

BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Farnborough on Thursday, 20th February, 2020 at 7.00 pm.

The Worshipful The Mayor (Cllr Sue Carter (Chairman))
The Deputy Mayor (Cllr P.F. Rust (Vice-Chairman))

Cllr Gaynor Austin
Cllr T.D. Bridgeman
Cllr M.S. Choudhary
Cllr A.K. Chowdhury
Cllr R.M. Cooper
Cllr P.I.C. Crerar
Cllr K. Dibble
Cllr C.P. Grattan
Cllr A.J. Halstead
Cllr Prabesh KC
Cllr J.H. Marsh
Cllr T.W. Mitchell
Cllr K.H. Muschamp
Cllr Sophie Porter
Cllr M.L. Sheehan
Cllr C.J. Stewart
Cllr B.A. Thomas

Cllr Mrs. D.B. Bedford
Cllr J.B. Canty
Cllr Sophia Choudhary
Cllr D.E. Clifford
Cllr A.H. Crawford
Cllr P.J. Cullum
Cllr Veronica Graham-Green
Cllr Christine Guinness
Cllr L. Jeffers
Cllr Mara Makunura
Cllr S.J. Masterson
Cllr Marina Munro
Cllr A.R. Newell
Cllr M.J. Roberts
Cllr M.D. Smith
Cllr P.G. Taylor
Cllr Jacqui Vosper

Honorary Alderman R.J. Kimber

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllr Nadia Martin and Cllr M.J. Tennant.

Before the meeting was opened, the Mayor's Chaplain, Revd. Steve Stewart, led the meeting in prayers.

42. **MINUTES**

It was **MOVED** by Cllr A.R. Newell; **SECONDED** by Cllr P.G. Taylor and

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on 3rd December, 2019 and the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 5th December, 2019 (copies having been circulated previously) be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record.

43. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(1) The Mayor referred to the honour that it had been to host a civic delegation from the Municipality of Gorkha in Nepal to mark the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Gorkha and Rushmoor. The official

signing ceremony had been held at the Council Offices on 30th January 2020 and had been attended by the Mayor of Gorkha Municipality together with a small delegation from Gorkha, the Ambassador of Nepal, representatives of the Nepalese community in Rushmoor and Great Britain and also community representatives in Rushmoor. The Mayor looked forward to closer working relations between the two municipalities, especially in the areas of education, culture and infrastructure.

The Mayor also referred to the honour it had been to be invited to the Embassy of Nepal on 31st January to celebrate the international link between the two sister cities. The Mayor expressed her gratitude to the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Frank Rust, for deputising for her on this occasion.

- (2) The Mayor reported that the Deputy Mayor had attended a Holocaust Memorial Day Service at the Garrison Church of St. Andrew on 26th January, 2020. This was also attended by the Garrison Commander and the Leader of the Council.
- (3) The Mayor advised that a quiz night had been held on 24th January, 2020 which had raised £510 for the Mayor's charities. The Mayor thanked her Chaplain who had been the quizmaster and all those who had supported the event.
- (4) The Mayor reminded Members that her Charity Ball would take place on 6th March, 2020 at Princes Hall.
- (5) The Mayor advised Members that her re-scheduled Charity Golf Day would be held on 3rd April, 2020 at the Army Golf Club in Aldershot and invited all golfers to support this event.

44. STANDING ORDER 8 - QUESTIONS

The Mayor reported that no questions had been submitted under Standing Order 8.

45. MAYOR-ELECT AND DEPUTY MAYOR-ELECT 2020/21

The Chairman of the Licensing, Audit and General Purposes Committee (Cllr S.J. Masterson) reported that the Committee had considered the nominations for the Mayor-Elect and the Deputy Mayor-Elect for 2020/21 at its meeting on 27th January, 2020. Having regard to the criteria adopted by the Council, the Committee had agreed to recommend that:

- (i) Cllr P.F. Rust be selected as Mayor-Elect for the Municipal Year 2020/21; and
- (ii) Cllr M.S. Choudhary be selected as Deputy Mayor-Elect for the Municipal Year 2020/21.

It was MOVED by Cllr S.J. Masterson; SECONDED by Cllr L. Jeffers – That the Recommendations of the Licensing, Audit and General Purposes Committee be approved in respect of the Mayor-Elect and Deputy Mayor-Elect.

There voted FOR: 33; AGAINST: 0 and the Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED**.

46. **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET AND COMMITTEES**

(1) Revenue Budget, Capital Programme, Council Tax Level and Council Tax Support Scheme 2020/21

Cllr P.G. Taylor introduced the Report of the Cabinet meeting held on 4th February, 2020 which recommended the approval of the Revenue Budget, Capital Programme, Council Tax Level and Council Tax Support Scheme for 2020/21.

- (i) It was **MOVED** by Cllr P.G. Taylor; **SECONDED** by Cllr D.E. Clifford – That, subject to the amendments set out in Para 1.2 of the Report , approval be given to the following recommendations set out in the Budget Booklet and the Council Tax Level resolution, as circulated separately:
- (a) the General Fund Revenue Budget Summary, set out in Appendix 1 of the Budget Booklet;
 - (b) the detailed General Fund Revenue Budget, set out in Appendix 2 of the Budget Booklet;
 - (c) the additional items for inclusion in the budget, set out in Appendix 3 of the Budget Booklet;
 - (d) the Council Tax Requirement of £6,704,629 for this Council;
 - (e) the Council Tax Level for Rushmoor Borough Council's purposes of £209.42 for a Band D property in 2020/21 (an increase of £5), and in particular:
 - 1. That it be noted that the Council calculated the amount of 32,015.23 as its Council Tax Base for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011 (the 'Act').
 - 2. That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 31 and Sections 34 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) £84,628,917 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act
 - (b) £77,924,288 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) £6,704,629 being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b)

above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year.

- (d) £209.42 being the amount at (c) above, all divided by the amount at 1. above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

(e)	Valuation Bands	
	A	£139.61
	B	£162.88
	C	£186.15
	D	£209.42
	E	£255.96
	F	£302.50
	G	£349.03
	H	£418.84

being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (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, 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;

3. That it be noted that for the year 2020/21 Hampshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:

Precepting Authority	Valuation Bands	
Hampshire County Council (including Adult Social Care precept)	A	£857.52
	B	£1,000.44
	C	£1,143.36
	D	£1,286.28

E	£1,572.12
F	£1,857.96
G	£2,143.80
H	£2,572.56

Precepting Authority	Valuation Bands	
Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire	A	£140.97
	B	£164.47
	C	£187.96
	D	£211.46
	E	£258.45
	F	£305.44
	G	£352.43
	H	£422.92

Precepting Authority	Valuation Bands	
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority	A	£46.04
	B	£53.71
	C	£61.39
	D	£69.06
	E	£84.41
	F	£99.75
	G	£115.10
	H	£138.12

4. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (e) and 3. above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2020/21 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

A	£1,184.14
B	£1,381.50
C	£1,578.86
D	£1,776.22
E	£2,170.94
F	£2,565.65
G	£2,960.36
H	£3,552.44

- (e) the Capital Programme, set out in Appendix 4 of the Budget Booklet;
- (f) the Strategy for the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts, set out in Appendix 5 of the Budget Booklet;
- (g) the Executive Head of Finance's report under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, as set out in section 10 of Appendix A to this Report;
- (h) the additional transfers to earmarked reserved in 2020/21 and the holding of reserves, as set out in this Report;
- (i) the insurance arrangements, made through the Hampshire Insurance Forum and Aon and effective from April 2020, resulting in an annual saving on premiums of £81,000, as set out in Table 5 of this Report; and

Following debate, the Recommendations were put to the meeting. On a Recorded Vote, there voted FOR: Cllrs Gaynor Austin; Mrs. D.B. Bedford, T.D. Bridgeman, J.B. Canty, M.S. Choudhary, Sophia Choudhary, A.K. Chowdhury, D.E. Clifford, R.M. Cooper, A.H. Crawford, P.I.C. Crerar, P.J. Cullum, Keith Dibble, Veronica Graham-Green, C.P. Grattan, Christine Guinness, A.J. Halstead, L. Jeffers, Prabesh KC, Mara Makunura, J.H. Marsh, S.J. Masterson, T.W. Mitchell, Marina Munro, K.H. Muschamp, A.R. Newell, Sophie Porter, M.J. Roberts, M.L. Sheehan, M.D. Smith, C.J. Stewart, P.G. Taylor, B.A. Thomas and Jacqui Vosper (34); AGAINST: (0); and ABSTAINED: the Deputy Mayor (Cllr Frank Rust) and the Mayor (Cllr Sue Carter) (2) and the Recommendations were **DECLARED CARRIED**; and

- (ii) It was MOVED by Cllr P.G. Taylor; SECONDED by Cllr D.E. Clifford - That approval be given to the retention of the current 12% minimum contribution for those of working age for 2020/21 in respect of the Council Tax Support Scheme, as set out in Report No. FIN1934.

There voted FOR: 22; AGAINST: 0 and the Recommendation was **DECLARED CARRIED**.

(2) Annual Capital Strategy 2020/21

Cllr P.G. Taylor introduced the Report of the Cabinet meeting held on 4th February, 2020 which recommended the approval of the Capital Strategy 2020/21 and Prudential Indicators. It was MOVED by Cllr P.G. Taylor; SECONDED by Cllr D.E. Clifford – That approval be given to the Capital Strategy 2020/21 and Prudential Indicators.

There voted FOR: 33; AGAINST: 0 and the Recommendations were **DECLARED CARRIED**.

(3) Annual Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Non-Treasury Investment Strategy 2020/21

Cllr P.G. Taylor introduced the Report of the Cabinet meeting held on 4th February, 2020 which recommended the approval of: the Treasury Management Strategy 2020/21 and Annual Investment Strategy; the Non-Treasury Strategy; and, the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement. It was MOVED by Cllr P.G. Taylor; SECONDED by Cllr D.E. Clifford – That approval be given to the Treasury Management Strategy 2020/21 and Annual Investment Strategy, the Non-Treasury Strategy and the Minimum Revenue Provision.

There voted FOR: 33; AGAINST: 0 and the Recommendations were **DECLARED CARRIED**.

(4) Establishing a Local Housing Company – The Housing Company Business Plan

Cllr D.E. Clifford introduced the Report from the Cabinet meeting held on 4th February, 2020, which recommended the approval of a five-year business plan of the Council's local housing company. It was MOVED by Cllr D.E. Clifford; SECONDED by Cllr K.H. Muschamp – That

- (a) approval be given to the draft five-year Business Plan to be submitted to the Chief Executive of the Council as shareholder representative in substantially the same form, once the Company has been incorporated, when it would become the Approved Business Plan for the Company;
- (b) agreement be given to the sale of No. 12 Arthur Street and No. 154 Ship Lane to the Housing Company at market value, subject to the relevant valuation;
- (c) approval be given to the delegation of authority to the Chief Executive as shareholder representative to approve any variations in the delivery programme contained in the Business Plan, provided these variations can deliver the outcomes of the Business Plan and be achieved within the approved budget;
- (d) approval be given to the appointment of Cllr P.G. Taylor as the third member of the Shadow Board and to become a Council appointee to the Company Board of Directors on incorporation of the company;

- (e) the procedures set out in paragraph 4.17 of the Report be agreed for the approval of subsequent business plans or project business plans; and
- (f) the arrangements for performance and governance reporting be agreed, as set out in paragraph 4.18 of the Report.

There voted FOR: 33; AGAINST: 0 and the Recommendations were **DECLARED CARRIED**.

47. **QUESTIONS FOR THE CABINET**

The Mayor reported that no questions had been submitted for the Cabinet.

48. **REPORTS OF CABINET AND COMMITTEES**

(1) **Cabinet**

It was MOVED by Cllr D.E. Clifford; SECONDED by Cllr K.H. Muschamp and

RESOLVED: That the Reports of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 16th December 2019, 7th January and 4th February 2020 be received.

NOTES:

- (i) Cllrs M.S. Choudhary and Sophia Choudhary declared their prejudicial interests in Report Para. No. 62 in respect of Cllr M.S. Choudhary's profession and, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, left the meeting during the discussion on this item.
- (ii) Cllr Prabesh KC declared a prejudicial interest in Report Para. No. 86 in respect of his ownership of a property currently the subject of a Compulsory Purchase Order and, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, left the meeting during the discussion thereon.

(2) **Licensing, Audit and General Purposes Committee**

It was MOVED by Cllr S.J. Masterson; SECONDED by Cllr L. Jeffers and

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Licensing, Audit and General Purposes Committee held on 25th November 2019 be received.

(3) **Development Management Committee**

It was MOVED by Cllr B.A. Thomas; SECONDED by Cllr Mrs. D.B. Bedford and

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Development Management Committee held on 4th December 2019 and 15th January 2020 be received.

(4) **Licensing, Audit and General Purposes Committee**

It was MOVED by Cllr S.J. Masterson; SECONDED by Cllr L. Jeffers and

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Licensing, Audit and General Purposes Committee held on 27th January, 2020 be received.

49. **REPORT OF POLICY AND PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD**

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Policy and Project Advisory Board held on 22nd January, 2020 be received.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.
