

**GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, 25 February 2021**

**PRESENT:** THE MAYOR COUNCILLOR M HOOD (CHAIR)

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: H Haran

**CL51 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) AND HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2021/22, the Housing Capital Programme for 2021/22 and the indicative programme for the period 2022/23 – 2025/26.

- 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 2021/22 to 2025/26, as set out in Appendix 3 of the report, be approved.

**CL52 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22 TO 2025/26**

Consideration was given to the Capital Programme for the next five years to provide significant levels of strategic investment to help maintain and deliver financial sustainability and support the Council's strategic approach to Making Gateshead a Place Where Everyone Thrives.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That the capital programme for 2021/22, and the provisional programmes for 2022/23 to 2025/26, as set out in Appendix 2, be approved, subject to external funding approvals being received.
  - (ii) That the provisional capital financing for the programme, as set out in Appendix 3, be noted and

authority be delegated 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.

#### CL53 FEES AND CHARGES 2021/22

Consideration was given to the level of fees and charges across all Council services for 2021/22.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That the fees and charges for 2021/22, 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.

#### CL54 BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX LEVEL 2021/22

Consideration was given to the Budget and Council Tax level for 2021/22. As part of the Council Tax setting process approval was sought for the prudential indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Statement.

Councillor Wallace moved the following amendment to the recommendations in the report:

- (1) That Gateshead's Band D council tax for 2021/22 is *insert* "not" increased *delete* "by 4.99% (including a 3% adult social care Government charge) to £1,914.92."
- (4) The budgeted use of *replace* "£29.106" *with* "£33.883" million Earmarked Reserves in 2021/22 be approved (includes £26.564m ringfenced covid support to retained business rates).
- (12) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2021/22 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) **£604,606,039** 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) *Replace* **(£504,091,243)** *with* **(£508,867,969)** 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) *Replace £100,514,796 with £95,738,070* 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) *Replace £1,915.1549 with £1,824.1417* being the amount at (c) above, all divided by the amount at (11)(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) **£12,105.00** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Lamesley Parish Council) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act
- (f) *Replace £1,914.9243 with £1,823.9111* being the amount at (d) less the result given by dividing the amount at (e) above by the amount at (11)(a) 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  
*Replace £1,925.0253 with £1,834.0121* 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 (11)(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	6.73	1,276.62
B	7.86	1,489.38
C	8.98	1,702.15
D	<b>10.10</b>	<b>1,914.92</b>
E	12.34	2,340.46
F	14.59	2,766.00
G	16.83	3,191.54
H	20.20	3,829.84

***Replace table above with this table;***

Valuation Band	Lamesley Parish £	All other parts of the Council's area £
A	6.73	1,215.94
B	7.86	1,418.59
C	8.98	1,621.25
D	<b>10.10</b>	<b>1,823.91</b>
E	12.34	2,229.22
F	14.59	2,634.53
G	16.83	3,039.84
H	20.20	3,647.81

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (f) and (g) above by the number which, in 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.

- (14) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (12) (h) and (13) 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 2021/22 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Valuation Band	Lamesley Parish £	All other parts of the Council's area £
A	1,436.33	1,429.60
B	1,675.73	1,667.87
C	1,915.11	1,906.13
D	<b>2,154.50</b>	<b>2,144.40</b>
E	2,633.27	2,620.93
F	3,112.06	3,097.47
G	3,590.83	3,574.00
H	4,309.00	4,288.80

***Replace table above with new Table;***

Valuation Band	Lamesley Parish £	All other parts of the Council's area £
A	1,375.65	1,368.92
B	1,604.94	1,597.08
C	1,834.21	1,825.23
D	<b>2,063.49</b>	<b>2,053.39</b>
E	2,522.03	2,509.69
F	2,980.59	2,966.00
G	3,439.13	3,422.30
H	4,126.97	4,106.77

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

Councillors for the amendment:- V Anderson, R Beadle, P Craig, S Craig, P Diston, D Duggan, P Maughan, C Ord, M Ord, I Patterson, J Wallace.

Councillors against the amendment:- J Adams, D Bradford, C Buckley, D Burnett, L Caffrey, M Charlton, B Clelland, C Davison, B Dick, S Dickie, K Dodds, C Donovan, A Douglas, J Eagle, K Ferdinand, S Gallagher, M Gannon, A Geddes, F Geddes, J Gibson, B Goldsworthy, M Goldsworthy, T Graham, L Green, S Green, G Haley, M Hood, H Kelly, L Kirton, J Lee, K McCartney, J McClurey, K McClurey, J McElroy, E McMaster, P McNally, M McNestry, R Mullen, B Oliphant, R Oxberry, J Raine, J Reay, S Ronchetti, J Simpson, J Turnbull, R Waugh, A Wheeler, K Wood.

On the amendment being put it was defeated.

The original recommendations were put as the substantive motion.

Councillors for the recommendation:- J Adams, D Bradford, C Buckley, D Burnett, L Caffrey, M Charlton, B Clelland, C Davison, B Dick, S Dickie, K Dodds, C Donovan, A Douglas, J Eagle, K Ferdinand, S Gallagher, M Gannon, A Geddes, F Geddes, J Gibson, B Goldsworthy, M Goldsworthy, T Graham, L Green, S Green, G Haley, M Hood, H Kelly, L Kirton, J Lee, K McCartney, J McClurey, K McClurey, J McElroy, E McMaster, M McNestry, R Mullen, B Oliphant, R Oxberry, J Raine, J Reay, S Ronchetti, J Simpson, J Turnbull, R Waugh, A Wheeler, K Wood.

Councillors against the recommendation:- V Anderson, R Beadle, P Craig, S Craig, P Diston, D Duggan, P Maughan, C Ord, M Ord, I Patterson, J Wallace.

The original recommendation was duly carried.

COUNCIL RESOLVED -

(1) That Gateshead's Band D council tax for 2021/22 be increased by 4.99%

(including a 3% adult social care Government charge) to £1,914.92.

- (2) The revenue estimates of £238.758 million for 2021/22 be approved.
- (3) That a council tax hardship scheme be extended into 2021/22 using £2.779m of support grant as set out in the report.
- (4) That the budgeted use of £29.106 million Earmarked Reserves be approved (including £26.564m ringfenced covid support to retained business rates).
- (5) That the indicative schools funding presented in Appendix 2 of the report be agreed.
- (6) That the conclusions of the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital, in respect of the robustness of budget estimates and adequacy of reserves be noted.
- (7) That the prudential and treasury indicators set out in Appendix 6 of the report be agreed.
- (8) That the method of calculating the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 7 of the report be approved.
- (9) That the initial proposed areas of priority investment and savings included in the budget in Appendix 2 be agreed with further specific consultation and reporting to Cabinet to take place throughout the year as required.
- (10) That the outcome of initial budget consultation outlined in Appendix 3 be noted.
- (11) That it be noted that at its meeting on 19 January 2021, Cabinet agreed the following amounts for the year 2021/22 in accordance with regulations made under Section 31B (3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011:-
  - (a) **52,483.9** 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) **1,198.4** 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.
- (12) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2021/22 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'):

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- (c) **£100,514,796** 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) **£1,915.1549** being the amount at (c) above, all divided by the amount at (11)(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) **£12,105.00** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Lamesley Parish Council) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act
- (f) **£1,914.9243** being the amount at (d) less the result given by dividing the amount at (e) above by the amount at (11)(a) 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  
**£1,925.0253** 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 (11)(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

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- (13) That it be noted that for the year 2021/22, 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	95.89	57.09
B	111.88	66.61
C	127.86	76.12
D	<b>143.84</b>	<b>85.64</b>
E	175.80	104.67
F	207.77	123.70
G	239.73	142.73
H	287.68	171.28

- (14) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (12) (h) and (13) 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 2021/22 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

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- (15) 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 2021/22 is not excessive in accordance with the principles determined under section 52ZC of the Act.

**Mayor**.....