

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held on 19 February 2014

Present

Councillor Buckley (Mayor)

Councillors Mrs Blackett, Bolton, Briggs, Branson, Brown, Cheshire, Collins, Cousins, Fairhurst, Farrow, Galloway, Gibb-Gray, Guest, Heard, Hilton, Keast, Kennedy, Lenaghan, Mackey, Pierce Jones, Ponsonby, Shimbart, Mrs Shimbart, Mrs Smallcorn (Deputy Mayor), Smith D, Smith J, Smith K, Turner, Wade, Weeks and Tarrant

62 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Bastin, F Edwards, T Hart and M Johnson.

63 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 December 2013 were approved as a correct record.

64 Matters Arising

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

65 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest from any of the members present.

66 Mayor's Report

The Mayor received a certificate from the Havant Fairtrade Forum in recognition of Havant's continued status as a Fairtrade Borough. The Chair of the Forum was invited to address the Council and outlined the key principles of the Fairtrade initiative.

The Mayor also gave a brief report on the various charity and other events he had attended since the last meeting of the Council.

67 Leader's Report

The Leader reported on a visit earlier in the day by the Minister for Portsmouth and the positive discussions that had taken place regarding the redevelopment of Dunsbury Hill Farm as a key employment site in the Borough.

68 Provisional Appointment of Mayor 2014/15

Proposed by Councillor K Smith and seconded by Councillor D Keast, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Marjorie Smallcorn be provisionally appointed as Mayor for 2014/15.

69 Provisional Appointment of Deputy Mayor 2014/15

Proposed by Councillor A Lenaghan and seconded by Councillor J Branson, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Leah Turner be provisionally appointed as Deputy Mayor for 2014/15.

70 Leader's Budget Speech

The Leader presented his budget speech to the Council, setting out the achievements made in recent years in making budgetary savings whilst maintaining frontline services through partnership working and other innovative approaches to delivering services. The Leader also set out future challenges for the Borough and the importance of the Council's role as a community leader going forward.

The Leader of the Opposition was given an opportunity to reply to the Leader's report and all members of the Council were given an opportunity to ask the Leader questions of clarification.

71 Notice of Motion - Vascular Services in South East Hampshire

This motion was withdrawn at the request of the proposer and seconder.

72 Cabinet Portfolio Reports

The Cabinet Portfolio reports had been circulated and the Mayor asked the Portfolio Holders if they wished to add anything to their written reports.

Councillor Branson reported that the Seminar Day scheduled for 23 June 2014 had been rescheduled to 30 June.

Councillor Guest reported that he had approached the Planning Advisory Service with a view to undertaking a peer review of planning and development services and that the arrangements would be confirmed in due course.

73 Cabinet/Board/Committee Recommendations

- (A)** The Council considered Cabinet minute number 47/02/2014 from its meeting held on 5 February 2014, recommending approval of the Revenue Budget 2014 to 2015. The Mayor reported that new Government Regulations shortly to be implemented would require Councils to hold a recorded vote when approving their annual budget strategies. In the interests of transparency, the Leader had therefore agreed that this Council would comply with the new regulations ahead of implementation.

Proposed by Councillor K Smith and seconded by Councillor D Smith:

For	Against	Abstain
Blackett		Brown
Bolton		Cousins
Branson		
Briggs		
Buckley		
Cheshire		
Collins		
Fairhurst		
Farrow		
Galloway		
Gibb-Gray		
Guest		
Heard		
Hilton		
Keast		
Kennedy		
Lenaghan		
Mackey		
Pierce Jones		
Ponsonby		
Shimbart, E		
Shimbart, G		
Smallcorn		
Smith, D		
Smith, J		
Smith, K		
Tarrant		
Turner		
Wade		
Weeks		

The Mayor declared the proposal carried and RESOLVED accordingly:

- (a) that the following be approved, as set out in the report to the Cabinet on 5 February 2014:
- (i) The proposed Revenue and Capital Budget for 2014/15, including a Council Tax rate of £192.78 at Band D (0% increase);
 - (ii) The Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators; and
 - (iii) Proposed Prices for Services for Approve the detailed proposals in the Budget Report,

- (b) An amendment be noted to para 5.4 that, following the calculation of the Council's Business Rates (NDR1) return on 31st January 2014, actual Retained Business Rates income calculated for 2014/15 was £3.207m. The shortfall to the original estimate will be met from section 31 grant received in respect of the Business Rates Retention scheme in 2013/14.
- (c) That it be noted that (on 31st January, 2014) the Chief Finance Officer calculated the Council Tax Base 2014/2015 for the whole Council area as 38,002.43 [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 – Hampshire – 37,273.83
Southern – Sussex – 728.60

- (d) That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2014/2015 in accordance with Sections 31 and 34 to 36 of the Act.
- (i) £ 55,932,400 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act;
- (ii) £ 48,760,186 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act;
- (iii) £7,172,214 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 2014/2015 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

A	B	C	D
£691.92	£807.24	£922.56	£1,037.88
E	F	G	H
£1,268.52	£1,499.16	£1,729.80	£2,075.76

Valuation Bands – Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire

A	B	C	D
£102.84	£119.98	£137.12	£154.26
E	F	G	H
£188.54	£222.82	£257.10	£308.52

Valuation Bands – Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority

A	B	C	D
£40.92	£47.74	£54.56	£61.38
E	F	G	H
£75.02	£88.66	£102.30	£122.76

- (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 the Police and Crime Commissioner confirming the precept at (f) above on 20 February 2014 and 14th February 2014 respectively, sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2014/2015 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D
£964.20	£1,124.90	£1,285.60	£1,446.30
E	F	G	H

£1,767.70 £2,089.10 £2,410.50 £2,892.60

- (h) If the Precepting Bodies decide a different precept than stated above the calculation and setting of the final total council tax figure for 2014/2015 be delegated to a special meeting of the Cabinet (if required) to be held before the end of February 2014, the Cabinet meeting on that date being as a Committee appointed by the Council for the purpose of Section 67(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. That meeting shall only be authorised to amend the figures at (f) in accordance with their decisions in February 2014 and the overall Council Taxes at (g) above accordingly.

- (B) The Council considered Cabinet minute number 48/02/2014 from its meeting held on 5 February 2014, recommending approval of proposals for a joint financial information system.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Blackett and seconded by Councillor A Briggs, it was RESOLVED:

- (a) approval be given to proceed with the project as outlined in the report to the Cabinet on 5 February 2014; and
- (b) funding of £275k is released from earmarked reserves as Havant Borough Council share of the project costs. The current capital programme has allocated £210k for the proposal and a bid for the remaining has been included in the capital budget report for 2014/15.

- (C) The Council considered Cabinet minute number 50/02/2014 from its meeting held on 5 February 2014, recommending that a periodic electoral review be requested.

Proposed by Councillor L Turner and seconded by Councillor A Lenaghan, it was

RESOLVED that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England be asked to undertake a periodic electoral review at Havant Borough Council with a view to reducing the number of elected members representing the Council.

74 Waterlooville MDA - Appointment of a Joint WWMDA Planning Committee with Winchester City Council

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and the Built Environment presented a report setting out proposals for the establishment of a Joint West of Waterlooville Major Development Area (WWMDA) Planning Committee for the development control functions of the Development Management Committee in relation to the development of the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area.

Proposed by Councillor C Hilton and seconded by Councillor Mrs E Shimbart, it was

RESOLVED, subject to Winchester City Council agreeing to the creation of a Joint West of Waterlooville Major Development Area Planning Committee, that the following be approved:

- (a) the proposal to set up a Joint West of Waterloo MDA Planning Committee in accordance with s. 101(5) of the Local Government Act 1972;
- (b) the proposal that the Joint WWMDA Planning Committee be the responsible body for all matters required for delivery of effective delivery of joint development control decision making for the WWMDA;
- (c) decision making powers in respect of those functions set out in paragraph 4.7 of this report be delegated to the Joint WWMDA Planning Committee; and
- (d) authority to determine the size, composition, and terms of reference for the Joint WWMDA Planning Committee be delegated to the Development Management Committee as set out in paragraph 4.6 of the report.

75 Portfolio Holders and Chairmen's Question Time

The Cabinet Portfolio Holders all answered questions within their remit. There were no questions for the Chairmen.

76 Questions

There were no questions under Standing Order 23.4(a).

77 Urgent Questions

There were no urgent questions under Standing Order 23.4(b).

78 Acceptance of Minutes

Proposed by Councillor D Keast and seconded by Councillor G Shimbart, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held since publication of the last Council agenda, and set out in the Minute Volume, be accepted.

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm and concluded at 6.52 pm