

Minutes

COUNCIL

23 February 2012

Meeting held at Council Chamber - Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



Councillor Mary O'Connor (Mayor)
Councillor Michael Markham (Deputy Mayor)

	<p>MEMBERS PRESENT:</p> <p>Councillors: Lynne Allen Beulah East John Major Bruce Baker Neil Fyfe Carol Melvin Tim Barker Sid Garg Douglas Mills Richard Barnes Roshan Ghei Richard Mills Josephine Barrett Dominic Gilham John Morgan David Benson Raymond Graham June Nelson Jonathan Bianco Shirley Harper-O'Neill Susan O'Brien Lindsay Bliss John Hensley David Payne Sukhpal Brar Henry Higgins Ray Puddifoot Wayne Bridges Patricia Jackson Andrew Retter Mike Bull Phoday Jarjussey John Riley Keith Burrows Sandra Jenkins David Routledge Paul Buttivant Allan Kauffman Avtar Sandhu Judith Cooper Judy Kelly Robin Sansarpuri Philip Corthorne Peter Kemp Scott Seaman-Digby Brian Crowe Mo Khursheed David Simmonds Peter Curling Kuldeep Lakhmana Brian Stead Catherine Dann Eddie Lavery Michael White Jazz Dhillon Richard Lewis David Yarrow Janet Duncan Anita MacDonald</p>
	<p>OFFICERS PRESENT: Hugh Dunnachie, Fran Beasley, Jean Palmer, Linda Sanders, Raj Alagh, Paul Whaymand, Nancy LeRoux, Lloyd White, Morgan Einon, Trevor Langworth and Nikki O'Halloran</p>
50.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allam, G Cooper, Gardner and Harmsworth.</p>
51.	<p>MINUTES (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2012 be agreed as a correct record.</p>
52.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p>Councillor D Mills declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7 – Council General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2012/13, as being personally affected by the proposed High Speed 2 rail route, and stayed in the room during the</p>

	<p>consideration thereof.</p> <p>Councillor R Mills declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7 – Council General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2012/13, as a beneficiary of a trust relating to a property in the proximity of the proposed HS2 route, and remained in the room during the consideration thereof.</p> <p>Councillor Ghei declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 7 – Council General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2012/13, as his wife worked for the Council, and left the room during the consideration thereof.</p>
53.	<p>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>The Mayor welcomed all those present, particularly the journalism students from Brunel University.</p> <p>The Council was advised that, since the beginning of her Mayoralty, the number of events that had been attended by the Mayor and her representatives totalled 713. The Mayor had attended 608 of these events herself.</p> <p>A fun day was being held at Manor Farm on Saturday 14 April 2012 to raise money for the Mayor's charities. Members were encouraged to gain sponsorships to attend the event and either walk or run as far as they could to help raise funds during the day.</p>
54.	<p>REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p>Councillor Puddifoot moved the recommendations as set out on the Order of Business. The motion was seconded by Councillor Simmonds and it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the Urgency decisions detailed in the report be noted; ii) the current Members' Allowances Scheme be revoked as of 31 March 2012 and the new Scheme for 2012/13 be approved as shown in Appendix A of the report for implementation from 1 April 2012; and iii) the amendments to the Constitution, as set out in the report, be agreed.
55.	<p>HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT SETTING 2012/13 (<i>Agenda Item 6</i>)</p> <p>Councillor Corthorne moved the recommendations as set out on the Order of Business. The motion was seconded by Councillor Bianco and it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) formula rents under the DCLG rent restructure policy be used to calculate HRA dwelling rents for 2012/2013. b) the average HRA rents, charges and allowances for 2012/13 be approved as set out in Tables A to D of the report. c) the HRA Budget for 2012/13 be approved as set out in Appendix 1 of the report. d) the proposed programme for works to the existing stock in 2012/13 – plus any additional budget from self financing be approved – as set out in Appendix 4 of the report.

56. **COUNCIL GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012/13** (*Agenda Item 7*)

Councillor White moved and Councillor Retter seconded the suspension of Council procedure rule 14.4 to allow 15 minutes of speaking time each for the mover of the motion, the seconder, the principal speaker from the Labour Group and the seconder of the amendment (if required) to speak on the budget report.

RESOLVED: That the mover and seconder of the budget motion and the principal speaker from the Labour Group and the seconder of the amendment (if required) be allowed to speak for 15 minutes each on this item.

Councillor Bianco moved, and Councillor Puddifoot seconded, the budget recommendations, as set out in the Order of Business.

Councillor Khursheed moved, and Councillor Major seconded, the following amendment:

1. *That the Cabinet be invited to consider the Labour Group's amendments to the Cabinet's proposals set out in the Council Tax report and report back to Council. These amendments would result in a council tax requirement for 2012/13 of £111,555,651.*
2. *The proposals are based on the Cabinet's budget proposals as approved by Cabinet on 16 February 2012, subject to the following amendments:*

Labour Group Proposed Amendments	Budget 2011/12 (£000s)
Council Tax Requirement based on Cabinet Proposals	111,556
<i>Calculated from the Budget Requirement based on Cabinet proposals</i>	190,668
Budget Increases:	
<i>Re: PEECS 12-17 – Reinstatement of Planning Enforcement Officer</i>	48
<i>Recruit 5 additional Planning Enforcement Officers (Full year impact is 5 @ £47k, in 2012/13 only 9 month cost)</i>	176
<i>Retain Woodside Day Centre due for closure in Q4 – reduction in proposed savings</i>	149
Total Increases	373
Budget Reductions:	
<i>Reduce unallocated priority growth</i>	(373)
Total Reductions	(373)
Net Revenue Budget Changes	0
Labour Group Budget Requirement	190,668
Labour Group Council Tax Requirement to Council	111,556

Following debate (Councillors Barnes, Bianco, Corthorne, MacDonald and Puddifoot), the amendment was put to the vote and lost.

Following further debate (Councillors Barnes, Burrows, Corthorne, Curling, Gilham, Higgins, Lavery, D Mills, Retter, Seaman Digby and Simmonds), the original motion was put to the vote and:

RESOLVED: That:

1. the General Fund revenue budget proposals made by Cabinet be approved, resulting in a council tax requirement for 2012/13 of £111,555,651.
2. Council note that at its meeting on 12 January 2012 the Council calculated the amount of 100,236 as its Council Tax Base for the year 2012/13. This was calculated in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its Council Tax Base for the year (Item T in the formula in Section 31B (3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992).
3. Hillingdon's own Council Tax be set at £1,112.93 for a Band D property. Taking into account the precept levied by the Greater London Authority, this results in an overall Band D Council Tax of £1,419.65 for the borough.
4. 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 (the Act):

a) £710,960,000 being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) (a) to (f) of the Act. (Gross Expenditure including the amount required for additions to working balances).

b) £599,404,349 being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) (a) to (d) of the Act. (Gross Income including reserves to be used to meet Gross Expenditure).

c) £111,555,651 being the amount by which the aggregate at 4 (a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4 (b) above. This is calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its council tax requirement for the year. (Item R under Section 31B of the Act).

d) £1,112.93 being the amount at 4 (c) above divided by Item T (2 above). This is, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year. (Council Tax at Band D for the Council).

e)

The London Borough of Hillingdon Council Tax			
Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D
£741.95	£865.61	£989.27	£1,112.93
Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£1,360.25	£1,607.57	£1,854.88	£2,225.86

being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 4 (d) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5 (1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D. This is 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.

5. Council note that for the year 2012/13 the Greater London Authority and its functional bodies have stated the following amounts in precepts. These have been issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

The Greater London Authority Precept			
Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D
£204.48	£238.56	£272.64	£306.72
Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£374.88	£443.04	£511.20	£613.44

6. the Council has calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4(e) and 5 above. The Council in accordance with Section 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 hereby sets the Council Tax for the year 2012/13 for each category of dwelling below:

Total Council Tax 2012/13			
Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D
£946.43	£1,104.17	£1,261.91	£1,419.65
Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£1,735.13	£2,050.61	£2,366.08	£2,839.30

7. the proposals for fees and charges set out in Appendix 7 of the report to Cabinet on 16 February 2012 are approved.
8. the Capital Programme be agreed as set out in Appendix 8 of the report.
9. the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2012/13 to 2014/15 be agreed as set out in Appendix 10 of the report.
10. the London Borough of Hillingdon Pay Policy Statement for 2012/13 be agreed as set out in Appendix 11 of the report.
11. the Council Tax Discount for Older People be retained at 4.87% of Hillingdon's element of the Council Tax.
12. Council note the Chief Finance Officers' comments regarding his responsibilities under the Local Government Act 2003.

	<p>13. Council authorises its Chief Finance Officer to approve all virements after 31 March 2012 relating to the 2011/12 financial year of any value beyond the levels currently delegated to Corporate Directors necessary to the closure of accounts, within the deadline set for the 2011/12 financial year.</p> <p>14. Council (as set out in Schedule C of the Constitution - Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules) resolves that Cabinet may utilise the general reserves or balances during the MTFF financial years 2012/13 to 2014/15 in respect of those functions which have been reserved to the Cabinet in Article 7 of the Constitution.</p> <p>15. Council confirm that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2012/13 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992 and therefore a referendum will not be triggered.</p> <p>16. Council note the decision by the GLA to grant London Borough of Hillingdon £2,735,731 funding from the Mayor's regeneration fund budgets during financial years 2012/13 and 2013/14 to carry out improvements to Ruislip Manor and Northwood Hills town centres. This decision was announced after publication of the Budget report to Cabinet on 16 February 2012.</p>
57.	<p>CANCELLATION OF MEETING DATE (<i>Agenda Item</i>)</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Council meeting scheduled for 1 March 2012 be cancelled.</p>
	<p>The meeting, which commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 9.05 pm.</p>

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Lloyd White, Head of Democratic Services on 01895 556743. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.