

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, 23 February 2023

PRESENT: THE MAYOR COUNCILLOR D BURNETT (CHAIR)

Councillors: J Adams, V Anderson, R Beadle, D Bradford, M Brain, C Buckley, P Burns, L Caffrey, B Clelland, P Craig, P Diston, K Dodds, C Donovan, A Douglas, D Duggan, S Gallagher, M Gannon, A Geddes, F Geddes, 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, J McCoid, J McElroy, E McMaster, M McNestry, J Mohammed, L Moir, B Oliphant, A Ord, C Ord, M Ord, I Patterson, S Potts, J Reay, D Robson, S Ronchetti, J Simpson, J Turnbull, J Turner, J Wallace, R Waugh, D Weatherley, H Weatherley, D Welsh and A Wintcher

APOLOGIES: Councillors: C Davison, W Dick, S Dickie, J Eagle, J Gibson, H Haran, P McNally, R Mullen and K Wood

CL78 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET AND HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2023/24, the proposed rent changes, the proposals for the 2023/24 HRA fees and charges and the proposed Housing Capital Programme for 2023/24 with the indicative programme for 2024/25 – 2027/28.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That the Housing Revenue Account, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report, be approved.
 - (ii) That the 7% rent increase from 3 April 2023, as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report, be approved.
 - (iii) That the re-letting of social rent properties at formula rent comparison, as detailed at Appendix 4 of the attached report, be approved.
 - (iv) That the HRA service charges, as detailed in Appendix 5 of the report, be approved.
 - (v) That the Housing Capital Programme for the five years 2023/24 to 2027/28, as set

out in Appendix 6 of the report, be approved.

CL79 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24 TO 2027/28

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 Making Gateshead a Place Where Everyone Thrives.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That the capital programme for 2023/24 be approved.
 - (ii) That the provisional programmes for 2024/25 to 2027/28 be approved.

CL80 FEES AND CHARGES 2023/24

Consideration was given to the level of fees and charges across all Council services for 2023/24.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED -
- (i) That the fees and charges as set out for 2023/24 in Appendix 2 be approved.
 - (ii) That the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital, be authorised to make any necessary adjustment to correct any errors in the schedule of Fees and Charges.

CL81 BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX LEVEL 2023/24

Consideration was given to the Budget and Council Tax level for 2023/24. As part of the Council Tax setting process approval was sought for the prudential indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Statement.

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

Delete recommendations 23 (2), (3), (4), (10)(a) and (10)(b) and replace with the following:

- 23. (2) The revenue estimates of £291,302,826 for 2023/24 are approved.
- 23. (3) The budgeted use of £27.283 million Earmarked Reserves in 2023/24 be approved (comprising of £2.362 million budgeted use of strategic, £13.521 million budgeted use of pandemic, and £11.4 million budget sustainability).
- 23. (4) That the proposed budgets including the indicative schools funding presented in Appendix 2 be agreed. (Revised table attached).

23. (10) (a) £660,490,336 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.
23. (10) (b) (£550,004,415) being the aggregate total of the income amounts, which the Council estimate for the items, set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act.

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, P Diston, D Duggan, S Hawkins, P Maughan, J Mohammed, A Ord, C Ord, M Ord, I Patterson, J Wallace, D Welsh, A Wintcher.

Councillors against the amendment:- J Adams, D Bradford, M Brain, C Buckley, D Burnett, P Burns, L Caffrey, B Clelland, K Dodds, C Donovan, A Douglas, S Gallagher, M Gannon, A Geddes, F Geddes, B Goldsworthy, M Goldsworthy, T Graham, J Green, L Green, S Green, G Haley, M Hall, H Kelly, L Kirton, K McCartney, J McCoid, J McElroy, E McMaster, M McNestry, L Moir, B Oliphant, S Potts, J Reay, D Robson, S Ronchetti, J Simpson, J Turnbull, J Turner, R Waugh, D Weatherley, H Weatherley.

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, M Brain, C Buckley, D Burnett, P Burns, L Caffrey, B Clelland, K Dodds, C Donovan, A Douglas, S Gallagher, M Gannon, A Geddes, F Geddes, B Goldsworthy, M Goldsworthy, T Graham, J Green, L Green, S Green, G Haley, M Hall, H Kelly, L Kirton, K McCartney, J McCoid, J McElroy, E McMaster, M McNestry, L Moir, B Oliphant, S Potts, J Reay, D Robson, S Ronchetti, J Simpson, J Turnbull, J Turner, R Waugh, D Weatherley, H Weatherley.

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

The original recommendation was duly carried.

COUNCIL RESOLVED -

- (1) That Gateshead's Band D council tax for 2023/24 be increased by 4.99%

(including a 2% adult social care Government charge) to £2,070.54.

- (2) That the revenue estimates of £289,902,826 for 2023/24 be approved.
- (3) That the budgeted use of £25.883 million Earmarked Reserves in 2023/24 be approved (comprising of £2.362 million budgeted use of strategic, £13.521 million budgeted use of pandemic, and £10 million budget sustainability).
- (4) That the proposed budgets including the indicative schools funding presented in Appendix 2 be agreed.
- (5) That the outcome of budget consultation outlined in Appendix 4 be noted.
- (6) To note 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.
- (7) That the prudential and treasury indicators set out in Appendix 7 of the report be agreed.
- (8) That the method of calculating the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 8 of the report be approved.
- (9) That it be noted that at its meeting on 24 January 2023, Cabinet agreed the following amounts for the year 2023/24 in accordance with regulations made under Section 31B (3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011:-
 - (a) **53,354.9** 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) **1,197.4** 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.
- (10) That the following amount be now calculated by the Council for the year 2023/24 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) **£659,090,336** 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) **(£548,604,415)** 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) **£110,485,921** 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) **£2,070.7736** being the amount at (c) above, all divided by the amount at (9)(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) **£2,070.5399** being the amount at (d) less the result given by dividing the amount at (e) above by the amount at (9)(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
£2,080.9516 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 (9)(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	6.94	1,380.36
B	8.10	1,610.42
C	9.25	1,840.48
D	10.41	2,070.54
E	12.72	2,530.66
F	15.04	2,990.78
G	17.35	3,450.90
H	20.82	4,141.08

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.

- (11) That it be noted that for the year 2023/24, 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	112.56	61.57
B	131.32	71.83
C	150.08	82.09
D	168.84	92.35
E	206.36	112.87
F	243.88	133.39
G	281.40	153.92
H	337.68	184.70

- (12) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (10) (h) and (11) 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 2023/24 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Valuation Band	Lamesley Parish £	All other parts of the Council's area £
A	1,561.43	1,554.49
B	1,821.67	1,813.57
C	2,081.90	2,072.65
D	2,342.14	2,331.73
E	2,862.61	2,849.89
F	3,383.09	3,368.05
G	3,903.57	3,886.22
H	4,684.28	4,663.46

- (13) 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 2023/24 is not excessive in accordance with the principles determined under section 52ZC of the Act.

Mayor.....