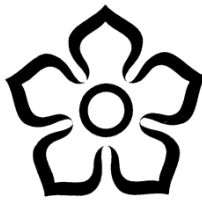


Wednesday, 22 February 2017





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, 22 FEBRUARY 2017 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. **MATTERS RESERVED TO FULL COUNCIL**
  - 3.1 General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18 to 2019/20
  - 3.2 Housing Revenue Account Budget 2017/18
4. **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 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:**

STEPHEN CORRALL, LORD MAYOR  
CHAIRMAN

SIR PETER SOULSBY – CITY MAYOR

Abbey Ward

HARSHAD DAHYABHAI BHAVSAR  
ANNETTE BYRNE  
VIJAY SINGH RIYAIT

North Evington Ward

LUIS FONSECA  
ABDUL RAZAK OSMAN

Aylestone Ward

ADAM CLARKE  
NIGEL CARL PORTER

Rushey Mead Ward

RITA PATEL  
ROSS WILLMOTT

Beaumont Leys Ward

SUE WADDINGTON  
PAUL THOMAS WESTLEY

Saffron Ward

ELLY CUTKELVIN  
WILLIAM SHELTON

Belgrave Ward

MANJULA SOOD  
JOHN THOMAS

Spinney Hills Ward

SHOFIQL ISLAM CHOWDHURY  
MUSTAFA MALIK

Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields

KULWINDER SINGH JOHAL

Stoneygate Ward

LUCY CHAPLIN  
KIRK MASTER  
AMINUR THALUKDAR

Castle Ward

PATRICK JOSEPH KITTERICK  
LYNN SENIOR

Thurncourt Ward

TERESA ALDRED  
PAUL NEWCOMBE

Evington Ward

DEEPAK BAJAJ  
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  
TED CASSIDY

Western Ward

GEORGE COLE  
MALCOLM UNSWORTH

Humberstone and Hamilton Ward

RASHMI JOSHI  
GURINDER SINGH SANDHU

Wycliffe Ward

HANIF AQBANY

Knighton Ward

ROSS GRANT  
DR LYNN MOORE

## LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Before the meeting formally commenced the Lord Mayor asked his Chaplain to say an appropriate prayer.

The Lord Mayor noted that as the live webcast facility was not working he had invited members of the public into the Chamber but reminded those attending that in the event of any interference or loud noise he would ask for the Chamber to be cleared.

### FORMER COUNCILLOR ROY STUTTARD

The Lord Mayor noted the sad loss of former Councillor and Alderman Roy Stuttard who passed away in January and former Councillor and Lord Mayor Michael Johnson who passed away in December. The Lord Mayor referred to the significant contributions to the City made by both former Members and led Members in a one minute silence.

### CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

The Lord Mayor reminded Members of the charity quiz night he was hosting at the Railwaymen's Club, Leicester Street on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017. The costs were £5 per person or £24 for the maximum team size of 6. Tickets could be purchased through the Lord Mayor's office or on the night.

### 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 Alfonso	No further declarations in addition to that listed on the Register of Interests.
Cllr Bhavsar	Family member is a City Council employee.
Cllr Chohan	Council appointed member of Fire authority.
Cllr Kitterick	No further declarations in addition to that listed on the Register of Interests.
Cllr Senior	No further declarations in addition to that listed on the Register of Interests.
Cllr Sood	School Governor Catherine Infant School. Family members in receipt of social care packages.
Cllr Thomas	Family member in receipt of care package.

At the request of the Lord Mayor the Head of Law and Deputy 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 Head of Law and Deputy Monitoring Officer only able to offer advice.

Head of Law and Deputy 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 Head of Law and Deputy Monitoring Officer stated that a request had been received to grant one category of dispensation, without which it could be necessary for those Members to leave the Chamber. After consultation with the Standards Committee a dispensation had been granted 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 the meeting.

It was noted that the names of those Members who sought this dispensation would appear in the minutes of the meeting. Members who had not yet asked to be granted the benefit of the dispensation were asked to raise their hand and to declare why. In response to the above statement the following Members sought and received dispensations:

Councillor Aldred – family member who is a Council tenant  
Councillor Aqbany - family member who is a Council tenant  
Councillor Byrne –self and family member Council tenants  
Councillor Thalukdar – family member who is a Council tenant  
Councillor Westley - family member who is a Council tenant  
Councillor Newcombe - 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.

### **MATTERS RESERVED TO COUNCIL**

#### **General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18 to 2019/20**

The City Mayor submitted his proposed budget for 2017/18 to 2019/20. The report contained details of the proposed budget strategy and also identified the impact of the budget and the Council's financial position.

Details of the City mayor's Recommendation of General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18 and the General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2017/18 – Formal Resolutions were available at the meeting and are attached to these minutes.



Moved by City Mayor, seconded by Deputy City Mayor, to move:

29. That Council:

- 1) Thanks partners, scrutiny committees, trade unions and others who have commented on the draft budget;
- 2) Notes the comments made in the City Mayor's formal Decision Notice published on 21 February 2017 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 2017/18 to 2019/20' 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 Head of Law and Deputy Monitoring Officer and included in the minutes of the meeting.

**For the motion:**

Councillors Aldred, Alfonso, Aqbany, Bajaj, Bhavsar, Byrne, Cank, Cassidy, Chaplin, Chohan, Chowdhury, Clarke, Cleaver, Cole, Connelly, Corral (Lord Mayor), Cutkelvin, Fonseca, Govind, Grant, Hunter, Joshi, Kitterick, Malik, Master, Moore, Newcombe, Osman, Palmer, Patel, Riyait, Russell, Sandhu, Senior, Shelton, Singh, Singh Johal, Sood, Soulsby (City Mayor), Thalukdar, Thomas, Unsworth, Waddington, Westley, Willmott.

**Against the motion**

Councillors Porter

**Note of action following the meeting**

The local government finance settlement was approved by the House of Commons after Council had made the above Resolution. As such in line with 2.8 of the formal budget resolution as referred to in Resolution 4 above and set out in the documents available at the meeting and appended to these minutes. On receipt of the local government finance settlement the Director of Finance made the determination under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that the relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2017/18 (being an increase of less than 5%) was not excessive in accordance with principles issued under section 52ZC of the Act.

**Housing Revenue Account Budget 2017/18:-**

The Housing Revenue Budget (including HRA capital programme) for 2017/18 was submitted. It was noted that the report was in the context of the government requirement that rents were reduced by 1% per annum for the four year period from 2016 to 2020.

Details of the recommendation of the City Mayor Recommendation of Housing Revenue Budget 2017/18 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 Budget 2017/18' without amendment and as recommended to Council in the formal City Mayor decision notice published on 21 February 2017 and attached at Appendix D to the script and available at the meeting.

#### **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

There being no urgent business identified the Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.03pm.

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

1.	<b>DECISION TITLE</b>	Recommendation of General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18.
2.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	None
3.	<b>DATE OF DECISION</b>	21 February 2017
4.	<b>DECISION MAKER</b>	City Mayor
5.	<b>DECISION TAKEN</b>	<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>a) I am grateful for the recognition by scrutiny committees and other consultees of the severe consequences of Government funding cuts; and am grateful that the Overview Select Committee has endorsed the recommendations in the budget report;</p> <p>b) I share the concerns of scrutiny committees and other consultees about the inadequacy of funding for adult social care, and of the Government's response to this crisis (i.e. to permit increases in council tax). I will continue to add my voice to those of the LGA and other authorities making representations to central government;</p> <p>c) I note the concerns expressed by some scrutiny commissions about the level of service detail in the budget report, but remind them that the budget is now best perceived as a "stock take". I recognise the need for meaningful and timely consultation on spending reviews, and have recently</p>




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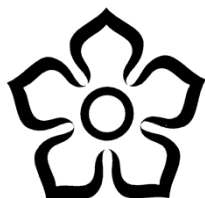
		<p>published a document on the website, providing a synopsis of outstanding review work. The recommendations to the report reflect the need for reviews to be completed on time, and after appropriate consultation;</p> <p>d) I cannot support requests for the council to adopt an unsustainable approach to the use of our reserves, which would simply lead to a cuts "cliff edge" that we have worked hard to avoid. I am grateful for the recognition expressed at scrutiny commissions and at OSC about the dangers of drawing down too heavily on reserves;</p> <p>e) I note concerns expressed at some commissions about savings targets for individual reviews. However, these targets are simply guidelines – decisions on savings will only be made once full reports are made to the Executive (and with the benefit of scrutiny comments).</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> <p>4) To note the extreme lateness of the final local government finance settlement for 2017/18, which has still not been received; and to note that the budget of necessity assumes that the Government will not change the figures published for consultation in December.</p> <p>5) To ask the Director of Finance to prepare the formal budget resolution for 2017/18, referred to in section 3 of the Council report.</p>
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6.	<b>REASON FOR DECISION</b>	<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 budget was published on 6<sup>th</sup> December, and a formal decision to that effect was made by the City Mayor. The budget was considered by a number of scrutiny commissions, whose comments were considered by Overview Select Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Minutes of the commissions and Overview Select Committee have been circulated to Council members with the budget report.</p>
7.	<p>a) <b>KEY DECISION – Y/N?</b>  b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? Y/N</p>	a) No.
8.	<b>OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>	N/A.
9.	<p><b>DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 Members of a Scrutiny Commission or any 5 Councillors can ask for the decision to be called-in.</li> <li>• Notification of Call-In with reasons must be made to the Monitoring Officer.</li> </ul>	Not applicable.
10.	<p><b>SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAKER</b>  (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of Executive Member).</p>	







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## General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2017/18 – Formal Resolutions

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### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Council is required to set its Council Tax for 2017/18 before 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 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 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 the City Mayor calculated the Council Tax Base for 2017/18 as 70,825. [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 2017/18 is £100,691,200.
  - 2.4 To agree the following amounts be calculated for the year 2017/18 in accordance with Section 31A and Section 31B of the Act:
    - (a) £900,585,200 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
    - (b) £799,894,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
    - (c) £100,691,200 being the amount by which 2.4(a) above exceeds 2.4(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) £1,421.6901 being the amount at 2.4(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.

2.5 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 below.

2.6 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 2017/18 for each of the valuation bands.

Valuation Band	Council	Fire	Police	Total
A	947.7934	41.8933	124.8201	1,114.51
B	1105.7590	48.8756	145.6235	1,300.26
C	1263.7245	55.8578	166.4268	1,486.01
D	1421.6901	62.8400	187.2302	1,671.76
E	1737.6212	76.8044	228.8369	2,043.26
F	2053.5524	90.7689	270.4436	2,414.76
G	2369.4835	104.7333	312.0503	2,786.27
H	2843.3802	125.6800	374.4604	3,343.52

2.7 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 £13,260,578.92

(b) Fire authority £4,450,643.00

2.8 To determine under Section 52ZB of the Act, that the relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2017/18 is not excessive in accordance with principles issued under section 52ZC of the Act and expected to be approved by Parliament (being an increase of less than 5%); and that in the event that the local government finance settlement has not been approved by 22<sup>nd</sup> February, delegate the making of this determination to the Director of Finance.

2.9 To note that, should the Director of Finance not be able to make the determination referred to in 2.8 above, that resolutions 2.1 to 2.7 above shall be deemed not to be approved, and that an emergency meeting of the Council shall be convened. (This would only occur if the Government changes the referendum principles it has consulted on).



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

1.	<b>DECISION TITLE</b>	Recommendation of Housing Revenue Budget 2017/18
2.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	None
3.	<b>DATE OF DECISION</b>	21 February 2017
4.	<b>DECISION MAKER</b>	City Mayor
5.	<b>DECISION TAKEN</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To thank Tenants' and Leaseholders' Forum, Housing Scrutiny Commission and others who have commented on our draft Housing Revenue Account budget;</li> <li>2) I am grateful for the recognition from consultees of the challenging financial position the 1% rent reduction has created;</li> <li>3) To note the equality assessment of the proposed revenue and capital reductions required to present a balanced budget;</li> <li>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.</li> <li>5) To note the proposed increase in service charges and garage rent by 2% (September CPI+1) (excluding heating and cleaning charges).</li> </ol>
6.	<b>REASON FOR DECISION</b>	<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 was considered by Housing Scrutiny Commission on 19<sup>th</sup></p>



City Mayor

		December.
7.	<b>a) KEY DECISION – Y/N?</b> <b>b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? Y/N</b>	a) No
8.	<b>OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>	N/A
9.	<b>DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 Members of a Scrutiny Commission or any 5 Councillors can ask for the decision to be called-in.</li> <li>• Notification of Call-In with reasons must be made to the Monitoring Officer.</li> </ul>	Not applicable.
10.	<b>SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAKER</b> (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of Executive Member).	<i>Al Connelly</i>

