

## HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held on 22 February 2017

Present

Councillor Ponsonby (Mayor)

Councillors Mrs Blackett, Bowerman, Briggs, Branson, Buckley, Carpenter, Cheshire, Cresswell, Davis, Fairhurst, Francis, Guest, Hart, Keast, Kerrin, Lenaghan, Lloyd, Perry, Pike, Rees, Quantrill, Satchwell, Sceal, Shimbart, Mrs Shimbart, Smith D, Smith K, Thomas, Turner, Wade, Weeks and Wilson

### **57 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Hughes, Howard and Patrick.

### **58 Declarations of Interests**

Councillor Lenaghan declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute 67(B) below as a Trustee of Hayling Island Community Centre.

### **59 Minutes**

Proposed by Councillor Perry and seconded by Councillor Buckley, it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7 December 2016 were approved as a correct record.

### **60 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting of the Council.

### **61 Notices of Motion**

The Council received a Motion proposed by Councillor Ponsonby and seconded by Councillor Francis seeking to support the Havant Fairtrade Group in its effort to maintain the Borough's recognised status as a Fairtrade Borough.

Mrs Maureen Thompson of the Havant Fairtrade Group was given an opportunity to address the Council in support of the Motion.

Proposed by Councillor Ponsonby and seconded by Councillor Francis, it was

RESOLVED that that this Council reaffirms its commitment to using Fair Trade products at its meetings and within the Plaza as far as possible, and to encouraging retailers, cafes and restaurants in the Borough to also sell or use a proportion of FairTrade products. The Borough Council additionally supports the annual Fair Trade fortnight.

This will maintain its status as a Fair Trade Borough.

This Council further supports the Fair Trade Foundation in its condemnation of the exploitation of workers and remains committed to provide Fairtrade Tea and Coffee where possible at events held in the Public Service Plaza.

Following the debate on this Motion, Mrs Thompson presented the Mayor with a Certificate in recognition of the Borough's ongoing status as a Fairtrade Borough and thanked the Council for its support.

## **62 Mayor's Report**

In addition to her published report, the Mayor referred to her planned abseil down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth in April and encouraged members to support her in this fundraising event.

## **63 Public Questions under Standing Order 13.4(f)**

There were no public questions.

## **64 Provisional Appointment of the Mayor 2017/18**

Proposed by Councillor Weeks and seconded by Councillor Ken Smith, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Elaine Shimbart be provisionally nominated as Mayor for the 2017/18 municipal year.

## **65 Provisional Appointment of the Deputy Mayor 2017/18**

Proposed by Councillor Sceal and seconded by Councillor Cheshire, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Peter Wade be provisionally nominated as Deputy Mayor for the 2017/18 municipal year.

## **66 Leader's Budget Speech**

The Leader delivered his budget speech to Council, setting out the Council's approach to maintaining financial sustainability in the context of increasing pressures nationally on local government finances. The Leader gave an outline as to how the Council had delivered on its objectives of the previous year, the innovative approach to deliver services differently going forward, and a focus on income generation through investment in commercial property

As Leader of the Opposition, Councillor John Perry was given an opportunity to reply, setting local challenges in the context of national government policy and voicing concerns with regard to the borrowing to invest strategy outlined by the Leader..

## **67 Revenue and Capital Budget 2017/18**

The Leader presented a report and recommendation from Cabinet seeking approval of the proposed revenue and capital budget, reserves and balances, treasury and prices for services for 2017/18.

As Chairman of the Scrutiny Board, Councillor Buckley referred to the significant amount of work undertaken during the course of the year by the Budget Scrutiny Panel led by Councillor Hughes, and took the opportunity to thank all those involved for their contribution.

Proposed by Councillor Cheshire and seconded by Councillor Turner, it was:

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the following be approved, as set out in the report to the Cabinet on 8 February 2017:
- (1) The proposed Revenue and Capital Budget for 2017/2018 including a Council Tax rate of £192.78 at Band D (0% increase);
  - (2) The Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators; and
  - (3) Proposed Prices for Services for 2017/2018
- (b) That it be noted that (on 31st January, 2017) the Chief Finance Officer calculated the Council Tax Base 2017/2018 for the whole Council area as 39,937.93 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended, (the "Act")] and that this Council Tax base be split between the regions of the Environment Agency as follows:
- Southern – 39,937.93
- (c) That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2017/2018 in accordance with Sections 31 and 34 to 36 of the Act.
- (i) £ 69,303,234 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act;
  - (ii) £ 61,604,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act;
  - (iii) £7,699,234 being the amount by which the aggregate at d(i) above exceeds the aggregate at d(ii) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year (Item R in the formula in section 31A(4) of the Act);
  - (iv) £192.78 being the amount at d(iii) above (Item R), divided by Item T (c 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;

(e) Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D
£128.52	£149.94	£171.36	£192.78
E	F	G	H
£235.62	£278.46	£321.30	£385.56

being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at d(iv) 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.

- (f) That it be noted that for the year 2017/2018 the Hampshire County Council (see (h) below) and Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and Hampshire 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 the dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands – Hampshire County Council Basic Charge

A	B	C	D
£755.40	£881.30	£1,007.20	£1,133.10
E	F	G	H
£1,384.90	£1,636.70	£1,888.50	£2,266.20

Valuation Bands – Hampshire County Council Adult Social Care Premium

A	B	C	D
£35.41	£41.32	£47.22	£53.12
E	F	G	H
£64.92	£76.73	£88.53	£106.24

Valuation Bands – Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire

A	B	C	D
£110.31	£128.69	£147.08	£165.46

E	F	G	H
£202.23	£239.00	£275.77	£330.92

Valuation Bands – Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority

A	B	C	D
£42.56	£49.65	£56.75	£63.84

E	F	G	H
£78.03	£92.21	£106.40	£127.68

- (g) That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (e) and (f) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby, but subject to Hampshire County Council and Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority confirming the precept at (f) above on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 respectively, sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2017/2018 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D
£1,036.79	£1,209.58	£1,382.39	£1,555.18

E	F	G	H
£1,900.78	£2,246.37	£2,591.37	£3,110.36

- (h) If the Precepting Bodies decide a different precept than stated, the Council will be provided with a revised calculation as soon as possible. .

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities Standing Orders Regulations (England) 2001, the vote on this item was recorded as follows:

For the Motion:

Councillor Satchwell  
Councillor Lloyd  
Councillor Rees  
Councillor Seal  
Councillor Thomas  
Councillor Bowerman  
Councillor Mrs E Shimbart  
Councillor G Shimbart  
Councillor Quantrill  
Councillor Fairhurst

Councillor Buckley  
Councillor Branson  
Councillor D Smith  
Councillor K Smith  
Councillor Weeks  
Councillor Cresswell  
Councillor Mrs Blackett  
Councillor Keast  
Councillor Lenaghan  
Councillor Wade  
Councillor Pike  
Councillor Wilson  
Councillor Turner  
Councillor Guest  
Councillor Cheshire  
Councillor Briggs  
Councillor Bains  
Councillor Ponsonby

Against the Motion:  
Councillor Francis

Abstentions:  
Councillor Perry  
Councillor Kerrin  
Councillor Davis  
Councillor Carpenter  
Councillor Hart

Not present:  
Councillor Patrick  
Councillor Hughes  
Councillor Howard

## **68 Cabinet Recommendations**

### **(A) Public Sector Audit Appointments**

Councillor Wilson presented a recommendation from Cabinet seeking approval of the proposed process for the appointment of an external auditor from the financial year 2018/19.

As Chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee, Councillor Ken Smith reported that the Committee had considered and fully endorsed the proposal as recommended by Cabinet.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor K Smith, it was:

RESOLVED that the Council opts in to the appointing person arrangements made by the Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) for the appointment of external auditors.

**(B) CIL Spending 2016/17**

Councillor Guest presented a report to Cabinet providing an analysis of the 26 bids received following the CIL Bidding process and setting out recommendations on the spending of CIL funds.

Councillor Guest also reported that Cabinet members had been minded to support a proposal that the time limit in relation to the Northney Coastal Path project be extended to three years to support efforts to secure match funding.

Proposed by Councillor Guest and seconded by Councillor Turner, it was:

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Council invests part of the available CIL Pot of £1,250,724.12 in the following capital infrastructure projects:
  - (a) Langstone Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Scheme (FCERM) Feasibility Assessment £75,000;
  - (b) Southmoor Lane, Harts Farm Way Junction Improvements (Short Term) £190,405;
  - (c) Havant Railway Footbridge Detailed Design up to £150,000, subject to negotiation with Hampshire County Council
  - (d) Warblington Station Footbridge – Whilst the funding bid for Warblington Station Footbridge scored very highly using the CIL Protocol, the option of Network Rail providing this infrastructure will be explored. S106 funds of £647,784 have already been secured until 2025 to support this project. A contribution from CIL will be considered further during the next round of bidding.

The cumulative effect of expenditure on the CIL 123 List of the above bids is illustrated in Table A:

Bid No	Priority	Title	Amount	Cumulative amount
2	Critical	Langstone FCERM Feasibility Assessment	£75,000	£75,000
4	Essential	Southmoor Lane, Harts Farm Way Junction	£190,405	£265,405

		Improvements (Short Term)		
18	Essential	Havant Railway Footbridge Detailed Design	£150,000	£415,405

**Table A: Cumulative total of all recommended CIL Pot bids**

(ii) that the council invest part of the available Neighbourhood Portion of £163,305.49 in the following projects:

- a) The Hub – Hayling Island Community Centre Association £42,638
- b) Northney Coastal Path up to £90,000–

Funding will be contingent upon other funding opportunities having been exhausted and planning permission being obtained. As there is some uncertainty over the delivery of this project at present it is recommended that a three year time limit is added to this recommendation (that funds be spent by the Council by 31 March 2020).

The cumulative effect of expenditure on the CIL 123 List of the above bids is illustrated in Table B:

Bid No	Priority	Title	Amount	Cumulative amount
26	Desirable	The Hub – Hayling Island Community Centre Association	£42,638	£42,638
15	Desirable	Northney Coastal Path	£90,000	£132,638

**Table B: Cumulative total of recommended Neighbourhood Portion bids**

(iii) That the Council agree a Revised CIL Funding Decision Protocol set out at Appendix F to the Cabinet report.

## 69 Leader's Report

There were no matters the Leader wished to add to his published report.

## 70 Cabinet Lead Reports

Councillor Turner provided a verbal update to her published report on the serious weather protocol for assisting rough sleepers and on a recent successful bid for funding to support victims of domestic abuse.

**71 Cabinet Leads and Chairmen's Question Time**

Members of the Council were given an opportunity to ask questions of the Cabinet Leads in connection with their published reports. There were no questions of the Committee Chairmen.

**72 Questions Under Standing Order 23**

There were no questions under Standing Order 23.

**73 Urgent Questions Under Standing Order 23**

There were no urgent questions.

**74 Acceptance of Minutes**

Propose by Councillor Ken Smith and seconded by Councillor Branson, it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of committees held since the last meeting of the Council be received.

**The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm and concluded at 7.06 pm**