

**GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, 25 February 2016**

**PRESENT:** THE MAYOR COUNCILLOR A GEDDES

Councillors: A Thompson, R Beadle, C Bradley, M Brain, L Caffrey, M Charlton, B Clelland, B Coates, P Craig, S Craig, D Davidson, W Dick, S Dickie, P Dillon, K Dodds, C Donovan, A Douglas, John Eagle, M Foy, P Foy, M Gannon, B Goldsworthy, M Goldsworthy, J Graham, M Graham, T Graham, J Green, L Green, G Haley, M Hall, J Hamilton, S Hawkins, M Henry, F Hindle, L Holmes, M Hood, J Lee, K McCartney, J McClurey, J McElroy, C McHugh, E McMaster, M McNestry, P Mole, B Oliphant, C Ord, M Ord, D Robson, C Simcox, J Simpson, J Turnbull, L Twist, J Wallace, N Weatherley, A Wheeler and K Wood

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: J Adams, S Green, H Hughes, P Maughan, C McHatton, P McNally, P Ronan and S Ronchetti

**CL94 NORTH EAST COMBINED AUTHORITY - PROPOSED DEVOLUTION AGREEMENT AND ELECTED REGIONAL MAYOR**

Consideration was given to a report outlining the proposed Devolution Agreement, including the proposal that the North East Combined Authority becomes a Mayoral Combined Authority.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED
- i) That the contents of the proposed Devolution Agreement at Appendix 1 of the report, including the proposal that the North East Combined Authority becomes a Mayoral Combined Authority be noted
  - ii) That the report providing an update on the conditional requirements of the proposed Agreement at Appendix 2 of the report be noted
  - iii) That the views of Council on the proposed Devolution Agreement, including the creation of a Mayoral Combined Authority for the North Eased Combined Authority area be expressed to Cabinet, so that Cabinet at its meeting in March 2016 can have regard to the views

expressed by Council when determining the question of consent to the proposed Devolution Agreement, including the proposal for an Elected Mayor for the North East Combined Authority

## **CL95 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) AND HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of:

- The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for 2016/17, including proposed savings
- The proposed rent changes from 1 April 2016
- The detailed proposals for fees and charges
- The proposed phased removal of subsidy for sheltered services support
- The proposed Housing Capital Programme for the next five years (2016/17 to 2020/21)
- Amendments to the council house repair policy
- Amendments to the council house rent policy

- COUNCIL RESOLVED:
- i) That the Housing Revenue Account as set out in Appendix 2, including The Gateshead Housing company management fee, the repairs and management budget and savings, detailed in Appendix 3, be approved
  - ii) That the weekly rent reduction of 1% from 1 April 2016 in relation to non-supported housing be approved
  - iii) That the weekly rent increase of 0.9% in relation to all supported housing be approved
  - iv) That the fees and charges schedule as detailed in Appendix 4 be approved
  - v) That the phased removal of subsidy for sheltered services support be approved
  - vi) That the Housing Capital Programme for the five years 2016/17 to 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 6 be approved
  - vii) That the amendments to the Repairs Policy to facilitate the achievement of the agreed savings be delegated to the Strategic Director, Communities and Environment, in consultation with the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Housing

- viii) That the amendments to the rent policy to increase rent on vacant properties to target social rent and such detailed amendments be delegated to the Strategic Director, Communities and Environment, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing

#### **CL96 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17 TO 2020/21**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the capital programme for the next five years to provide significant levels of strategic investment to deliver priority outcomes within the Council Plan.

- COUNCIL RESOLVED:
- i) That the capital programme for 2016/17 and the provisional programmes for 2017/18 to 2020/21, 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 that delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Director, Corporate Resources to enter into prudential borrowing which is consistent with the requirements of the capital programme and the Council's Treasury Management Strategy
  - iii) That the position in relation to the additional flexibility regarding the application of capital receipts to fund the revenue costs of transformational projects outlined in Appendix 4 be noted and that further updates be received to confirm specific investment plans as part of the capital programme monitoring reports during the year

#### **CL97 REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES 2016/17**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the level of fees and charges for the Council for 2016/17

- COUNCIL RESOLVED:
- i) That the Fees and Charges as set out for 2016/17 in Appendix 2 of the report be approved

- ii) That the Strategic Director, Corporate Resources be authorised to make any necessary adjustments to correct any errors in the schedule of Fees and Charges

## **CL98 BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX LEVEL 2016/17**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the Budget and Council Tax level for 2016/17. As part of the council tax setting process approval was also sought for the prudential indicators and Minimum Revenue Position Statement.

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

### Councillors For the Recommendation:-

R Beadle, C Bradley, M Brain, L Caffrey, M Charlton, B Clelland, B Coates, P Craig, S Craig, D Davidson, W Dick, S Dickie, P Dillon, K Dodds, C Donovan, A Douglas, J Eagle, M Foy, P Foy, M Gannon, A Geddes, B Goldsworthy, M Goldsworthy, J Graham, M Graham, T Graham, J Green, L Green, G Haley, M Hall, J Hamilton, M Henry, F Hindle, L Holmes, M Hood, J Lee, J McClurey, J McElroy, C McHugh, E McMaster, M McNestry, P Mole, B Oliphant, C Ord, M Ord, D Robson, C Simcox, J Simpson, A Thompson, L Twist, J Wallace, N Weatherley, A Wheeler and K Wood

### Councillors Against the Recommendation:-

Nil

### Councillors Abstained:-

Nil

### **COUNCIL RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That Gateshead's Band D council tax for 2016/17 is increased by 3.99% to £1,530.03.
- (2) The revenue estimates of £198.883m for 2016/17 be approved.
- (3) That use of £3.971m from the Council's General Reserve and £0.438m from the Public Health Reserve be agreed to mitigate the impact of budget proposals in 2016/17.
- (4) That the indicative schools funding presented in appendix 2 be agreed.
- (5) That the recommendations of the Strategic Director, Corporate Resources in respect of the robustness of estimates and adequacy of reserves identified in appendix 5 be noted.
- (6) That the Prudential and Treasury Indicators set out in appendix 6 to this report be agreed.

- (7) That the method of calculating the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for 2016/17 as set out in appendix 7 be approved.
- (8) That the Budget Proposals following the outcome of consultation in appendix 2 be noted.
- (9) That it be noted that at its meeting on 19 January 2016, Cabinet calculated the following amounts for the year 2016/17 in accordance with regulations made under Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011:-
- (a) **50,480.1** 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) **1,184.7** 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 amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2016/17 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) **£574,790,475** 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) **(£497,545,093)** 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) **£77,245,382** 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) **£1,530.2145** 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) **£9,258.36** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Lamesley Parish Council) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act
- (f) **£1,530.0311** 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 **£1,537.8461** 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	5.21	1,020.02
B	6.08	1,190.02
C	6.95	1,360.03
D	7.81	1,530.03
E	9.55	1,870.04
F	11.29	2,210.04
G	13.02	2,550.05
H	15.62	3,060.06

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 2016/17, 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	62.22	50.74
B	72.59	59.20
C	82.96	67.65
D	93.33	76.11
E	114.07	93.02
F	134.81	109.94
G	155.55	126.85
H	186.66	152.22

- (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 2016/17 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below: -

Valuation Band	Lamesley Parish £	All other parts of the Council's area £
A	1,138.19	1,132.98
B	1,327.89	1,321.81
C	1,517.59	1,510.64
D	1,707.28	1,699.47
E	2,086.68	2,077.13
F	2,466.08	2,454.79
G	2,845.47	2,832.45
H	3,414.56	3,398.94

- (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 2016/17 is not excessive in accordance with the principles determined under section 52ZC of the Act.

*(Councillors S Hawkins, K McCartney and J Turnbull left the meeting before a vote on this item was taken)*