Minutes of the meeting of the HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL held at 2.00pm on Tuesday 21 February 2012 at the Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton

Present

Councillor P G Sowray (In the Chair)

D E Adamson Councillor Councillor R Kirk R A Baker N A Knapton C A Les P Bardon K Billings J Noone Mrs C Patmore D M Blades N D Clack **B** Phillips Mrs C S Cookman M J Prest G W Dadd M Rigby S P Dickins M S Robson G W Ellis C R Rooke Mrs B S Fortune Mrs I Sanderson Mrs F M Greenwell Mrs M Skilbeck **B** Griffiths D H Smith Mrs J A Griffiths J N Smith A W Hall T Swales A P Wake K G Hardisty R W Hudson P R Wilkinson A W Wood J D Hugill N W Huxtable

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A W Barker, J Coulson, A Robinson, Mrs S A Shepherd, S Watson and D A Webster)

C.29 **MINUTES**

THE DECISION:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 13 December 2011 (C19 and C.20 - C.28), previously circulated, be signed as correct records.

C.30 STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER AND REFERRALS FROM CABINET

The Leader made the following statement:

"I can confirm that Peter Simpson is now on paid leave of absence from work and will not be carrying out any functions as Chief Executive of Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils.

Peter Simpson is an employee of HDC and the decision was made by Hambleton District Council. At all times advice and assistance was given by the Local Government Association. There are concerns regarding serious management which has led to this course of action. I am unable to comment further at this moment in time because of employment contractual arrangements.

Peter Simpson has been Chief Executive of Hambleton District Council for 15 years and a shared Chief Executive with Richmondshire District Council for the last four years. During his time with Hambleton he has progressed this council to its present sound financial position. Shared Services with Richmondshire District Council has seen local and national accolades and under his stewardship realised £2.5m in savings. We must not forget his contributions. Personally I have valued his guidance and advice during my two years as Council Leader."

The Leader also made a statement to the Council regarding Broadacres Housing Association.

The Leader moved Cabinet minutes CA.52 – CA.53, CA.61 and CA.68 – CA 69.

THE DECISION:

That the reports, resolutions and recommendations of the following meetings of the Cabinet be received, approved and adopted:-

Body	Date of Meeting	Minute Nos
Cabinet Cabinet Cabinet	24 January 2012 14 February 2012 21 February 2012	CA.61

C.31 CABINET MEMBER STATEMENTS

- (a) Councillor R Kirk, Cabinet Member for Corporate Management made a statement regarding the Budget and Council Tax for 2012/13.
- (b) Councillor B Phillips, Cabinet Member for Customer Services made a statement regarding Waste and Streetscene. Questions regarding recycling and kerbside recycling were asked and responded to. Councillor Mrs C Patmore questioned arrangements for litter picking around the Todd's Waste Management site at Thirsk, Councillor Phillips agreed to provide a written response.
- (c) Councillor P R Wilkinson, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Health did not make a statement.
- (d) Councillor M S Robson, Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning did not make a statement.
- (e) Councillor T Swales, Cabinet Member for Partnerships did not make a statement.

C.32 REFERRALS FROM THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

THE DECISION:

That the reports, resolutions and recommendations of the following meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee be received, approved and adopted:-

<u>Body</u>	Date of Meeting	<u>Minute Nos</u>
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Audit and Governance Committee 25 January 2012 AG.25

C.33 THE BUDGET 2012/13

All Wards

It was moved by the Leader and seconded by the Deputy Leader that the notice of motion at item 8 of the agenda be approved in pursuance of Minutes CA.52 - CA.53.

THE DECISION:

Further to Minutes CA.52 – CA.53:-

- (1) that the Revenue Estimates for 2012/13 be approved;
- (2) that it be noted that the Council has calculated the following amounts for the year 2012/13 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33 (5) of the Local Government Act 1992:-
 - £36,204.01 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its Council Tax Base for the year;
 - (b) the figures contained in Annex B (attached) being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items may relate;
- (3) that the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2012/13 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

(a) **District/Parish Gross Expenditure**

£43,913,247 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act:

(b) District/Parish Gross Income

£35,166,082 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act;

(c) District/Parish Net Expenditure

£8,747,165 being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year;

(d) Government Grants and Collection Fund Surpluses/Deficits

£4,298,083 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and revenue support grant increased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its collection fund to its general fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and increased by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its collection fund to its general fund pursuant to the directions under Section 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 made on 12 October 1992;

(e) Basic Amount of Tax (including average Parish Precepts)

£122.89 being the amount at (c) above less the amount at (d) above, all divided by the amount at (2)(a) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year;

(f) Parish Precepts

£1,209,547 being the aggregate of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act;

(g) **Basic Amount of Tax (Unparished Areas)**

£89.48 being the amount at (e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (f) above by the amount at (2)(a) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special items relate;

(h) Basic Amount of Tax (Parished Areas)

the amounts relating to Band D dwellings shown at line 3 for each part of the Council's area specified at Annex A (attached), being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned in Annex A divided in each case by the amount at (2) (b) above (as shown in Annex B), calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate;

(i) District Council Tax Amount by Band – All Areas

the amounts relating to dwellings in Bands A-H shown at line 3 for each part of the Council's area specified in Annex A (being areas to which special items relate) and for all other parts of the Council's area as follows:-

Valuation Bands

А	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
59.65	69.60	79.54	89.48	109.36	129.25	149.13	178.96

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (g) and (h) above by the number which, in proportion set out in Section (5)(1) of the Act, is applicable to the dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in 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;

(4) **Precepting Authorities' Council Tax Amount by Band – All Areas**

that it be noted that for the year 2012/13 the North Yorkshire County Council and the North Yorkshire Police 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 dwellings shown below:-

North Yorkshire County Council

Valuation Bands

A £ 704.99	B £ 822.48	C £ 939.98	D £ 1,057.48	E £ 1,292.48	F £ 1,527.47	G £ 1,762.47	H £ 2,114.96
<u>North Yo</u>	rkshire Fir	e Authority	<u>/</u>				
Valuation	<u>n Bands</u>						
A £ 41.40	B £ 48.30	C £ 55.20	D £ 62.10	E £ 75.90	F £ 89.70	G £ 103.50	H £ 124.20
North Yorkshire Police Authority							
Valuation	<u>n Bands</u>						
A £ 136.37	B £ 159.09	C £ 181.82	D £ 204.55	E £ 250.01	F £ 295.46	G £ 340.92	H £ 409.10

(5) Total Council Tax Amount by Band – All Areas

that, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (3)(i) and (4) above, the Council in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts relating to dwellings in all valuation bands shown at line 7 for each part of the Council's area specified in Annex A, and for all other parts of the Council's area as shown below, as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2011/12:-

Valuation Bands

А	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
942.41	1,099.47	1,256.54	1,413.61	1,727.75	2,041.88	2,356.02	2,827.22

C.34 NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by Councillor N W Huxtable and seconded by Councillor B Griffiths:

"This Council firmly believes that residents of Hambleton are entitled to receive consultant led medical care of the highest quality at a centre of excellence as close to their home as possible. The rural nature of Hambleton requires maternity facilities to remain at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton, as part of a local hospital with a long term future."

There was a request for a recorded vote on the Motion, Members present were recorded as voting as follows:

For the motion: D E Adamson, R A Baker, P Bardon, K Billings, D M Blades, N D Clack, Mrs C S Cookman, G W Dadd, S P Dickins, G W Ellis, Mrs B S Fortune, Mrs F M Greenwell, B Griffiths, Mrs J A Griffiths, A W Hall, K G Hardisty, R W Hudson, J D Hugill, N W Huxtable, R Kirk, N A Knapton, C A Les,

J Noone, Mrs C Patmore, B Phillips, M J Prest, M Rigby, M S Robson, C R Rooke Mrs I Sanderson, Mrs M Skilbeck, D H Smith, J N Smith, P G Sowray, T Swales, A P Wake, P R Wilkinson and A W Wood. (38)

Against the motion: None (0).

The motion was declared carried unanimously.

THE DECISION:

That the Notice of Motion be supported.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor A W Hall declared a personal interest as he is appointed by another authority to the Council of Governors of South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

The meeting closed at 2.40pm.

Chairman of the Council