

# WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Minutes of the: **WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL (COUNCIL TAX SETTING MEETING)**

Held on: **WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH 2006**

Held at: **COUNCIL OFFICES, BRADLEY ROAD, TROWBRIDGE**

Present: Councillors Batchelor (Chairman), Bower, Brice, Brown, Bryant, Burnan OBE, Carbin, Chivers, Content, Cunliffe-Jones, Fortescue, James, Knight, Lewis, Manasseh, March, Mudge, Newbury, Oakman, Oldrieve, Phillips OBE, Repton, Rosier, and While.

Officers: Chief Executive (AP), Head of Finance (IJ), Acting Legal and Democratic Services Manager (GC) and Member Support Team Leader (YR)

### **20. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Baker, Barker, Clark, John Clegg, Marion Clegg, Conley, Farkas, Hames, Hawker, Mounde, Payne, Swabey, Viles and Wiltshire.

### **21. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

### **22. Announcements from the Chairman**

#### **Westbury Hospital**

The Chairman referred to the announcement concerning the closure of Westbury Hospital.

### **23. Questions relating to this agenda only**

No formal questions were received.

### **24. Open Forum**

No open forum presentations were made.

## 25. Council Tax Resolution – Trowbridge Precept

(Note: Cllr Phillips arrived at this point).

The Head of Finance reminded Members that Council had at its meeting held on 22 February set the Council Tax for 2006/07. In so doing, Council had also confirmed the precepts set by other authorities including town and parish councils. At that time, it was noted that Trowbridge Town Council were due to have a special meeting on 23 February at which it may revise its precept.

Accordingly, this special meeting of West Wiltshire District Council had been arranged to confirm any substitute precept set by Trowbridge Town Council and to agree the statutory amounts for billing purposes.

Trowbridge Town Council had agreed a substitute precept of £1,424, 936.

Members were advised that the reasons for the change of the precept was not this Council's concern. It was a Trowbridge Town Council decision. This Council merely confirmed the precept set in its role as Council Tax collection authority.

On being moved and seconded, it was

### **RESOLVED:**

That the following amounts be now calculated in substitution by the Council for the year 2006/07 in accordance with Section 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended):-

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Total gross expenditure including expenditure of £3,099,725.91 for Town and Parish precepts	51,303,406
Total gross income including use of balances	34,291,974
<b>TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE:</b>	17,011,432
Less:-	
Revenue Support Grant	1,240,753
National Non-Domestic Rates	6,427,587
Community Charge Collection Fund Surplus	413
Council Tax Collection Fund Surplus	0
<b>AMOUNT REQUIRED FROM COUNCIL TAX:</b>	<b>9,342,679</b>

These are aggregate amounts calculated in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, Sections: -A) 32(2) a to e B) 32(3) a to c C) 32(4).

We are now required to calculate a number of Council Tax amounts known as "basic amounts of Council Tax". This is in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the relevant sections are shown in brackets.

- i) We need to calculate the basic Council Tax for the authority as a whole (S.33). This is our net budget requirement (£9,342,679) divided by our total tax base (46,498.98) and equals £200.92.
- ii) We also need to calculate a basic amount for Trowbridge Town Council area for which a substitute precept has been issued to the authority and was taken into account by it in making the calculation in relation to paragraph 1.above (see Parish column in Appendix A).

That in accordance with S.30(2) the substitute amounts for the Trowbridge Town Council area as set out in Appendix A be approved as the Council Tax levels for 2006/07.

(7.00pm – 7.10pm)

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