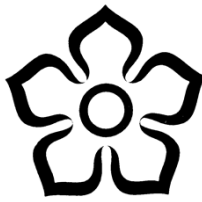


Wednesday, 24 February 2016



Leicester
City Council

At a meeting of the LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL held at the Town Hall at FIVE O'CLOCK in the afternoon on Wednesday, 24 FEBRUARY 2016 duly convened for the business hereunder mentioned.

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BUSINESS

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1. **LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
3. **STATEMENTS BY THE CITY MAYOR / EXECUTIVE**
4. **MATTERS RESERVED TO FULL COUNCIL**
 - 4.1 General Fund Revenue Budget 2016/17
 - 4.2 Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2018/19
 - 4.3 Housing Revenue Account Rent Setting and Budget (including HRA capital programme) 2016/17
5. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

Fire & Emergency Evacuation Procedure

- The Council Chamber Fire Exits are the two entrances either side of the top bench or under the balcony in the far left corner of the room.
- In the event of an emergency alarm sounding make your way to Town Hall Square and assemble on the far side of the fountain.
- Anyone who is unable to evacuate using stairs should speak to any of the Town Hall staff at the beginning of the meeting who will offer advice on evacuation arrangements.
- From the public gallery, exit via the way you came in, or via the Chamber as directed by Town Hall staff.

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The Council is committed to transparency and supports efforts to record and share reports of proceedings of public meetings through a variety of means, including social media. In accordance with government regulations and the Council's policy, persons and press attending any meeting of the Council open to the public (except

Licensing Sub Committees and where the public have been formally excluded) are allowed to record and/or report all or part of that meeting. Details of the Council's policy are available at www.leicester.gov.uk or from Democratic Support.

If you intend to film or make an audio recording of a meeting you are asked to notify the relevant Democratic Support Officer in advance of the meeting to ensure that participants can be notified in advance and consideration given to practicalities such as allocating appropriate space in the public gallery etc.

The aim of the Regulations and of the Council's policy is to encourage public interest and engagement so in recording or reporting on proceedings members of the public are asked:

- ✓ to respect the right of others to view and hear debates without interruption;
- ✓ to ensure that the sound on any device is fully muted and intrusive lighting avoided;
- ✓ where filming, to only focus on those people actively participating in the meeting;
- ✓ where filming, to (via the Chair of the meeting) ensure that those present are aware that they may be filmed and respect any requests to not be filmed.

PRESENT:

TED CASSIDY, LORD MAYOR
CHAIR

SIR PETER SOULSBY – CITY MAYOR

Abbey Ward

ANNETTE BYRNE
VIJAY SINGH RIYAIT

North Evington Ward

LUIS FONSECA
JEAN KHOTE
ABDUL RAZAK OSMAN

Aylestone Ward

ADAM CLARKE
NIGEL CARL PORTER

Rushey Mead Ward

Beaumont Leys Ward

HEMANT RAE BHATIA
SUE WADDINGTON
PAUL THOMAS WESTLEY

Saffron Ward

ELLY CUTKELVIN
WILLIAM SHELTON

Belgrave Ward

MANSUKLAL CHOHAN
MANJULA SOOD
JOHN THOMAS

Spinney Hills Ward

SHOFIQL ISLAM CHOWDHURY
MUSTAFA MALIK

Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields

STEVE CORRALL
ELAINE HALFORD
KULWINDER SINGH JOHAL

Stoneygate Ward

LUCY CHAPLIN
KIRK MASTER
AMINUR THALUKDAR

Castle Ward

PATRICK JOSEPH KITTERICK
DEBORAH ANNE SANGSTER
LYNN SENIOR

Thurncourt Ward

TERESA ALDRED
PAUL NEWCOMBE

Evington Ward

RATILAL BHAGWAN GOVIND
SUE HUNTER

Troon Ward

DIANE CANK
BALJIT SINGH

Eyres Monsell Ward

VIRGINIA CLEAVER
RORY PALMER

Westcotes Ward

ANDY CONNELLY
SARAH RUSSELL

Fosse Ward

DAWN ALFONSO

Humberstone and Hamilton Ward

RASHMI JOSHI
GURINDER SINGH SANDHU

Knighton Ward

INDERJIT SINGH GUGNANI
DR LYNN MOORE

Western Ward

DR SUSAN BARTON
GEORGE COLE
MALCOLM UNSWORTH

Wycliffe Ward

HANIF AQBANY
MOHAMMED DAWOOD

LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire & Emergency Evacuation Procedure

The Lord Mayor asked all present to note the evacuation procedures detailed on the Agenda for the meeting and asked anyone with any queries to speak to one of the Town Hall staff who would be able to assist.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Lord Mayor noted that in advance of the meeting Members had been asked to indicate if they intended to make a declaration of interest at the meeting and had received advice regarding any requests for dispensations.

It was noted that Members had identified interests as below:

Cllr Malik	Family member is a City Council employee.
Cllr Senior	No further declarations in addition to those listed on the Register of Interests.
Cllr Sood	Chair Leicester Council of Faiths, Member Bishops Faith Forum, Patron St Martins, Member Gold Community Group Leicestershire Police, Blue Badge holder, concessionary bus pass, member of family in receipt of a social care package.
Sir Peter Soulsby	No further declarations in addition to those listed on the Register of Interests.
Cllr Waddington	No further declarations in addition to those listed on the Register of Interests.
Cllr Westley	No further declarations in addition to those listed on the Register of Interests.

At the request of the Lord Mayor the Monitoring Officer addressed Council and gave the following advice regarding the declaration of interests at the meeting.

Members did not need to declare interests that already appeared on their Register of Interests, which was a publically accessible and available document. The Localism Act 2011 expressly excused a Member from having to re-declare interests that appeared on the Register.

Over and above interests declared on the Register, Members had, following the Monitoring Officer's written invitation issued in January, given details of items they wished to declare at the meeting and these were appended to the Council script and would appear in the minutes when published. Therefore there was no need to verbally re-declare these at the meeting unless these were prejudicial Other Disclosable Interests or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests that would require the Member to leave the room and desist from voting. As always, the judgement remained one for the Member to make, with the Monitoring Officer only able to offer advice.

The Monitoring Officer advised that under the provisions of section 106 Local Government Finance Act 1992 any Member who was in two or more months of arrears of Council Tax should not vote on the items for consideration at the meeting. Criminal liability attached to such a Member who did so.

The Monitoring Officer stated that he had been asked to grant one category of dispensation, without which in his opinion it could be necessary for those Members to leave the Chamber. After consultation with the Standards Committee he thereby granted a dispensation to elected Members who were council tenants (or had family members or close associates who were council tenants) to enable them to remain and participate and vote on both the Budget proposals and, crucially, the Housing Revenue Account proposals that came before this meeting. It was noted that the names of those Members covered by this dispensation would appear in the minutes of the meeting. Members were asked to raise their hand if they wished to be granted the benefit of this dispensation and to declare why.

In response to the above statement the following Members sought and received dispensations:

Councillor Joshi – family member who is a Council tenant
Councillor Thalukdar – family member who is a Council tenant
Councillor Westley - family member who is a Council tenant
Councillor Osman – family member who is a Council tenant
Councillor Aqbany - family member who is a Council tenant
Councillor Shelton – family member who is a Council tenant
Councillor Malik – family member who is a Council tenant
Councillor Byrne – family member who is a Council tenant
Councillor Hunter – family member who is a Council tenant
Councillor Halford – family member who is a Council tenant
Councillor Thomas – family member who is a Council tenant
Councillor Cank – family member who is a Council tenant
Councillor Corrall - family member who is a Council tenant
Councillor Newcombe - family member who is a Council tenant
Councillor Aldred – family member who is a Council tenant

The Lord Mayor invited Members to declare any further interests they might have in the business on the agenda and/or indicate if Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

No further declarations were made.

STATEMENTS BY THE CITY MAYOR/EXECUTIVE

None.

MATTERS RESERVED TO COUNCIL

General Fund Revenue Budget 2016/17

The City Mayor submitted his proposed budget for 2016/17. The report contained details of the proposed budget strategy and also identified the impact of the budget on 2017/18 and future years.

Details of the recommendation of the City Mayor and the General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2016/17 – Formal Resolutions were available at the

meeting and are attached to these minutes.

Moved by the City Mayor seconded by the Deputy City Mayor and carried:-

28. That Council:

- 1) Thanks partners, scrutiny committees, trade unions and others who have commented on our draft budget;
- 2) Notes the comments made in the City Mayor's formal Decision Notice published on 23 February 2016 and attached as Appendix B to the Script and available at the meeting;
- 3) Approves the recommendations set out in section 3.1 of the report 'General Fund Revenue Budget 2016/17' without amendment; and
- 4) Approves the formal budget resolution as set out in Appendix C to the Script and available at the meeting.

The Lord Mayor put the motion to the vote.

It was noted that under the requirements of The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 the names of the Councillors voting for or against the proposition would be recorded by the Monitoring Officer and included in the minutes of the meeting.

For the motion:

Councillors Aldred, Alfonso, Aqbany, Barton, Byrne, Cank, Chaplin, Chohan, Chowdhury, Clarke, Cleaver, Cole, Connelly, Corral, Cutkelvin, Dawood, Fonseca, Govind, Gugnani, Halford, Hunter, Joshi, Khote, Kitterick, Malik, Master, Moore, Newcombe, Osman, Palmer, Rae Bhatia, Riyait, Russell, Sandhu, Sangster, Senior, Shelton, Singh, Singh Johal, Sood, Soulsby (City Mayor), Thalukdar, Thomas, Unsworth, Waddington, Westley.

Against the motion

Councillors Porter

Abstained

Councillor Cassidy (Lord Mayor)

Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2018/19

The City Mayor submitted his proposed Capital Programme for 2016/17 to 2018/19. It was noted that the report covered three years to 2018/19 but that the third year was indicative and would be revised during 2017/18.

Details of the recommendation of the City Mayor 'Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2018/19' were available at the meeting and are attached to these minutes.

Moved by the City Mayor, seconded by Deputy City Mayor and carried:

29. That Council:

Approves the recommendations set out in section 3.1 of the report 'Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2018/19' without amendment and as recommended to Council in the City Mayor's formal decision notice published on 23 February 2016 and attached at Appendix D to the script and available at the meeting.

Housing Revenue Account Rent Setting and Budget (including HRA capital programme) 2016/17

The City Mayor submitted his proposed Housing Revenue Account Rent Setting and Budget (including HRA capital programme) for 2016/17. It was noted that the report was in the context of the government requirement that rents were reduced by 1% per annum for each of the next four years.

Details of the recommendation of the City Mayor 'Recommendation of Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Programme 2016/17' were available at the meeting and are attached to these minutes.

Moved by Councillor Connelly, seconded by Councillor Newcombe and carried:

30. That Council:

Approves the recommendations set out in section 3 of the report 'Housing Revenue Account Rent Setting and Budget (including HRA Capital Programme) 2016/17' without amendment and as recommended to Council in the formal City Mayor's decision notice published on 24 February 2016 and attached at Appendix E to the script and available at the meeting.

ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.15pm

**RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL
EXECUTIVE MEMBER**

1.	DECISION TITLE	Recommendation of General Fund Revenue Budget 2016/17
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	NONE
3.	DATE OF DECISION	23 rd FEBRUARY 2016
4.	DECISION MAKER	City Mayor
5.	DECISION TAKEN	<p>1) To thank partners, scrutiny committees and others who have commented on our draft budget;</p> <p>2) In response to comments made:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) I am grateful for the recognition by the chair of the OSC that the budget strategy has been effective in helping manage a very difficult situation;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) I am also grateful to all consultees who share our concern about the impact government cuts will have on our services. I am working hard to minimise the impact as far as I can, but am under no illusions that extremely difficult decisions will be needed;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c) I recognise the concerns expressed by scrutiny committees and others about packages of care. Whilst we have a duty to review our processes and ensure we do not provide packages over and above individual entitlement, I can confirm categorically that statutory entitlement to care will always be honoured. I also recognise the importance of preventative services and public health</p>

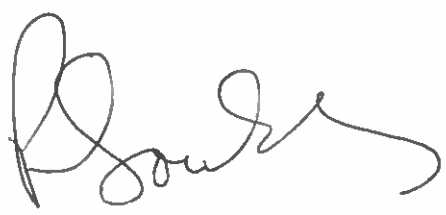


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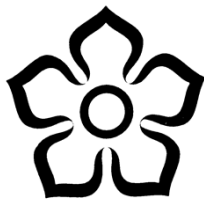
		<p>campaigns in improving health;</p> <p>d) I recognise and share the concern of the CCG that the effect of cuts to funding for adult social care will be felt in the wider health economy (although we are providing significant growth in 2016/17);</p> <p>e) Following comments at OSC, I can confirm that reviews into open spaces, sports and other activities will take into account the positive impact these services have on health and wellbeing. To reinforce this, management responsibility for sports has now been placed with the Director of Public Health;</p> <p>f) Following comments at OSC, I can confirm that our equality assessments take into account impacts on all protected groups under the Equality Act.</p> <p>g) I can confirm that proposals to live within the reduced level of public health grant (belatedly confirmed by the Government on 11th February) will be prepared in the normal manner, and the scrutiny function will have the opportunity to consider them before they are approved.</p> <p>3) To note the equality assessment of the proposed tax rise and (in the light of the findings and having regard to the implications) to recommend the budget and tax rise to the Council as proposed in the report.</p>
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		4) To ask the Director of Finance to prepare the formal budget resolution for 2016/17, referred to in section 3 of the Council report.
6.	REASON FOR DECISION	<p>The revenue budget forms part of the budget and policy framework. Its approval is the responsibility of the full Council; the City Mayor is responsible for the preparation of a proposal for Council consideration.</p> <p>A draft programme was published on 12th January, and considered by Overview Select Committee on 28th January. Minutes of the committee will be circulated to Council members with the Council report.</p>
7.	<p>a) KEY DECISION – Y/N? b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? Y/N</p>	a) No
8.	OPTIONS CONSIDERED	N/A
9.	<p>DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Members of a Scrutiny Commission or any 5 Councillors can ask for the decision to be called-in. • Notification of Call-In with reasons must be made to the Monitoring Officer. 	Not applicable.
10.	SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAKER (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of Executive Member).	





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24th February 2016

General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2016/17 – Formal Resolutions

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Council is required to set its Council Tax for 2016/17 before 11th March 2016, under the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- 1.2 If Council approves the Mayor's proposed budget, the formal resolutions required by the Act are set out below.

Resolutions

- 2. Council is recommended:
 - 2.1 To approve the budget as recommended by the City Mayor, thereby agreeing the recommendations in the report circulated separately.
 - 2.2 To note that on 14th January 2016 the City Mayor calculated the Council Tax Base for 2016/17 as 69,206. [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Act].
 - 2.3 To agree that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2016/17 is £93,705,600.
 - 2.4 To note that the Council Tax requirement includes £1,801,400 for the Adult Social Care precept introduced this year.
 - 2.5 To agree the following amounts be calculated for the year 2016/17 in accordance with Section 31A and Section 31B of the Act:
 - (a) £944,720,400 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
 - (b) £851,014,800 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

(c) £93,705,600 being the amount by which 2.5(a) above exceeds 2.5(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) £1,354.0098 being the amount at 2.5(c) above (Item R) divided by the amount at 2.2 above (Item T), calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

2.6 To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Act as indicated in the table below.

2.7 To agree that the Council, in accordance with Section 30 and 36 of the Act, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2016/17 for each of the valuation bands.

Valuation Band	Council	Fire	Police	Total
A	902.6732	41.0800	122.3847	1,066.14
B	1,053.1187	47.9267	142.7821	1,243.83
C	1,203.5643	54.7733	163.1796	1,421.52
D	1,354.0098	61.6200	183.5770	1,599.21
E	1,654.9009	75.3133	224.3719	1,954.59
F	1,955.7919	89.0067	265.1668	2,309.97
G	2,256.6830	102.7000	305.9617	2,665.34
H	2,708.0196	123.2400	367.1540	3,198.41

2.8 To note that the following sums are payable in precepts to the Police & Crime Commissioner and the Fire authority (exclusive of collection fund surplus):

(a) Police & Crime Commissioner £12,704,629.86

(b) Fire authority £4,264,475.00

2.9 To determine under Section 52ZX of the Act (as amended by the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014) that the relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2016/17 is £1,354.0098.

2.10 To determine under Section 52ZB of the Act, that the relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2016/17 is not excessive in accordance with principles issued under section 52ZC of the Act and approved by Parliament on 10th February 2016 (being an increase of less than 4%).

2.11 To note that, as the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2016/17 is excessive, and to note that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum.

**RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL
EXECUTIVE MEMBER**

1.	DECISION TITLE	Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2018/19.
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	NONE
3.	DATE OF DECISION	23 rd FEBRUARY 2016
4.	DECISION MAKER	City Mayor
5.	DECISION TAKEN	To recommend to Council the capital programme described in the report circulated for its meeting on 24 th February.
6.	REASON FOR DECISION	<p>The capital programme forms part of the budget and policy framework. Its approval is the responsibility of the full Council; the City Mayor is responsible for the preparation of a proposal for Council consideration.</p> <p>A draft programme was published on 8th December, and considered by Overview Select Committee on 28th January. Minutes of the committee will be circulated to Council members with the Council report.</p>
7.	<p>a) KEY DECISION – Y/N? b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? Y/N c)</p>	N
8.	OPTIONS CONSIDERED	N/A
9.	<p>DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Members of a Scrutiny Commission or any 5 Councillors can ask for the decision to be called-in. • Notification of Call-In with reasons must be made to the Monitoring Officer. 	Not applicable.



10.

SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAKER
(City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of Executive Member).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Paul', written in a cursive style.

RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER

1.	DECISION TITLE	Recommendation of Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Programme 2016/17
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None
3.	DATE OF DECISION	24 February 2016
4.	DECISION MAKER	City Mayor
5.	DECISION TAKEN	<p>1) To thank Tenants' and Leaseholders' Forum, Housing Scrutiny Commission and others who have commented on our draft Housing Revenue Account budget;</p> <p>2) I am grateful for the recognition from consultees of the challenging financial position the 1% rent reduction has created;</p> <p>3) To note the equality assessment of the proposed revenue and capital reductions required to present a balanced budget;</p> <p>4) In light of the findings and having regard to the implications to recommend to Council, as proposed in the budget report, that the 1% rent reduction is implemented.</p>
6.	REASON FOR DECISION	<p>The Housing Revenue Account budget forms part of the budget and policy framework. Its approval is the responsibility of the full Council; the City Mayor is responsible for the preparation of a proposal for Council consideration.</p> <p>A draft programme considered by Housing Scrutiny Commission on 17th December.</p>
7.	<p>a) KEY DECISION – Y/N? b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? Y/N</p>	a) No



8.	OPTIONS CONSIDERED	N/A
9.	DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Members of a Scrutiny Commission or any 5 Councillors can ask for the decision to be called-in. • Notification of Call-In with reasons must be made to the Monitoring Officer. 	Not applicable.
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