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Name of meeting FULL COUNCIL

Date WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2017

^{Time} **5.00 PM**

Venue COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT

Members of the Committee All Members of the Council

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1. Minutes

To approve as a correct record and to sign the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 18 January 2017 (<u>Paper A1</u>) and 1 February 2017 (<u>Paper A2</u>).

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To invite Members to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.

Members are reminded that they should not take part in or vote at a meeting where financial matters relating to council tax are being considered if they are in arrears of council tax (with at least two months unpaid bills) and they must declare these arrears at the meeting. Failure to comply is an offence under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.



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3. To deal with any questions from members of the public - a maximum of up to 15 minutes for written questions, with up to a further 15 minutes for oral questions.

Questions may be asked without notice but to guarantee a full reply at the meeting, the question must be delivered in writing or by electronic mail to Democratic Services no later than 5.00 pm on Monday, 20 February 2017. The Procedure for asking oral questions is set out below.

4. <u>Chairman's report, official announcements, communications and</u> <u>correspondence for the Council.</u>

5. Budget and Council Tax Setting 2017/18 and future years forecasts

To consider the following matter as recommended by the Executive at its meeting on the 9 February 2017:

- a) The revised Revenue Budget for the financial year 2016/17 and the Revenue Budget for the financial year 2017/18 as set out in the General Fund Summary (Appendix A).
- b) Any underspendings for 2016/17 arising at the year-end (after allowing for specific carry forward requests) be transferred to the Transformation Reserve, Revenue Reserve for Capital (to increase the Capital Resources available) and General Reserves (to improve overall financial resilience) with the level of each transfer to be determined by the S.151 Officer.
- c) Any variation between the provisional and final Local Government Finance Settlement for 2017/18 be accommodated by a transfer to or from General Reserves.
- d) That the level of Council Tax be increased by 1.99% for general purposes in accordance with the referendum threshold5 for 2017/18 announced by Government (as calculated in Appendix B).
- e) That the level of Council Tax be increased by a further 3.0% beyond the referendum threshold (as calculated in Appendix B) to take advantage of the flexibility offered by Government to implement a "Social Care Precept"; and that in accordance with the conditions of that flexibility, the full amount of the associated sum generated of £2,182,200 is passported direct to Adult Social Care.
- f) That the amounts set out in Appendix B be now calculated by the Council for the financial year 2017/18 in accordance with Section 31 and Sections 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- g) The S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to implement any variation to the overall level of Council Tax arising from the final notification of the Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner and Parish and Town Council precepts and amend the calculations set out in Appendix B accordingly.
- h) The savings proposals for each Portfolio amounting, in total, to £7.5m for 2017/18 and continuing into future years as set out below

Portfolio / Service	Savings Proposal	
	£	% Budget
Adult Social Care & Public Health (Adult Social Care)*	3,084,100	6.6%
Adult Social Care & Public Health (Public Health)	397,000	5.8%
Contract Management & Car Parking**	889,300	20.8%
Environment, Fire & Local Engagement (Environment)	14,000	0.7%
Environment, Fire & Local Engagement (Fire & Rescue Service)	350,000	5.3%
Planning, Tourism, Recreation & Culture	437,100	7.3%
Regeneration, Housing & Transport	103,000	9.6%
Resources & Children's Services (Children's Services)	1,196,200	4.7%
Resources & Children's Services (Resources)	1,029,300	8.3%
Grand Total	£7,500,000	6.7%

* Excludes the additional funding passported through the Adult Social Care Precept of £2.2m and additional funding for the Care Act of £0.2m.

** Excludes £19.4xm of PFI Grant funding, on a Gross expenditure basis the saving amounts to 3.8%

- i) Directors be instructed to start planning how the Council will achieve the savings requirements of £19m for the 3 year period 2018/19 to 2020/21 and that this be incorporated into Service Business Plans.
- j) The minimum level of Revenue Balances as at 31 March 2018 be set at £5.0m to reflect the known and expected budget and financial risks to the Council.
- Members have regard for the Statement of the Section 151 Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 as set out in paragraphs 96 to 115.
- The Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2021/22 set out in Appendix E which includes all additions, deletions and amendments for slippage and rephasing.
- m) The "Funded Schemes" as described in Appendix D be reflected within the recommended Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2021/22 and be funded from the available Corporate Capital Resources.

- n) The "Financed Schemes" as described in Appendix D are approved in principal, reflected within the recommended Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2021/22 and financed from Prudential Borrowing but subject to the approval of a Commercial Property Investment Strategy setting out the risk based parameters within which such acquisitions should take place.
- The allocation of £1,584,113 of Disabled Facilities Grants be made to the Better Care Fund, and reflected within the recommended Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2021/22.
- p) The Prudential Indicators relating to the Capital Programme as described in Appendix F.
- q) The S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to determine how each source of finance is used to fund the overall Capital Programme and to alter the overall mix of financing, as necessary, to maximise the flexibility of capital resources used and minimise the ongoing costs of borrowing to the Council.
- r) That the S.151 Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council be given delegated authority to release capital resources held back for any contingent items that might arise, and also for any match funding requirements that may be required of the Council in order to secure additional external capital funding (e.g. bids for funding from Government or the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership).

The updated report of the Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Corporate Resources as submitted to the Executive on Thursday, 9 February 2017 is attached at <u>Paper B.</u>

- s) Budget Options Proposed by Other Groups
 - (i) Proposals submitted by the Independent Group are <u>attached here</u>.
 - (ii) Proposals submitted by the Labour Group and Cllr Reg Barry (Liberal Democrat) are <u>attached here</u>.

6. Executive:

Executive Members to present a written report, and answer written and oral questions on budget or policy:

- (i) <u>The Leader and Executive Member for Strategic and Community</u> <u>Partnerships, and Public Protection (Cllr Dave Stewart)</u>
- (ii) <u>Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources</u> (Cllr Stuart Hutchinson)
- (iii) <u>Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health</u> (Cllr Richard Priest)
- (iv) <u>Executive Member for Children's Services</u> (Cllr Chris Whitehouse)
- (v) Executive Member for Major Contracts Management (Cllr Jon Gilbey)
- (vi) <u>Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Homelessness</u> (Cllr Daryll Pitcher)
- (vii) <u>Executive Member for Regeneration</u> (Cllr Julie Jones-Evans)
- (viii) <u>Executive Member for Tourism and Business Development (including</u> <u>Public Realm)</u> (Cllr Wayne Whittle)

(ix) <u>Executive Member for Transport and Infrastructure (including Car Parking)</u> (Cllr Ian Ward)

To guarantee a full reply Members must submit a question in writing or by electronic mail to Democratic Services no later than 5.00 pm on Tuesday, 21 February 2017. A further period of 10 Minutes will be allowed for oral questions to each Executive Member.

7. Report of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman

The Chairman of Scrutiny, Cllr Paul Fuller, to present his written report, and answer written and oral questions on budget or policy.

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