

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
AT 4:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY, 2018
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors:

Dudson, A. (Chairman)	
Witton, P.T. (Vice-Chairman)	
Adamson, G.	Hoare, M.W.A.
Alcott, G.	Johnson, J.P.
Allen, F.W.C.	Johnson, T.B.
Allt, Mrs. A.	Lea, C.I.
Bennett, C.	Kraujalis, J.T.
Bowater, J.L.	Martin, Mrs. C.E.
Buttery, M.S.	Mitchell, Mrs. C.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.M.	Pearson, A.R.
Cooper, Miss J.	Preece, J.P.T.L.
Crabtree, S.K.	Smith, C.D.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Snape, D.J.
Dean, A.	Snape, P.A.
Dudson, Miss M.J.	Stretton, Mrs. P.Z., M.B.E.
Foley, D.	Sutherland, M.
Freeman, Miss M.A.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Grice, Mrs. D.	Tait, Ms. L.
Grocott, M.R.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Hardman, W.T.A.	Woodhead, P.E.

61. Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. C.L. Peake and Miss S. Whitehouse.

62. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

No other Declarations of Interests were made in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members' Interests.

63. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 November, 2017, be approved as a correct record and signed.

64. The Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Chairman's Fundraising

The Chairman advised that a collection box was circulating for Members to donate to his fundraising. At the meeting held on 29 November, 2017, a total of £43 was collected, and he thanked all Members for their donations.

65. Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget 2017-18 to 2022-23: Cabinet Resolutions

The Leader introduced the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2017-18 to 2022-23 and consideration was given to the recommendations referred from Cabinet held on 25 January, 2018, in respect of:

- (i) HRA Budgets 2017-18 to 2020-21
- (ii) HRA Capital Programme 2017-18 to 2022-23

RESOLVED:

That, in respect of:

(A) HRA Budgets 2017-18 to 2020-21

- (i) A minimum level of working balances of £1.671 million for 2018-19, and indicative working balances of £1.706 million and £1.731 million for 2019-20 and 2020-21, respectively, be determined.
- (ii) The further 1% reduction in rents in 2018-19 in accordance with the Government's Social Rent Policy be noted.
- (iii) The Housing Revenue Account Revenue Budgets for 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 as summarised in Appendix 1 of the 25 January, 2018 Cabinet Report be approved, and the estimated outturn for 2017-18 be noted.

(B) HRA Capital Programme 2017-18 to 2022-23

- (i) The five year Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme for the period 2018-19 to 2022-23, as set out in Appendix 2 of the 25 January, 2018 Cabinet Report, be approved.

66. 2018-19 to 2020-21 Budget Process – Procedural Rules

Consideration was given to the Joint Report of the Head of Finance and the Council Solicitor (Item 6.1 to 6.6 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The timetable for setting of the budget for 2018-19 be noted.
- (B) The overall level of Council Tax will be set at the 21 February, 2018 Council meeting, following determination of Cannock Chase's Council Tax requirement in accordance with the procedural rules attached as Appendix 1 to the Report.

67. Budget 2017-18 to 2020-21: Cabinet Resolutions

The Leader introduced and moved the Budget 2017-18 to 2020-21, which was seconded, and consideration was given to the recommendations referred from Cabinet held on 25 January, 2018, in respect of:

- (i) General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2017-18 to 2020-21.
- (ii) Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy and Annual Investment Strategy 2018-19.

Conservative Group Alternative Budget Proposals

The Leader of the Conservative Group introduced the Group's Alternative Budget proposals for 2018-19 to 2020-21.

The Leader of the Conservative Group then moved the Alternative Budget proposals as a referral back to Cabinet, which was seconded.

Members then debated the Conservative Group's Alternative Budget proposals, which were moved to a vote and not carried.

A vote was then taken on the Cabinet's Budget recommendations:

RESOLVED:

That, in respect of:

- (A) General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2017-18 to 2020-21
 - (i) The level of net spending for the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2018-19 be set at £11.645 million; with indicative net spending for 2019-20 and 2020-21 of £12.265 million and £12.764 million, respectively.
 - (ii) The detailed portfolio budgets as set out in Appendix 2 of the 25 January, 2018 Cabinet Report be approved.
 - (iii) The forecast outturn net budget of £10.994 million be approved.
 - (iv) The use of Government Grants in 2018-19 of £1.093 million, with indicative figures of £1.198 million and £1.282 million for 2019-20 and 2020-21, respectively, be approved.

- (v) The working balances be set at £0.638 million; £0.672 million and £1.032 million for 2018-19 to 2020-21, respectively.
 - (vi) A Council Tax of £212.94 be approved for 2018-19, with indicative increases of £1.95% to the level of Council Tax for 2019-20 and 2020-21.
 - (vii) The Council's Tax Base be set at 28,396.76.
 - (viii) The revised Capital Programme, including new schemes, as set out in Appendices 3 and 4 of the 25 January, 2018 Cabinet Report be approved.
- (B) Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy and Annual Investment Strategy 2018-19
- (i) The Prudential and Treasury Indicators be approved.
 - (ii) The Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement be approved.
 - (iii) The Treasury Management Policy be approved.
 - (iv) The Annual Investment Strategy for 2018-19 be approved.

The meeting closed at 6:20 p.m.

CHAIRMAN