

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2010

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Searle) (P) (in the Chair);

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

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Foster-Reed, Mrs Mudie and Ward and Honorary Aldermen Lucas and Rushton.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

(A) LEAFLETS

The Mayor announced that it had been brought to her attention that County Councillor Chegwyn is allegedly stating that the Council is organising Junkets.

This coming Friday the Senior Officers Annual Dinner would be taking place to thank people from all walks of life for their contribution to the daily running of the Council for the benefit of the Borough's residents.

Organisations such as HMS Sultan, Vector Fleetland, DSDA Frater and the Institute of Naval Medicine who bring much needed employment and business to the town had been invited as well as representatives from Hampshire County Council, who continued to work in partnership with the Borough Council on projects such as Rowner and the former Railway Station.

Also invited were representatives from the Fire and Rescue Service, the Police and other organisations who contribute to the daily needs of the town along with others who play an important part in Gosport's survival. All these organisations had been invited in order to thank them.

The distribution of such leaflets is damaging to the Borough.

The Mayor advised that her reason for making this statement is to make clear that, whichever party is in control of the Council, the Senior Officers Dinner had always taken place once a year for the benefit of the town and not for the

personal satisfaction of The Mayor or Leaders of Political Parties.

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 2010/2011.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That Standing Order 4.15.1 be moved to enable the Borough Treasurer to introduce his report related to Council Tax Setting 2010/11.

COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2010/11

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 2010/2011.

The Borough Treasurer reported that Council was required to set the levels of Council Tax for the Borough for 2010/2011 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 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 2010/11 figure of £49,869 represented Gosport's share of the deficit on the council tax collection fund.

Despatch of Council Tax bills would commence early in March 2010 and be completed shortly afterwards.

The 2010/11 total figures represented an increase of 1.75% over 2009/2010, Gosport's element having remained unchanged.

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 11 November 2009 in the amount of 27,599.9 as its Council Tax Base for the year 2010/2011 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 3 February 2010 the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2010/2011 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
- (a) £55,887,950 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) £43,043,850 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) £12,844,100 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) £7,246,583 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 2010/11 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	691.92
B	807.24
C	922.56
D	1037.88
E	1268.52
F	1499.16
G	1729.80
H	2075.76

(Local tax rates for Police purposes)

£

Hampshire Police Authority

A	97.50
B	113.75
C	130.00
D	146.25
E	178.75
F	211.25
G	243.75
H	292.50

(Local Taxes for Fire & Rescue Purposes)

£

**Hampshire Fire &
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

- (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 2010/2011 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Valuation Bands
(Total local tax rates within Gosport)
£

A	965.55
B	1126.47
C	1287.40
D	1448.32
E	1770.17
F	2092.02
G	2413.87
H	2896.64

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Motion be approved and adopted.

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm and ended at 6.08 pm.