10.30	7.00pm
Derek Brown	10.30	7.00pm
Andrew Bryant	10.30	7.00pm
Allison Bucknell	10.30	7.00pm
Clare Cape	10.30	6.26pm
Trevor Carbin	10.30	7.00pm
Mary Champion	10.30	5.43pm
Pauline Church	10.30	7.00pm
Ernie Clark	10.30	7.00pm
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Tony Deane	10.30	7.00pm
Christopher Devine	10.30	7.00pm
Stewart Dobson	10.30	7.00pm
Bill Douglas	10.30	7.00pm
Mary Douglas	10.30	7.00pm
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Sue Evans	10.30	7.00pm
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Richard Gamble	10.30	7.00pm
Sarah Gibson	10.30	7.00pm
Gavin Grant	10.30	7.00pm
Jose Green	10.30	7.00pm
Howard Greenman	10.30	7.00pm
Mollie Groom	10.30	6.21pm
David Halik	10.30	7.00pm
Russell Hawker	10.30	2.17pm
Ross Henning	10.30	7.00pm
Mike Hewitt	10.30	7.00pm
Alan Hill	10.30	7.00pm

Sven Hocking	10.30	7.00pm
Nick Holder	10.30	5.57pm
Ruth Hopkinson	10.30	7.00pm
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Jon Hubbard	10.30	7.00pm
Chris Hurst	10.30	7.00pm
Peter Hutton	10.30	7.00pm
Hayley Illman	10.30	7.00pm
Tony Jackson	10.30	7.00pm
Simon Jacobs	10.30	7.00pm
George Jeans	10.30	7.00pm
Bob Jones	10.30	7.00pm
Johnny Kidney	10.30	7.00pm
Carole King	10.30	6.49pm
Gordon King	10.30	6.36pm
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Jerry Kunkler	10.30	7.00pm
Jacqui Lay	10.30	7.00pm
Jim Lynch	10.30	7.00pm
Brian Mathew	10.30	7.00pm
Laura Mayes	10.30	7.00pm
Ian McLennan	10.30	7.00pm
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Ashley O'Neill	Apologies	Apologies
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Andy Phillips	10.30	7.00pm
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Fleur de Rhe Philipe	10.30	7.00pm
Pip Ridout	10.30	7.00pm
Ricky Rogers	10.30	5.31pm
Tom Rounds	10.30	7.00pm
Jonathon Seed	10.30	7.00pm
James Sheppard	10.30	7.00pm
John Smale	10.30	6.26pm
Toby Sturgis	10.30	7.00pm
Melody Thompson	10.30	2.43pm
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Ian Thorn	10.30	7.00pm
Jo Trigg	10.30	7.00pm
Tony Trotman	10.30	7.00pm
John Walsh	10.30	7.00pm
Bridget Wayman	10.30	7.00pm

Fred Westmoreland	10.30	7.00pm
Philip Whalley	10.30	7.00pm
Stuart Wheeler	10.30	7.00pm
Philip Whitehead	10.30	7.00pm
Suzanne Wickham	10.30	7.00pm
Christopher Williams	10.30	7.00pm
Graham Wright	10.30	7.00pm
Robert Yuill	10.30	7.00pm

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