

Minutes of the meeting of the COUNCIL held at
2.00 pm on Tuesday, 18th February, 2014 at
Council Chamber, Stone Cross, Northallerton

Present

Councillor R A Baker (in the Chair)

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C S Cookman, J Coulson, A W Hall, Mrs S Shepherd and D H Smith

C.25 **MINUTES**

THE DECISION:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2013 (C.18 - C.24), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

C.26 **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chairman welcomed Councillor G J Key Ward Member for Topcliffe to his first Council meeting.

C.27 **STATEMENT BY THE LEADER AND REFERRALS FROM CABINET**

The Leader made a statement regarding a projected budget surplus for the next 4 years, the Directors' proposed structures, the Economic Study and the 10 Year Financial Strategy.

The Leader moved Cabinet minutes CA.78 – CA.84.

THE DECISION:

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

<u>Body</u>	<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Minute Nos</u>
Cabinet	11 February 2014	CA.78 - CA.84

C.28 **CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER STATEMENTS**

- (a) Councillor P R Wilkinson, Portfolio Holder for Support Services and Economic Development made a verbal statement regarding Member IT, Paperless Working for Members and Economic Development issues.
- (b) The Leader made a verbal statement on behalf of Councillor Mrs S A Shepherd, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health regarding refurbishments at Thirsk and Stokesley Leisure Centres and the Community Awards Evening being held on 27 March 2014.
- (c) Councillor N A Knapton, Portfolio Holder for Customer Services and Asset Management made a verbal statement regarding Part-nighting. Questions regarding Part-nighting were asked and responded to.
- (d) Councillor B Phillips, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Waste Management made a verbal statement regarding the development of Central Northallerton. A question regarding the development was asked and responded to.

C.29 **COUNCIL TAX 2014/15**

All Wards

It was moved by the Leader and seconded by the Deputy Leader that the notice of motion at item 7 of the agenda be approved in pursuance of Minute CA.78.

THE DECISION:

Further to Minute CA.78:-

- (1) That it be noted that on 15 January 2014 Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2014/15:-

- (a) for the whole Council area as 34,021.71 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
- (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached
- (2) That the Council has calculated the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2014/15 (excluding Parish precepts) as £3,044,263.
- (3) That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
- (a) **District/Parish Gross Expenditure**
£46,092,352 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils
- (b) **District/Parish Gross Income (including Government Grants, use of Reserves and Collection Fund Surpluses etc)**
£41,817,567 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act
- (c) **District/Parish Net Expenditure**
£4,274,785 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) 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 31B of the Act)
- (d) **Basic Amount of Tax (including average Parish Precepts)**
£125.6487 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R) all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts)
- (e) **Parish Precepts**
£1,230,522 being the aggregate of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act
- (f) **Basic Amount of Tax (Unparished Areas)**
£89.4800 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(e) above by Item T (1(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 Parish precept relates

(4) **Major Precepting Authorities**

That it be noted that the North Yorkshire County Council, the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority and the Police and Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below and at.

(5) **Council Tax Bands for All Councils**

That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Hambleton District Council

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
59.65	69.60	79.54	89.48	109.36	129.25	149.13	178.96

North Yorkshire County Council

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
719.01	838.85	958.68	1,078.52	1,318.19	1,557.86	1,797.53	2,157.04

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
42.22	49.26	56.29	63.33	77.40	91.48	105.55	126.66

Police and Crime Commissioner

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
139.08	162.26	185.44	208.62	254.98	301.34	347.70	417.24

(6) **Excessive Council Tax**

That the Council determines that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2014/15 (at 3(f) above) is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

(7) The appropriate amount is taken from the Council Taxpayers Reserve to support the decision at (3) above.

(8) The policy on Balances and Reserves at Annex C is approved.

The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 required a recorded vote on the substantive Motion, Members present were recorded as voting as follows:

For the motion: D E Adamson, R A Baker, P Bardon, A W Barker, K Billings, D M Blades, G W Dadd, S P Dickins, G W Ellis, Mrs B S Fortune, Mrs F M Greenwell, B Griffiths, Mrs J A Griffiths, K G Hardisty, R W Hudson, J D Hugill, G J Key, 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, J N Smith, P G Sowray, T Swales, A P Wake, Mrs J Watson, S Watson, D A Webster, P R Wilkinson and A W Wood. (38)

The motion was declared carried.

C.30 **STATEMENT OF PAY POLICY**

All Wards

The Chief Executive submitted a report regarding the Statement of Pay Policy which the Council was required to adopt each year.

THE DECISION:

That the Statement of Pay Policy be adopted with effect from 1 April 2014.

C.31 **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME**

All Wards

The Director of Corporate Services submitted a report regarding the Members' Allowances Scheme which in line with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 required the Council to consider its Allowances Scheme before the beginning of each year. The report asked Council to consider an amendment to the Scheme and approve it for a further year.

The amendment was in line with the Council decision in February 2011 that Members' Allowances would remain at their current level for the next 4 years in consideration of the financial pressures facing Hambleton District Council and would therefore not be adjusted each year in line with the NJC Conditions of Service Award commencing on 1 April.

THE DECISION:

That the Members' Allowance Scheme for 2014/15 as amended be approved.

C.32 **APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES**

All Wards

The Chief Executive asked Council to approve a request from the Conservative Group to appoint a Member to the vacant seat on Scrutiny Committee 1.

THE DECISION:

That Councillor G J Key be appointed as a member of Scrutiny Committee 1.

C.33 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT**

THE DECISION:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item of business at minute no C.34 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as the Council was satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

C.34 **VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCIES**

All Wards

The Chief Executive submitted a report requesting approval of three voluntary redundancy payments.

THE DECISION:

That:

- (1) the voluntary redundancy/retirement of the Director of Corporate Services, the Director of Customer Services and Revenues Manager be agreed:
- (2) the Council sign a formal agreement with the Director of Corporate Services and the Director of Customer Services confirming the actions agreed plus any other matters felt appropriate by the Chief Executive; and
- (3) paragraphs 3, 4(2) and 6 of the officer employment procedure rules be suspended and the Chief Executive be delegated to make all arrangements including; interviews, all associated correspondence and confirm appointment, action to be taken regarding any possible redundancy dismissal, any mitigating actions that may be required and the delegated authority to dismiss by reason of redundancy a non-statutory Director within the meaning of section 2(7) of the 1989 Local Government and Housing Act or a statutory Director within the meaning of section 296 of the 1989 Local Government and Housing Act.

The meeting closed at 2.30 pm

Chairman of the Council