

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held on 18 February 2015

Present

Councillor Mrs Smallcorn (Mayor)

Councillors Mrs Blackett, Bolton, Branson, Brown, Buckley, Cheshire, Collins, Cousins, Edwards, Fairhurst, Farrow, Francis, Galloway, Guest, Hart, Heard, Hilton, Keast, Kerrin, Lenaghan, Mackey, Perry, Ponsonby, Sceal, Shimbart, Smith D, Smith G, Smith K, Tarrant, Turner (Deputy Mayor), Wade and Wilson

49 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Briggs, B Gibb-Gray, Mrs E Shimbart and Y Weeks.

50 Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 December 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

51 Matters Arising

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

52 Declarations of Interests

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

53 Mayor's Report

The Mayor was pleased to formally invite Giles Babb, Lulu Bowerman and Alistair Gibson, representing Emsworth Business Association and organisers of the Emsworth British Food Fortnight, to share their success in winning the national 'Bring Home the Harvest/British Food Fortnight Award with the Council. On behalf of the Council the Mayor offered her congratulations.

The Mayor reported on, and encouraged all members of the Council to support, various forthcoming charity and other events she would shortly be attending.

54 Leader's Report

In addition to his published report, the Leader briefed the Council on two key successes highlighted in the Council's Quarter 3 Performance Healthcheck report:

- Significant reduction in reported incidences of littering in the Borough arising from the recently implemented 'zero tolerance' policy; and

- Havant Borough Council rated first of seven authorities for Value for Money in a recent residents' survey.

55 Provisional Appointment of Mayor 2015/16

Proposed by Councillor Lenaghan and seconded by Councillor Branson it was
RESOLVED that Councillor Leah Turner be provisionally elected as Mayor for 2015/16.

56 Provisional Appointment of Deputy Mayor 2015/16

Proposed by Councillor Cheshire and seconded by Councillor Branson it was
RESOLVED that Councillor Faith Ponsonby be provisionally elected as Deputy Mayor for 2015/16.

57 Leader's Budget Speech

The Leader presented his budget speech to the Council, focusing on the key themes of leadership, finance, customers, the organisation and its partners. The Leader was pleased to present a balanced budget for 2015-16 to the Council, with its proportion of the Council Tax frozen for the sixth consecutive year.

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.

58 Cabinet/Board/Committee Recommendations

The Council considered the following recommendations arising from the Cabinet meeting held on 4 February 2014:

(A) Revenue Budget 2015/16 to 2019/20

The Leader of the Council presented the draft Revenue Budget 2015/16 to 2019/20. Proposed by Councillor Cheshire and seconded by Councillor Sceal it was

RESOLVED that

- (a) the following be approved, as set out in the report to the Cabinet:
- (1) the proposed Revenue and Capital Budget for 2015/2016, 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 2015/2016

- (b) it be noted that (on 8th January, 2015) the Chief Finance Officer calculated the Council Tax Base 2015/2016 for the whole Council area as 38,846.07 [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 – 38,106.00
Southern – Sussex – 740.07

- (c) the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2015/2016 in accordance with Sections 31 and 34 to 36 of the Act.
- (i) £ 70,193,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act;
 - (ii) £ 62,704,250 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act;
 - (iii) £7,488,750 being the amount by which the aggregate at c(i) above exceeds the aggregate at c(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 c(iii) above (Item R), divided by Item T (b 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;

- (d) 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 c(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.

- (e) it be noted that for the year 2015/2016 the Hampshire County Council (see (g) 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
£104.89	£122.37	£139.85	£157.33
E	F	G	H
£192.29	£227.25	£262.22	£314.66

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

- (f) having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (d) and (e) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby, but subject to Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority and the Police and Crime Commissioner confirming the precept at (e) above on 19 February 2015, 20th February 2015 and 18th February 2015 respectively, sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2015/2016 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D
£966.25	£1,127.29	£1,288.33	£1,449.37
E	F	G	H
£1,771.45	£2,093.53	£2,415.62	£2,898.74

- (g) if the Precepting Bodies decide a different precept than stated above the calculation and setting of the final total council tax figure for 2015/2016 be delegated to a special meeting of the Cabinet (if required) to be held on 27th February 2015, 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 (e) in accordance with their decisions in February 2015 and the overall Council Taxes at (f) above accordingly.

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, voting on this item was recorded as follows:

For the proposal

Councillors:

Mrs G Blackett
R Bolton
J Branson
R Brown
P Buckley
M Cheshire
D Collins
R Cousins
M Fairhurst
Mrs H Farrow
B Francis
R Galloway
D Guest
T Hart
R Heard
D Keast
G Kerrin
A Lenaghan
C Mackey
J Perry
F Ponsonby
M Sceal
G Shimbart
Mrs M Smallcorn
D Smith
G Smith
K Smith
C Tarrant
L Turner
P Wade
M Wilson

Against the proposal:

None

Absentions:
None

Absent, Councillors:

A Briggs
F Edwards
B Gibb-Gray
C Hilton
V Pierce-Jones
Mrs E Shimbart
Mrs Y Weeks

(B) Corporate Strategy 2015-20

The Leader of the Council presented the draft Corporate Strategy 2015-20. Proposed by Councillor G Shimbart and seconded by Councillor P Wade it was:

RESOLVED that the Corporate Strategy 2015-20 as amended by the Cabinet on 4 February 2015 be approved and adopted.

(C) Community Infrastructure Levy: Spending

The Cabinet Lead for Planning and the Built Environment presented recommendations from the Cabinet in respect of the Community Infrastructure Levy. Proposed by Councillor D Keast and seconded by Councillor K Smith it was:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) Up to £50,000 of CIL funding be used, working in partnership with Hampshire County Council, to commission a feasibility study into the costs, options for construction and a business case for the Havant Station footbridge to lever in funding from other sources;
- (2) Remaining funds collected up to 31 March 2015 to be carried forward, pending the outcome of the studies for the Havant Station Footbridge and the Southmoor Lane / Harts Farm Way junction signalisation options;
- (3) Other bids be not supported at this time due to the limited funds currently available from the CIL;
- (4) The revised Funding Decision Protocol at Appendix C to the Cabinet report be agreed; and

- (5) The Executive Head (Planning & Built Environment), in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Planning Policy and the Built Environment, be authorised to amend the explanatory notes to the Regulation 123 List for clarification.

59 Cabinet Lead Reports

There were no matters the Cabinet Leads wished to add to their published reports.

60 Cabinet Leads and Chairmen's Question Time

Cabinet Leads and the Committee Chairmen answered questions on matters contained within their respective reports. Questions for Councillors Briggs and Mrs Y Weeks were noted in their absence for formal response following the meeting.

61 Questions

There were no questions under standing order 23.4(a).

62 Urgent Questions

There were no urgent questions under standing order 23.4(b).

63 Acceptance of Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Blackett and seconded by Councillor G Shimbart, it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of Committees held since the last meeting of the Council be accepted.

At the conclusion of the meeting, and with the prior consent of the Mayor, the Leader expressed his appreciation, on behalf of all members of the Council, to those members who would not be standing for re-election in May for their valued contribution to the work of the Council and their valued commitment to their local communities

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm and concluded at 6.47 pm