

# GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, 24 February 2022

**PRESENT:** THE MAYOR COUNCILLOR D BURNETT (CHAIR)

Councillors: J Adams, Anderson, R Beadle, D Bradford, M Brain, C Buckley, L Caffrey, M Charlton, B Clelland, P Craig, S Craig, C Davison, S Dickie, Diston, K Dodds, C Donovan, A Douglas, D Duggan, John Eagle, S Gallagher, M Gannon, A Geddes, F Geddes, J Gibson, B Goldsworthy, M Goldsworthy, T Graham, J Green, L Green, S Green, G Haley, M Hall, S Hawkins, H Kelly, L Kirton, P Maughan, K McCartney, K McClurey, J McCoid, J McElroy, E McMaster, M McNestry, R Mullen, B Oliphant, M Ord, R Oxberry, I Patterson, Reay, D Robson, S Ronchetti, J Simpson, J Turnbull, J Turner, J Wallace, R Waugh, H Weatherley and K Wood

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: W Dick, K Ferdinand, P Foy, H Haran, P McNally, J Mohammed, C Ord and A Wheeler

### **CL81 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) AND HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2022/23, the Housing Capital Programme for 2022/23 and the indicative programme for the period 2023/24 – 2026/27.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That the Housing Revenue Account, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report, be approved.
  - (ii) That the Housing Capital Programme for the five years 2022/23 to 2026/27, as set out in Appendix 3 of the report, be approved.

### **CL82 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 - 2026/27**

Consideration was given to the Capital Programme for the next five years to provide significant investment within the borough to support the Council's strategic approach to make Gateshead a Place Where Everyone Thrives.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That the Capital Programme for 2022/23 be approved.
  - (ii) That the provisional programmes for 2023/24 to 2026/27 be approved.

- (iii) That the provisional capital financing for the programme, as set out in appendix 3 of the report, and the delegated authority to the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital, to enter prudential borrowing which is consistent with the requirements of the Capital Programme and the Council's Treasury Management Strategy be noted.

### **CL83 FEES AND CHARGES - 2022/23**

Consideration was given to the level of fees and charges across all Council services for 2022/23.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That the fees and charges for 2022/23, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report, be approved.
  - (ii) That the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital, be authorised to make any necessary adjustments to correct any errors in the schedule of Fees and Charges.

### **CL84 BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX LEVEL 2022/23**

Consideration was given to the Budget and Council Tax level for 2022/23. As part of the Council Tax setting process approval was sought for the prudential indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Statement.

*In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 20.4, a recorded vote was taken as follows:*

Councillors for the Recommendation:-

J Adams, D Bradford, M Brain, C Buckley, D Burnett, L Caffrey, M Charlton, B Clelland, C Davison, S Dickie, K Dodds, C Donovan, A Douglas, J Eagle, S Gallagher, M Gannon, A Geddes, F Geddes, J Gibson, B Goldsworthy, M Goldsworthy, T Graham, J Green, L Green, S Green, G Haley, M Hall, H Kelly, L Kirton, K McCartney, K McClurey, J McCoid, J McElroy, E McMaster, M McNestry, R Mullen, B Oliphant, R Oxberry, J Reay, D Robson, S Ronchetti, J Simpson, J Turnbull, J Turner, R Waugh, H Weatherley, K Wood

Councillors Against the Recommendation:-

V Anderson, R Beadle, P Craig, S Craig, P Diston, D Duggan, S Hawkins, P Maughan, M Ord, I Patterson, J Wallace.

**COUNCIL RESOLVED:**

- (1) That Gateshead's Band D council tax for 2022/23 is increased by 2.99% (including a 1% adult social care Government charge) to £1,972.17.
- (2) That the revenue estimates of £254.304 million for 2022/23 be approved.

- (3) That the extension of council tax hardship scheme be extended into 2022/23 using existing funds to reduce all working age Local Council Tax Support recipients bills by £50 in 2022/23.
- (4) That the budgeted use of £29.239 million Earmarked Reserves in 2022/23 be approved (comprising of £1.750 million budgeted use of strategic, £8.996 million budgeted use of pandemic, £12.675 million ringfenced covid support to retained business rates and £5.818 million budget sustainability).
- (5) That the proposed budgets including the indicative schools funding presented in Appendix 2 be agreed.
- (6) That the outcome of initial budget consultation outlined in Appendix 4 be noted.
- (7) That the conclusions of the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital, in respect of the robustness of budget estimates and adequacy of reserves outlined in Appendix 5 be noted.
- (8) That the prudential and treasury indicators set out in Appendix 7 of the report be agreed.
- (9) That the method of calculating the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for 2022/23 as set out in Appendix 8 of the report be approved.
- (10) That it be noted that at its meeting on 25 January 2022, Cabinet agreed the following amounts for the year 2022/23 in accordance with regulations made under Section 31B (3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011:-
  - (a) **52,660.9** being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, as its Council Tax base for the year;
  - (b) **1,214.1** for Lamesley Parish being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amount of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which special items relate.
- (11) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2022/23 in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by the Localism Act 2011 ('the Act'):
  - (a) **£614,685,003** being the aggregate total of the expenditure amounts, which the Council estimates for the items, set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act taking into account the precept issued by Lamesley Parish Council
  - (b) **(£510,816,169)** being the aggregate total of the income amounts, which the Council estimate for the items, set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act
  - (c) **£103,868,834** being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the Act, as its Council Tax

requirement for the year including Lamesley Parish Council

- (d) **£1,972.4090** being the amount at (c) above, all divided by the amount at (10)(a) 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 Lamesley Parish Council
- (e) **£12,467.00** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Lamesley Parish Council) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act
- (f) **£1,972.1723** being the amount at (d) less the result given by dividing the amount at (e) above by the amount at (10)(e) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item (Lamesley Parish Council) relates
- (g) Part of the Council's area: Lamesley Parish  
**£1,982.4408** being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at (10)(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items (Lamesley Parish Council) relate

(h)

Valuation Band	Lamesley Parish £	All other parts of the Council's area £
A	6.85	1,314.79
B	7.99	1,533.91
C	9.13	1,753.04
D	<b>10.27</b>	<b>1,972.17</b>
E	12.55	2,410.44
F	14.83	2,848.70
G	17.12	3,286.96
H	20.54	3,944.34

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (f) and (g) 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.

- (12) That it be noted that for the year 2022/23, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria, and Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue 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 dwellings shown below:-

Valuation Band	Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria £	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority £
A	102.56	58.23
B	119.65	67.94
C	136.75	77.64
D	<b>153.84</b>	<b>87.35</b>
E	188.03	106.76
F	222.21	126.17
G	256.40	145.58
H	307.68	174.70

- (13) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (11)(h) and (12) 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 2022/23 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Valuation Band	Lamesley Parish £	All other parts of the Council's area £
A	1,482.43	1,475.58
B	1,729.49	1,721.50
C	1,976.56	1,967.43
D	<b>2,223.63</b>	<b>2,213.36</b>
E	2,717.78	2,705.23
F	3,211.91	3,197.08
G	3,706.06	3,688.94
H	4,447.26	4,426.72

- (14) That under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011), the Council's relevant basic amount of council tax for 2022/23 is not excessive in accordance with the principles determined under section 52ZC of the Act.

#### **CL85 EXTERNAL AUDITOR APPOINTMENTS BEYOND 1 APRIL 2023**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval to opt into the national sector-led arrangement for the appointment of external auditors with effect from 1 April 2023.

COUNCIL RESOLVED - That the proposal to opt-in to the sector-led option for the appointment of external auditors for five financial years commencing 1 April 2023 be approved.

**Mayor.....**