

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2009

Attendance:

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

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs Searle) (P);

Councillors Allen (P), Mrs Bailey (P), Ms Ballard (P), Beavis (P), Bradley (P), Burgess (P), Carr (P), Carter (P), Champion, Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully (P), Cully (P), Dickson (P), Edgar (P), Edwards (P), Mrs Forder (P), Forder (P), Foster-Reed (P), Geddes (P), Gill (P), Hicks (P), Hook, Langdon (P), Mrs Mudie (P), Murphy (P), Philpott (P), Mrs Salter (P), Salter (P), Smith (P), Ward, Miss West (P) and Wright (P).

Also in attendance: Honorary Aldermen Foster and O'Neill.

ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE

In order to express their sympathy regarding the recent death of Mrs Marion Jane Perry, who had been one of the staunchest supporters of the Borough Council and was well known to Councillors and Officers through her regular attendance at Council meetings over many years, Members of the Council stood in silent tribute for one minute.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Champion, Hook and Ward and Honorary Aldermen Hayward and Lucas.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

(A) MAYORAL BALL – 6 MARCH 2009

The Mayor informed Members that the Mayoral Ball to be held on Friday, 6 March 2009 had been cancelled.

QUESTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 3.4

(A) Question No 1 standing in the name of Councillor Carter regarding documents being publicly circulated stating that Conservative Councillors were opposed to free swimming for OAPs and under 16's was answered by the Chairman of the Community and Environment Board.

STANDING ORDER 4.15.1

The Mayor reported that notice had been received requesting that Standing Order 4.15.1 be moved to enable the Borough Treasurer to introduce his report related to Council Tax Setting 2009/2010.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That Standing Order 4.15.1 be moved to enable the Borough Treasurer to introduce his report related to Council Tax Setting 2009/10.

COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2009/10

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Treasurer which consolidated the effect of the Council's approved budget, Collection Fund surplus and precepting authority requirements in order to establish the necessary council tax levels to apply in the Borough of Gosport for 2009/2010.

The Borough Treasurer reported that Council was required to set the levels of Council Tax for the Borough for 2009/2010 on behalf of the Council as billing authority. The tax level resulted from the precept requirements of Hampshire's County Council, Police Authority and Fire & Rescue Authority, the Council's approved budget and local tax collection balances.

No comments related to the budget level had yet been received as a result of the statutory consultation process with major business rate payers.

Surpluses or deficits from Council Tax collection were assessed annually in order that corrective action could be taken in setting future Tax levels. They formed part of the figure contained in recommendation 5.2(d) of the report. The figure of £100,000 represented Gosport's share of surpluses on the council tax collection fund as considered as part of the approved Budget.

Despatch of Council Tax bills would commence early in March 2009 and be completed shortly afterwards.

The 2009/2010 total figures represented an increase of 2.36% over 2008/2009, Gosport's element having increased by 2.5%

MOTION: That the following recommendations in the Borough Treasurer's report be moved and the following recommendations be approved and adopted.

- (i) That it be noted that the Borough Treasurer determined the Council's Tax Base on 09 January 2009 in the amount of 27,670.7 as its Council Tax Base for the year 2009/2010 in accordance with**

Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by Section 84 of the Local Government Act 2003.

(ii) By virtue of the budget approved by Council on the 04 February 2009 the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2009/2010 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

- (a) £52,909,590 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act.**
- (b) £39,937,590 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act.**
- (c) £12,972,000 being the amount by which the aggregate at (ii)(a) above exceeds the aggregate at (ii)(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.**
- (d) £7,360,152 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant and additional grant; increased by the amount of the sums which it estimates will be transferred in the year from its collection fund to its general fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax Surplus).**
- (e) £202.81 being the amount at (c) above less the amount at (d) above, all divided by the amount at (i) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year.**

(f) **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 (e) 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.

- (iii) That it be noted that for the year 2009/2010 Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Police Authority and Hampshire Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:-

Precepting Authority Valuation Bands

(Local tax rates for County purposes)

£

Hampshire County Council

A	678.78
B	791.91
C	905.04
D	1018.17
E	1244.43
F	1470.69
G	1696.95
H	2036.34

(Local tax rates for Police purposes)

£

Hampshire Police Authority

A	94.74
B	110.53
C	126.32
D	142.11
E	173.69
F	205.27
G	236.85
H	284.22

(Local Taxes for Fire & Rescue Purposes)

£

**Hampshire Fire &
Rescue Authority**

A	40.20
B	46.90
C	53.60
D	60.30
E	73.70
F	87.10
G	100.50
H	120.60

- (iv) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (ii)(f) and (iii) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2009/2010 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Valuation Bands

(Total local tax rates within Gosport)

£

A	948.93
B	1107.08
C	1265.24
D	1423.39
E	1739.70
F	2056.01
G	2372.32
H	2846.78

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Motion be approved and adopted.

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm and ended at 6.14pm.