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## **COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Thursday 5 March 2015 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock at 6.00 pm.**

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Geoff Stevens, MBE - In the Chair

Councillors Jacque Bevan, Steve Bull, Sue Burfoot, Bob Cartwright, Tom Donnelly, Ann Elliott, David Fearn, Richard FitzHerbert, Steve Flitter, David Frederickson, Chris Furness, Neil Horton, Cate Hunt, Angus Jenkins, Tony Millward, Jean Monks, Garry Purdy, Irene Ratcliffe, Mike Ratcliffe, Lewis Rose, OBE, Andrew Shirley, Peter Slack, Andrew Statham, Jacquie Stevens, Colin Swindell, Philippa Tilbrook, Judith Twigg and Carol Walker.

Dorcas Bunton (Chief Executive), Paul Wilson (Corporate Director), Sandra Lamb (Head of Corporate Services), Steve Capes (Head of Regeneration and Policy), Karen Henriksen (Head of Resources), Ash Watts (Head of Community Development), Heidi McDougall (Head of Environmental Resources), Tim Braund (Head of Regulatory Services), Rob Cogings (Head of Housing) and Jackie Cullen (Committee Assistant).

3 members of the public.

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jennifer Bower, Richard Bright, Albert Catt, David Chapman, Mike Longden, Barrie Tipping and Joanne Wild.

### **284/14 – MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Geoff Stevens, MBE, seconded by Councillor Richard FitzHerbert and

**RESOLVED**  
(unanimously)

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 February 2015 be approved as a correct record.

The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

### **285/14 – CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Carol Walker, Chairman of the District Council of the Derbyshire Dales, reported on the forthcoming British Bake-Off event that would take place in 5 towns, and which she would be judging in Carsington awarding trophies to the winners on behalf of the Council. This would present a good opportunity for media coverage for the Council in their efforts to apply for Fair Trade status.

Councillor Walker reported that it had been a privilege to take part in the recent Shrovetide event, after having attended a service held by Reverend Humphrey at Repton.

## **286/14 – PERFORMANCE PLAN AND REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16**

Councillor Neil Horton arrived at 6.10pm and Councillor Angus Jenkins arrived at 6.11pm during discussion of this item.

Council considered a report that sought its approval of the District Council's Performance Plan 2015/16, revised spending proposals for 2014/15 and the spending proposals for 2015/16.

Councillor Lewis Rose, Leader of the Council, acknowledged the Performance Plan and Revenue Budget 2015/16, and requested that it be revised in light of the recommendation, if approved, to introduce the Living Wage to all Derbyshire Dales District Council employees with effect from 1 April 2015. This move would benefit 51 employees.

It was agreed that an addition to the recommendations in the report be made, as follows:

No.11 That the Council agrees to become a Living Wage employer with effect from 1 April 2015.

Statutory Legislation required a recorded vote in respect of the Revenue Budget in accordance with rule of procedure 19e.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, OBE, seconded by Councillor Jacquie Stevens and

### **RESOLVED**

That

1. The level of Council Tax for 2015/16 be frozen at the 2014/15 level.
2. The revised estimate of net revenue expenditure for 2014/15 of £5,284,764 as detailed in the Summary Revenue Account be approved
3. The net sum of £329,845 be transferred to earmarked reserves in 2014/15, as shown in Appendix 6.
4. The estimated net revenue expenditure for 2015/16 totalling £5,322,715 as detailed in the Summary Revenue Account be approved
5. The minimum level of uncommitted working balances be approved at £1,000,000 at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015, and £1,000,000 at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.
6. The net sum of £1,073,187 be transferred from earmarked reserves in 2015/16, as shown in Appendix 6.
7. The following amounts be calculated by the Council for the chargeable financial year 2015/16 in accordance with Section 31A of the Localism Act 2011:-

- i aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2)(a) to (f) thereof is £40,510,478;
  - ii aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3)(a) to (d) thereof is £33,872,529;
  - iii calculation under Section 31A(4) being the amount of which the aggregate at (i) above exceeds the aggregate of (ii) above, as the Council Tax Requirement for 2015/16 is £6,637,949;
8. The Derbyshire Dales District Council Service Plans and Revenue Spending Proposals (as circulated with the agenda) be approved.
9. That progress on service reviews is noted.
10. The Head of Resources' report on the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of reserves in accordance with clause 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 be approved
11. That the Council become a Living Wage employer with effect from 1 April 2015.

**Voting:**

In favour

Councillors Jacque Bevan, Steve Bull, Sue Burfoot, Bob Cartwright, Tom Donnelly, Ann Elliott, David Fearn, Richard FitzHerbert, Steve Flitter, David Frederickson, Chris Furness, Neil Horton, Cate Hunt, Angus Jenkins, Tony Millward BEM, Jean Monks, Garry Purdy, Mike Ratcliffe, Lewis Rose OBE, Andrew Shirley, Peter Slack, Andrew Statham, Geoff Stevens MBE, Jacque Stevens, Colin Swindell, Philippa Tilbrook, Judith Twigg and Carol Walker (28)

Against

Councillor Irene Ratcliffe (1)

Abstentions

0

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**287/14 – CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15 TO 2019/20**

Councillor Colin Swindell left the meeting at 7.15pm, Councillor Tony Millward left at 7.20pm and Councillor Cate Hunt left at 7.25pm during discussion of this item.

Further to the report on the Capital Programme approved at the Council meeting on 20 November 2014, the Council considered a report containing a revised programme. The report:

- Determined the revised capital programme and financing arrangements for 2014/15;
- Determined capital programme and financing arrangements for 2015/16
- Outlined the capital programme proposals for 2016/17 to 2019/20

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, seconded by Councillor Chris Furness and

**RESOLVED**  
(unanimously)

1. That the revised Capital Programme and financing arrangements as at January 2015 detailed in appendix 1 to the report for 2014/15 in the sum £3,110,328 be approved.
2. That the revised Capital Programme and financing

arrangements for 2015/16 in the sum of £2,430,361 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

3. That the Capital Programmes for 2016/17 – 2019/20 as detailed in appendix 1 to the report be noted.

## **288/14 – LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT FOR 2015/16**

Council considered a report that enabled calculation and setting of the Council Tax for 2015/16.

The precept levels of other precepting bodies had been received and were detailed in the report. The Council Tax calculations were based on the revised budget.

A recorded vote is required in respect of Council Tax setting in accordance with rule of procedure 19e.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, seconded by Councillor Steve Bull and

**RESOLVED** That the Council approves the formal Council Tax resolution set out  
(unanimously) in Appendices A to C of the report.

### **Voting:**

In favour

Councillors Jacque Bevan, Steve Bull, Sue Burfoot, Bob Cartwright, Tom Donnelly, Ann Elliott, David Fearn, Richard FitzHerbert, Steve Flitter, David Frederickson, Chris Furness, Neil Horton, Angus Jenkins, Jean Monks, Garry Purdy, Mike Ratcliffe, Lewis Rose OBE, Andrew Shirley, Peter Slack, Andrew Statham, Geoff Stevens MBE, Jacque Stevens, Philippa Tilbrook, Judith Twigg and Carol Walker (26)

Against 0

Abstentions 0

## **289/14 – TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT, MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

Council considered a report that:

- Determined the Treasury Management Strategy for 2015/16
- Set the Prudential Indicators as required under the Local Government Act 2003
- Determined the Annual Investment Strategy for 2015/16
- Determined the Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy for 2015/16

The Council had appointed Capita as its Treasury Management Advisors, and as such the new style of reporting complied with the CIPFA Code of Practice.

It was moved by Councillor Chris Furness, seconded by Councillor Steve Bull and

**RESOLVED** 1. That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement be  
(unanimously) approved  
2. That the Prudential Indicators be approved  
3. That the Annual Investment Strategy be approved  
4. That the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Strategy be approved.

## 290/14 – CORPORATE PLAN 2015/16

Council considered a report that summarised progress against the Corporate Plan targets 2014/15 as at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, and recommended targets for inclusion in the Corporate Plan 2015/16.

At the Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014 Members considered the outcomes of the Budget Conversation on spending priorities and as a result resolved that the Corporate Plan priorities and targets for 2015/16 remained as set out in the Corporate Plan 2014/15.

Council also resolved that in order to take forward the Corporate Plan for the period 2015-2019 a comprehensive review be undertaken in order to identify the District Council's priorities for 2015-2019, commencing in June 2015, and being presented to Members for approval in November 2015.

In taking forward the Corporate Plan a review of the District Council's Values had been undertaken. This process had included extensive consultation with Members and Employees. It was therefore recommended that the revised values as set out in the report be incorporated into the District Council's Corporate Plan 2015/16.

The two priorities and five target areas for improvement within the Corporate Plan 2014/15 were set out in the report, along with two supporting priorities:



The Corporate Plan 2014/15 set out 11 priority targets related to the five target areas identified above:

- Enable the provision of 60 new affordable homes
- Provide adaptations to the homes of 35 disabled people
- Support 150 social housing tenants affected by Welfare Reform to access financial and budgeting advice and where necessary, help move home

- Enable 35 new businesses to start
- Provide support to 85 established businesses in the Derbyshire Dales, enabling the creation of local jobs
- 15 Derbyshire Dales businesses supported to access grants or loans from Government and the Local Enterprise Partnerships
- Adopt a new Derbyshire Dales Local Plan by November 2014 allocating up to 19 Ha of land
- Introduce Fixed Penalty Notices for litter and dog fouling
- Increase the proportion of household waste recycled or composted from 56.1% to 56.7%
- Implement a Public Health funded Affordable Warmth Initiative to help the most vulnerable households
- Undertake a programme of efficiency savings and service reviews with a target of generating £1m savings within the next 3 years.

A table setting out a summary of progress overall using the 'traffic light' system was included in the report, with detailed progress for each of the targets in Appendix 1 to the report.

It was recommended that the 9 targets proposed in Appendix 2 to the report be agreed as the actions the Council would seek to deliver during 2015/16, taking account of the identified priorities and resources available. Other activities would also take place, but these were the key actions in the priority areas.

It was moved by Councillor Jacquie Stevens, seconded by Councillor Garry Purdy and

**RESOLVED**  
(unanimously)

1. That the Values set out in Paragraph 1.6 of the report be adopted and included in the Corporate Plan 2015/16
2. That progress against the Corporate Plan 2014/15 be noted.
3. That the proposals set out in Appendix 2 to the report be adopted as the Corporate Plan targets for 2015/16.

## **291/14 – LOCALISM ACT – PAY POLICY STATEMENT**

The Council considered the Pay Statement for the 2015/16 financial year as attached in Appendix 1 to the report.

The Localism Act, November 2011, required relevant authorities to prepare and publish an annual pay policy statement and the Act specifically referred adoption of the Pay Statement to the Council as a responsibility it could not discharge.

In the light of Council's recommendation to adopt the Living Wage, sections 2.3 and 3.4 of the Appendix to the report would need to be revised, with the pay multiple between the basic salary of its highest paid employee and the lowest paid employees changing from 1 to 7.42 to 1 to 6.62.

It was moved by Councillor Tom Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Jean Monks and

**RESOLVED**  
(unanimously)

That Council approve the annual Pay Policy Statement, as amended in light of the Living Wage scheme.

## **292/14 – REFERRED ITEM**

Councillor Richard FitzHerbert left the meeting at 7.56pm during discussion of this item.

Council considered recommendations from the Environment Committee held on 26 February 2015 in relation to the outcome of the Consultation on Public Space Protection Orders (previously dog control orders).

It was moved by Councillor Steve Bull, seconded by Councillor Chris Furness and

**RESOLVED** That the implementation of the Public Space Protection Orders take effect on 1 April 2015 for:

- The Fouling of Land by Dog Order
- The Dog Exclusion Order
- The Dog on Lead Order
- The Dog on Lead by Direction Order

**Voting:**

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| For         | 24 |
| Against     | 1  |
| Abstentions | 0  |

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**293/14 – SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

It was moved by Councillor Judith Twigg, seconded by Councillor Carol Walker and

**RESOLVED** (unanimously) That the Common Seal of the Council be fixed to those documents, if any, required to complete transactions undertaken by Committees or by way of delegated authority to Officers since the last meeting of the Council.

**MEETING CLOSED 7.58PM**

**CHAIRMAN**