

City Council

Monday 29 February 2016

PRESENT:

Councillor Dr. Mahony, in the Chair.

Councillor Ball, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Mrs Beer, Bowie, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Churchill, Coker, Damarell, Dann, Darcy, Philippa Davey, Sam Davey, Deacon, Downie, Drear, Evans, Fletcher, K Foster, Mrs Foster, Fox, Fry, Hendy, James, Jarvis, Jordan, Kelly, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Lowry, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Ricketts, Riley, Dr. Salter, Smith, Sparling, Stevens, Storer, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler and Wigans.

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 5.20 pm.

Note: The full discussion can be viewed on the webcast of the City Council meeting at www.plymouth.gov.uk. At a future meeting, the Council will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

59. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21 January were agreed.

60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

David Shepperd (Assistant Director and Head of Legal Services) reminded councillors of the dispensation granted to all of them under the constitution at paragraph 21.2 in regard to Council Tax setting (minute 62).

The following declarations of interest were made by councillors in accordance with the code of conduct in respect of items under consideration at the meeting -

Name	Minute Number	Reason	Interest
Councillor Mrs Aspinall	62	Chair of Governors at Salisbury Road Primary School	Private
Councillor Mrs Beer	62	Employee of Devon and Cornwall Police	Private
Councillor Bowie	62	Governor at Mount Tamar School	Private
Councillor Darcy	62	Employee of Devon and Cornwall Police	Private
Councillor Stevens	62	Employee of Devon and Cornwall Police	Private

61. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Lord Mayor

- UK Youth Parliament Elections;
- Long Service Awards for Plymouth City Council staff;

- Exception Centre of the Year Award – Plymouth Life Centre;
- Top 100 Apprenticeship Employer, National Apprenticeships Awards 2015;
- Plymouth Library PatLib Centre.

(b) The Leader, Cabinet Members or Chairs of Committees

The Leader

- Local Government Chronicle Awards – Driving Growth;
- Submission of Devolution proposals;
- The Book of Wonder 2.

Councillor Smith

- Investment in playing pitches.

Councillor Penberthy

- Plan for Homes;
- Community Energy and Climate Change Project;
- Fair Trade fortnight.

62. CONTINUING TO DELIVER THE CO-OPERATIVE VISION AND PROPOSED COUNCIL TAX LEVELS FOR 2016/2017

At the start of the debate Councillor Evans proposed, Councillor Bowyer seconded and Council agreed that in accordance with Part B, Council Procedure Rule 14.6 of the Constitution, Rule of Debate 4.2 (in Appendix one) (which limits speeches to five minutes) is suspended for this item in relation to the speeches by the Leader and the Leader of the Opposition

Councillor Evans (Leader) proposed and Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) seconded a report and the amended recommendations on continuing to deliver the co-operative vision and proposed Council Tax levels for 2016/17.

Following a request from ten councillors for a recorded vote Council agreed -

- (1) to consider an Adult Social Care Council Tax precept and council tax levels for 2016/17;
- (2) to approve the proposed net revenue budget requirement for 2016/17 of £186.702m;
- (3) to approve the total capital budget of £419.116m to 2020;
- (4) to note that the Office of the Devon and Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Police Commissioner has 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, reflecting a one point nine nine per cent (1.99%) increase for 2016/17;
- (5) to note that the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority precepts have been confirmed reflecting a one point nine nine per cent (1.99%) increase for 2016/17;
- (6) the Annual Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy 2016/17 (incorporating the authorised limits, operational boundaries and prudential indicators) as submitted;
- (7) to approve the change of policy in the calculation of the Minimum Revenue Provision using the annuity method with effect from 2015/16;

- (8) to note the Capital and Revenue Monitoring Report Quarter Three 2015/16;
- (9) that using the Council Tax base for 2016/17 as 69,846 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; calculate that the **Council Tax requirement** for the Council's own purposes for 2016/17 is £94,081,975;
- (10) that the following amounts are calculated for the year 2016/17 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
- (a) £531,512,693 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act (**Gross Expenditure and Transfers to Reserves**);
 - (b) £437,430,718 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act (**Gross Income and Transfers from Reserves**);
 - (c) £94,081,975 being the amount by which the aggregate at 7(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 7(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) £1,346.99 being the amount at 7(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (6 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the **basic amount of its Council Tax** for the year;
- (11) in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, to set the indicative aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2016/17 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings -

Total annual council tax charge 2016/17

Plymouth City Council

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
2015/16	£880.38	£1,027.12	£1,173.85	£1,320.58	£1,614.04	£1,907.50	£2,200.96	£2,641.15
2016/17 - Council Tax Freeze	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2016/17 - Adult Social Care Precept 2%	£17.61	£20.54	£23.48	£26.41	£32.28	£38.15	£44.02	£52.82
Total	£897.99	£1,047.66	£1,197.33	£1,346.99	£1,646.32	£1,945.65	£2,244.98	£2,693.97

Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
2015/16	£112.98	£131.81	£150.64	£169.47	£207.13	£244.79	£282.44	£338.93
2016/17 - 1.99% Increase	£2.25	£2.62	£3.00	£3.37	£4.12	£4.87	£5.63	£6.75
Total	£115.23	£134.43	£153.64	£172.84	£211.25	£249.66	£288.07	£345.68

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
2015/16	£52.28	£60.99	£69.71	£78.42	£95.85	£113.27	£130.70	£156.84
2016/17 - 1.99% Increase	£1.04	£1.22	£1.38	£1.56	£1.90	£2.26	£2.60	£3.12
Total	£53.32	£62.21	£71.09	£79.98	£97.75	£115.53	£133.30	£159.96

Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£1,066.54	£1,244.30	£1,422.06	£1,599.81	£1,955.32	£2,310.83	£2,666.35	£3,199.61

- (12) that in relation to (9) above Council confirms its commitment by a statement signed by the S151 Officer to allocate the additional funding raised by the two per cent (2%) council tax increase to adult social care in 2016/17 and in future years;
- (13) that in accordance with the principles approved under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011, the Council's relevant basic amount of council tax for 2016/17 is not more than four per cent (4%) higher than the relevant basic amount of council tax for 2015/16 and that it is therefore determined; that the Council's relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2016/17 is not excessive and for this reason a referendum will not be required;
- (14) that the use of one-off Minimum Revenue Provision savings as set out in the report is increased from £2.351m to the revised required draw down of £3.926m to close the budget gap of £1.575m.

For the motion (28) –

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Bowie, Coker, Damerall, Dann, P Davey, S Davey, Evans, Fox, Hendy, Jarvis, Lowry, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Rennie, Riley, Smith, Sparling, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent and Wheeler.

Against the motion (0)

Abstained (27) –

Lord Mayor, Councillors Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Churchill, Darcy, Deacon, Downie, Drear, Fletcher, Foster, Mrs Foster, Fry, James, Jordan, Kelly, Martin Leaves, Mike Leaves, Sam Leaves, Nicholson, Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Ricketts, Dr Salter and Storer.