



Notice is hereby given that an **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of the **COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GOSPORT** will be held in the **TOWN HALL, GOSPORT** on **TUESDAY the TWENTY FIFTH DAY of FEBRUARY 2014 at 4.00PM AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS –**

1. To receive apologies from Members for their inability to attend the Meeting.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 February 2014 (copy herewith).
3. To consider any Mayor's Communications.
4. To receive Deputations (NOTE: on Council Tax Setting – Standing Order No 4.9.3 refers) in accordance with Standing Order No 3.5 and to answer Public Questions pursuant to Standing Order No 3.6, such questions to be answered orally during a time not exceeding 15 minutes.

(NOTE: Standing Order No 3.5 requires that notice of a Deputation should be received by the Borough Solicitor **NOT LATER THAN 12 O'CLOCK NOON ON FRIDAY 21, FEBRUARY 2014** and likewise Standing Order No 3.6 requires that notice of a Public Question should be received by the Borough Solicitor **NOT LATER THAN 12 O'CLOCK NOON ON FRIDAY 21, FEBRUARY 2014**).

5. Questions (if any) pursuant to Standing Order No 3.4.

(NOTE: Members are reminded that Standing Order No 3.4 requires that Notice of Question pursuant to that Standing Order must be received by the Borough Solicitor **NOT LATER THAN 12 O'CLOCK NOON ON MONDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2014**).

6. Council Tax Setting 2014-2015

To consider the report of the Borough Treasurer in connection with the above.

**IAN LYCETT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**TOWN HALL
GOSPORT**

18 February 2014

FIRE PRECAUTIONS

(To be read from the Chair if members of the public are present)

In the event of the fire alarm being activated, please leave the Council Chamber and Public Gallery immediately. Proceed downstairs by way of the main stairs or as directed by GBC staff, follow any of the emergency exit signs. People with disability or mobility issues please identify yourself to GBC staff who will assist in your evacuation of the building.

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTE THAT:

(1) IF THE COUNCIL WISHES TO CONTINUE ITS BUSINESS BEYOND 9.30PM THEN THE MAYOR MUST MOVE SUCH A PROPOSITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 4.11.18

(2) MOBILE PHONES SHOULD BE SWITCHED OFF FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEETING

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2014 AT 6pm**

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Beavis) (P) (in the Chair);

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Ronayne) (P);

Councillors Allen (P), Ms Ballard (P), Burgess (P), Carter CK (P), Carter CR (P), Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully (P), Ms Diffey (P), Edgar (P), Farr (P) Forder, Foster-Reed (P), Geddes, Gill (P), Hazel (P), Henshaw (P), Mrs Hook (P), Hook (P), Hylands (P), Jacobs (P), Jessop (P), Kimber (P), Lane (P), Langdon (P), Mrs. Morgan (P), Murphy (P), Philpott (P), Ronayne (P), Scard (P), Mrs Searle (P), Mrs Wright (P) and Wright (P).

Also in Attendance:

Honorary Alderman Foster, O'Neil and Mrs Whitbread.

ONE MINUTES SILENCE

In order to express their sympathy regarding the recent death of Honorary Alderman, Tony Herridge a former Mayor of the Borough and Councillor, Members of the Council stood in silent tribute for one minute.

The Mayor advised that the funeral would take place on Tuesday, 18th February, 12.15pm at Holy Trinity Church, Gosport.

APOLOGIES

An apology for inability to attend the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor Forder.

MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 18 December 2013, be confirmed as a true and correct record and signed.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- (I) The Mayor referred to a departing letter from Lieutenant Colonel Steve Archer expressing his gratitude and appreciation to Members and Officers of the Council whilst he was Commanding Officer of 33 Field Hospital.

QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 3.4

Question No 1 standing in the name of Councillor Mrs Cully in respect of the current position of any discussion between the Council Officers and the Police regarding accommodation for the service if the Police Station is closed was answered by the Chairman of the Policy & Organisation Board

Question No 1 standing in the name of Councillor Chegwyn on a request for a report on the recent Gosport Business & Employment Fair was answered by the Chairman of the Economic Development Board.

Question No 2 standing in the name of Councillor Chegwyn on the question asked at the last Council Meeting, how much of the sum paid by the Council to the Performing Rights Society relating to the 2012 Gosport Festival on Walpole Park has so far been repaid to the Council by the Directors of the Company that organised that commercial event was answered by the Chairman of the Community Board.

Question No 3 standing in the name of Councillor Chegwyn on what applications have so far been received by the Council from Mr David Smith, Mr Paul Cobb and their respective Companies to stage a Festival on Walpole Park in July or August this year, and on what dates? Has the Council accepted their applications and, if so, what fees have been paid to the Council by the Applicants was answered by the Chairman of the Community Board.

Question No 1 standing in the name of Councillor Hook on how many bags of excess waste, on a weekly average were not collected since Christmas 2013 and how many were not collected last week was answered by Chairman of the Community Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCIL BOARDS

Business Plan update and Council Dwelling Rents 2014/2015

Consideration was given to a recommendation by the Community Board at its meeting held on 10th February 2014.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That:

- a) the revised HRA Business Plan (Appendix A) and associated 2013/14 Revised Budget and 2014/15 Budget (Appendix B) is agreed.
 - b) in line with national guidelines the average weekly Council Dwelling rent increases on average by £4.20 per week.
 - c) the increase in rent for older style garages is increased in line with dwelling rents, as agreed in the Garage Renewal Strategy.
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COUNCIL BUDGET 2014/15

Consideration was given to a Report by the Borough Treasurer which outlined the financial situation of the Council's General Fund in the current year and, after consideration of the main factors affecting the outlook for 2014/15 including Exchequer support and Reserve levels, recommended a budget level for that year.

It was recommended that the Council approve:

- 1) A revised 2013/14 budget totalling £10,284,090 and a budget for 2014/15 totalling £9,828,790.

It was requisitioned that voting on Recommendation 1 take place. Voting was thereupon taken and the names of the Members voting for and against the Recommendation and those abstaining were read to the Council:

FOR THE RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councillors Allen, Burgess, Carter CK, Carter CR, Dickson, Edgar, Geddes, Gill, Hazel, Henshaw, Mrs Hook, Hook, Jacobs, Jessop, Kimber, Lane, Langdon, Mrs Morgan, Murphy, Philpott, Scard, **(23)**

AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATION: (0)

ABSTENTIONS: Councillors Ms Ballard, Chegwyn, Mrs Cully, Mrs Diffey, Farr, Foster-Reed, Hylands, Mrs Searle, Mrs Wright, Wright **(10)**

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendation be approved.

- 2) The Pay Policy Statement (Appendix 3) and Member's Allowances Scheme (Appendix 4) for 2014/15.

It was requisitioned that voting on Recommendation 2 take place. Voting was thereupon taken and the names of the Members voting for and against the Recommendation and those abstaining were read to the Council:

FOR THE RECOMMENDATION: Councillors Allen, Burgess, Carter CK, Carter CR, Dickson, Edgar, Geddes, Gill, Hazel, Henshaw, Mrs Hook, Hook, Jacobs, Jessop, Langdon, Mrs Morgan, Murphy, Philpott, Scard **(19)**

AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATION: Councillors Ms Ballard, Chegwyn, Mrs Cully, Ms Diffey, Foster-Reed, Hylands **(6)**

ABSTENTIONS: The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, and Councillors Farr, Kimber, Lane, Mrs Searle, Mrs Wright, Wright **(8)**

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendation be approved.

- 3) The proposed additions to the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy as detailed in Appendix 5.

It was requisitioned that voting on Recommendation 3 take place. Voting was thereupon taken and the names of the Members voting for and against the Recommendation and those abstaining were read to the Council:

FOR THE RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Allen, Ballard, Burgess, Carter CK, Carter CR, Chegwyn, Cully, Ms Diffey, Dickson, Edgar, Farr, Foster-Reed, Geddes, Gill, Hazel, Henshaw, Mrs Hook, Hook, Hylands, Jacobs, Jessop, Kimber, Lane, Langdon, Mrs Morgan, Murphy, Philpott, Scard, Mrs Searle, Mrs Wright, Wright **(33)**

AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATION: (0)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendation be approved.

- 4) The delegation to the Borough Treasurer in the Constitution be amended to make explicit reference to the completion of the NNDR 1 Return as detailed in paragraph 3.8.

It was requisitioned that voting on Recommendation 4 take place. Voting was thereupon taken and the names of the Members voting for and against the Recommendation and those abstaining were read to the Council:

FOR THE RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Allen, Ballard, Burgess, Carter CK, Carter CR, Chegwyn, Cully, Ms Diffey, Dickson, Edgar, Farr, Foster-Reed, Geddes, Gill, Hazel, Henshaw, Mrs Hook, Hook, Hylands, Jacobs, Jessop, Kimber, Lane, Langdon, Mrs Morgan, Murphy, Philpott, Scard, Mrs Searle, Mrs Wright, Wright **(33)**

AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATION: (0)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendation be approved.

The Council wished to put on record its thanks to the Borough Treasurer, Financial Services Manager and Head of Accountancy for their hard work in preparing the Budget for 2014/15

TREASURY MANAGEMENT & PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2014/15

Consideration was given to a Report by the Borough Treasurer which outlined the Council's prudential indicators for 2014/15 to 2016/17, together with the expected treasury operations for this period, fulfilling a key legislative requirement.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the following be approved:

- a) The Treasury Management Strategy, as identified in 1.3
 - b) The Prudential Indicators, as identified in 1.4
 - c) The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy statement set out in 2.2
 - d) The Annual Investment Strategy (paragraph 2.7.2)
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PART II MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the following Part II Minutes be received.

Economic Development Board: 6 February 2014 (Minute No.38-40)

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2014-2015

The Council was informed that in accordance with Standing Order 2.4 the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive had written to Group Leaders and Members of the Council to invite Member nominations for the selection of Mayor-Elect and Deputy Mayor-Elect for the next Municipal Year.

It was reported that one nomination had been received Councillor W L Ronayne for Mayor-Elect and one nomination Councillor K C Farr for Deputy Mayor-Elect for the 2014-2015 Municipal Year. The Council accordingly approved the nominations.

The meeting ended at 20:02pm

GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO THE:	EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
MEETING DATE:	25 FEBRUARY 2014
REPORT ORIGINATOR:	BOROUGH TREASURER
TITLE:	COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2014/15

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report consolidates the effect of the Council's approved budget and precepting authority requirements in order to establish the necessary Council Tax levels to apply in the Borough of Gosport for 2014/15.

RECOMMENDATIONS

As contained in section 4 of the report.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Following approval of the Council's budget for 2014/15 at Council on 12 February 2014 and having received the precepts from Hampshire County Council, the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority and the Police and Crime Commissioners for Hampshire, the following table now summarises the Borough's overall Council Tax requirements for 2014/15

	2013/14		2014/15	
	Precept	Band D Council Tax	Precept	Band D Council Tax
Council Tax Base (Band D equivalents)		24,532.4		24,794.1
	£		£	
Gosport Borough Council	4,975,423	£202.81	5,028,491	£202.81
Hampshire County Council	25,461,687	£1,037.88	25,733,301	£1,037.88
Police & Crime Commissioners for Hampshire	3,710,526	£151.25	3,824,738	£154.26
Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority	1,505,799	£61.38	1,521,862	£61.38
	<u>35,653,435</u>	<u>£1,453.32</u>	<u>36,108,392</u>	<u>£1,456.33</u>

- 1.2 No comments relating to the budget have been received as a result of the consultation process with major business ratepayers.

2.0 BILLING ARRANGEMENTS 2014/15

- 2.1 Despatch of Council Tax bills will commence mid March 2014 and be completed shortly afterwards.

3.0 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Council is asked to note the report and set the following Council Tax levels for the Borough of Gosport for 2014/15:

Band	GBC	HCC	Police	Fire	Total	(2013/14)
	£	£	£	£	£	£
A	135.21	691.92	102.84	40.92	970.89	968.88
B	157.74	807.24	119.98	47.74	1132.70	1130.36
C	180.28	922.56	137.12	54.56	1294.52	1291.84
D	202.81	1037.88	154.26	61.38	1456.33	1453.32
E	247.88	1268.52	188.54	75.02	1779.96	1776.28
F	292.95	1499.16	222.82	88.66	2103.59	2099.24
G	338.02	1729.80	257.10	102.30	2427.22	2422.20
H	405.62	2075.76	308.52	122.76	2912.66	2906.64

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That it be noted that the Borough Treasurer determined the Council's Tax Base on 15 January 2014 in the amount of 24,794.1 as its Council Tax Base for the year 2014/15 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")).

- 4.2 By virtue of the budget approved by Council on the 12 February 2014 the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:-

- (a) £55,781,908 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
- (b) £50,753,417 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) £5,028,491 being the amount by which the aggregate at 4.2(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4.2(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 31B of the Act).

- (d) £202.81 being the amount at 4.2(c) above (Item R) divided by Item T (the amount at 4.1 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

- (e) Valuation Bands
(Local tax rates for Borough purposes)
£

A	135.21
B	157.74
C	180.28
D	202.81
E	247.88
F	292.95
G	338.02
H	405.62

being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 4.2(d) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- 4.3 That it be noted that for the year 2014/15 Hampshire County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:-

Precepting Authority Valuation Bands
(Local tax rates for County purposes)
£

Hampshire County Council

A	691.92
B	807.24
C	922.56
D	1,037.88
E	1,268.52
F	1,499.16
G	1,729.80
H	2,075.76

(Local tax rates for Police purposes)

£

Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire

A	102.84
B	119.98
C	137.12
D	154.26
E	188.54
F	222.82
G	257.10
H	308.52

(Local tax rates for Fire & Rescue Purposes)

£

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority

A	40.92
B	47.74
C	54.56
D	61.38
E	75.02
F	88.66
G	102.30
H	122.76

- 4.4 That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4.2(e) and 4.3 above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30(2) of the Act, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2014/15 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Valuation Bands

(Total local tax rates within Gosport)

£

A	970.89
B	1,132.70
C	1,294.52
D	1,456.33
E	1,779.96
F	2,103.59
G	2,427.22
H	2,912.66

- 4.5 That it is determined that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2014/15 is not excessive (in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Act).

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Financial Implications:	Cash flow penalties if decision delayed
Legal Implications:	The Council must set the tax by 11 March 2014 and in accordance with the regulations and the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended).
Service Improvement Plan implications:	-
Corporate Plan:	-
Risk Assessment:	-
Background papers:	-
Appendices/Enclosures:	-
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