

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Kent County Council held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 20 February 2018.

PRESENT:

Mr D L Brazier (Chairman)
Mr M J Angell (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs A D Allen, MBE, Mr M A C Balfour, Mr P V Barrington-King, Mr P Bartlett, Mrs C Bell, Mrs P M Beresford, Mrs R Binks, Mr R H Bird, Mr T Bond, Mr A Booth, Mr A H T Bowles, Mr D Butler, Miss S J Carey, Mr P B Carter, CBE, Mrs S Chandler, Mr I S Chittenden, Mrs P T Cole, Mr N J Collor, Ms K Constantine, Mr A Cook, Mr G Cooke, Mr P C Cooper, Mrs M E Crabtree, Mr D S Daley, Mr M C Dance, Miss E Dawson, Mrs T Dean, MBE, Mr T Dhesi, Mr D Farrell, Mrs L Game, Mrs S Gent, Mr G K Gibbens, Mr R W Gough, Ms S Hamilton, Mr P M Harman, Mr P M Hill, OBE, Mr A R Hills, Mr P J Homewood, Mr A J Hook, Mr M J Horwood, Mr E E C Hotson, Mr J A Kite, MBE, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr P W A Lake, Mr B H Lewis, Ida Linfield, Mr R L H Long, TD, Mr R C Love, Mr G Lymer, Mr S C Manion, Mr R A Marsh, Ms D Marsh, Mr J P McInroy, Mr P J Messenger, Mr D D Monk, Mr D Murphy, Mr M J Northey, Mr P J Oakford, Mr R A Pascoe, Mr M D Payne, Mrs S Prendergast, Mr K Pugh, Miss C Rankin, Mr A M Ridgers, Mr C Simkins, Mrs P A V Stockell, Dr L Sullivan, Mr B J Sweetland, Mr I Thomas, Mr M Whiting, Mr M E Whybrow and Mr J Wright

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D Cockburn (Corporate Director Strategic & Corporate Services), Mr B Watts (General Counsel), Mrs B Cooper (Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport), Mr M Dunkley (Corporate Director for Children Young People and Education), Mr D Shipton (Head of Finance (Policy, Planning and Strategy)), Ms A Singh (Corporate Director, Adult Social Care and Health) and Mr A Wood (Corporate Director of Finance)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

51. Apologies for Absence

The General Counsel reported apologies from Mr Chard, Mr Holden, Mrs Hohler, Mr Rayner and Mr Simmonds.

52. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Significant Interests in items on the agenda

- (1) Dr Sullivan declared an interest as her husband was employed by the County Council in the Early Help and Prevention Team.
- (2) Mr Lewis declared an interest as his wife worked for the County Council.

53. Chairman's Announcements

a) Mr Bertie Bassam

(1) The Chairman stated that it was with regret that he had to inform Members of the sad death of Mr Bassam on Friday 22 December. Mr Bassam served on Kent County Council between 1997 - 2009.

(2) Mr Bassam's funeral had taken place on Thursday 18 January 2018 and there would be an opportunity for Members to pay tribute to Mr Bassam at the March County Council meeting.

b) New Years Honours list

The Chairman referred Members to the list of New Year Honours Recipients from Kent and formally congratulated all those who had received an Honour.

c) Lizzy Yarnold

The Chairman referred to Lizzy Yarnold's recent success at the winter Olympics in achieving a second gold medal for women's skeleton. He reminded Members that Lizzy had been awarded the Kent Invicta Award by the County Council in 2014. He had written to congratulate her on her achievement on behalf of the County Council.

54. Capital Programme 2018-21, Revenue Budget 2018-19 and Revenue Medium Term Financial Plan 2018-20 (including Council Tax setting 2018-19)

(1) The Chairman reminded all Members that any Member of a Local Authority who was liable to pay Council Tax, and who had any unpaid Council Tax amount overdue for at least two months, even if there was an arrangement to pay off the arrears, must declare the fact that they are in arrears and must not cast their vote on anything related to KCC's Budget or Council Tax.

(2) The Chairman stated that all Members would have received an email from Democratic Services, dated 14 February, setting out the process and order of the budget debate at today's meeting.

(3) Mr Brazier moved and Mr Angell seconded the following recommendation:

"Procedure Rule 1.12(2) be suspended in order that the meeting be extended to 5.00pm if necessary;

Procedure Rule 1.28 be suspended in order that the proposer of the original motion and the seconder be allowed to speak in total for a maximum of 17 minutes, the Leaders of the Liberal Democrat, Labour and Independent Groups speak for 8, 6 and 4 – minutes respectively, with the Proposer of the motion being given a 5 minute right of reply; and the Cabinet Members to speak for up to 12 minutes when introducing each directorate debate; and

Procedure Rule 1.35 be suspended in order for the proposer and seconder of the original motion to be permitted to speak on more than one occasion."

Agreed without a formal vote

(4) The Chairman then invited Mr Wood, Corporate Director Finance, to give a presentation on various issues relevant to the budget. As part of this presentation, Mr Wood as Section 151 officer confirmed that the budget estimates were robust and the level of reserves adequate, as required by the Local Government Act 2003.

(5) Mr Carter moved and Mrs Crabtree seconded the following motion:

The County Council is asked to agree the following:

- (a) Net revenue budget requirement of £958.488m for 2018-19
 - (b) Capital investment proposals of £794.707m over three years from 2018-19 to 2020-21 together with the necessary funding and subject to approval to spend arrangements
 - (c) The Treasury Management Strategy as per section 5 of the draft Budget Book released on 15th January
 - (d) Prudential Indicators as set out in revised Appendix B to the draft Budget Book (appendix 7 of this report)
 - (e) The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement as set out in Appendix C to the draft Budget Book
 - (f) The directorate capital programmes as set out in the draft Budget Book released on 15th January as amended by the changes in this report (summarised in appendix 2 of this report)
 - (g) The directorate revenue budget proposals as set out in the draft Budget Book released on 15th January as amended by the latest updates included in this report (summarised in appendices 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this report)
 - (h) Delegate responsibility to Cabinet Members and Corporate Directors to manage the budget within the parameters set out in the Constitution and Financial Regulations (summary delegations to managers as set out in appendix 4 to this report)
 - (i) To increase council tax band rates up to the maximum permitted without a referendum as set out in paragraph 2.7 table 2
 - (j) To levy the additional 2% social care precept (raising an additional £13,194,425 and taking the total social care precept to £36,598,016 out of precept set out in (k) below)
 - (k) The total council tax requirement of £665,735,336 to be raised through precepts on districts as set out in revisions to section 2 of the Budget Book (appendix 1 to this report)
- (ii) In addition:
- (l) To note that the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services will determine the TCP reward thresholds for staff assessed as achieving, achieving above, and outstanding, and the single value of KR2, within the 2.8% overall funding available
 - (m) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Finance (in consultation with the Leader, Cabinet Member for Finance and the political Group Leaders) to resolve any minor technical issues for the final budget publication which do not materially alter the approved budget or change the net budget requirement
 - (n) The changes made in (m) above to be reflected in the final version of the Budget Book and MTFP due to be published in March

- (o) To note that final distribution of unallocated amounts will be made in compliance with the Council's Financial Regulations and Procedures, including where necessary key decisions
- (p) To note the financial outlook for 2019-20 with further anticipated funding reductions and additional spending demands offset by provisional council tax increases and additional savings (some of which are yet to be identified)

Children, Young People and Education

(6) The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education introduced the budget for this Directorate prior to a general debate.

(7) Ms Constantine proposed and Mr Dhesi seconded the following amendment:

That £170,000 be used to support youth hubs to work collaboratively with their commissioned universal youth offer to provide talk therapies, as well as provide young people with activities to improve resilience, confidence and self-esteem.

Proposed Additional Spend: Youth Services £170k (+£170k amendment to Key Service line 51: Youth Services)

Funded By: Increase use of Reserves £70k (-£70k amendment to Key Service line 103: Financing Items & Unallocated – non-staffing) Reduce Minimum Revenue Provision £100k (-£100k amendment to Key Service line 103: Financing Items & Unallocated – non-staffing)

(8) Following the debate, the Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in paragraph (7) above and the voting was as follows:

For (14)

Mr R Bird, Mr I Chittenden, Ms K Constantine, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr T Dhesi, Mr D Farrell, Mr P Harman, Mr A Hook, Mr G Koowaree, Mr B Lewis, Ida Linfield, Dr L Sullivan, Mr M Whybrow

Against (59)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr P Barrington-King, Mr P Bartlett, Mrs C Bell, Mrs P Beresford, Mrs R Binks, Mr T Bond, Mr A Booth, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Butler, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mrs S Chandler, Mrs P Cole, Mr A Cook, Mr G Cooke, Mr P Cooper, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr M Dance, Miss E Dawson, Mrs L Game, Mrs S Gent, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Ms S Hamilton, Mr M Hill, Mr T Hills, Mr P Homewood, Mr M Horwood, Mr E Hotson, Mrs L Hurst, Mr J Kite, Mr P Lake, Mr R Long, Mr R Love, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Ms D Marsh, Mr J McInroy, Mr P Messenger, Mr D Monk, Mr D Murphy, Mr M Northey, Mr P Oakford, Mr D Pascoe, Mr M Payne, Mrs S, Prendergast, Mr K Pugh, Miss C Rankin, Mr A Ridgers, Mr C Simkins, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr I Thomas, Mr M Whiting, Mr J Wright

Abstain (1)

Mr N Collor

Amendment lost

(9) Mr Whybrow proposed and Mr Harman seconded the following amendment:

As a result of the higher than anticipated provisional council tax base and other late funding changes, increase draw down on reserves [Financing items & unallocated - line 103, page 144, Section 11 of Key Service Statement] to fund an additional £1.1 million to increase the number of social workers in Specialist Children's Services, thereby doubling the proposed budget increase for this area to £2.2 million.

The average case load in Kent is recognised to be too high at present, standing at around 23.4 per social worker. The additional £1.1 million funding would provide for an estimated additional 22 social workers on KCC terms and conditions or 16 agency social workers and would reduce the case load to between 21.5 (KCC workers) and 22 (agency workers), thereby accelerating the authority's move towards Ofsted's recommended case load of 18.

Proposed Additional Spend: Specialist Children's Services Staffing £1.1m (+£1.1m amendment to Key Service line 58: Specialist Children's Services – Assessment & Safeguarding Service – staffing)

Funded By: Increase use of Reserves £1.1m (-£1.1m amendment to Key Service line 103: Financing Items & Unallocated – non-staffing)

(10) Following the debate, the Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in paragraph (9) above and the voting was as follows:

For (14)

Mr R Bird, Mr I Chittenden, Ms K Constantine, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr T Dhesi, Mr D Farrell, Mr P Harman, Mr A Hook, Mr G Koowaree, Mr B Lewis, Ida Linfield, Dr L Sullivan, Mr M Whybrow

Against (60)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr P Barrington-King, Mr P Bartlett, Mrs C Bell, Mrs P Beresford, Mrs R Binks, Mr T Bond, Mr A Booth, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Butler, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mrs S Chandler, Mrs P Cole, Mr N Collor, Mr A Cook, Mr G Cooke, Mr P Cooper, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr M Dance, Miss E Dawson, Mrs L Game, Mrs S Gent, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Ms S Hamilton, Mr M Hill, Mr T Hills, Mr P Homewood, Mr M Horwood, Mr E Hotson, Mrs L Hurst, Mr J Kite, Mr P Lake, Mr R Long, Mr R Love, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Ms D Marsh, Mr J McInroy, Mr P Messenger, Mr D Monk, Mr D Murphy, Mr M Northey, Mr P Oakford, Mr D Pascoe, Mr M Payne, Mrs S, Prendergast, Mr K Pugh, Miss C Rankin, Mr A Ridgers, Mr C Simkins, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr I Thomas, Mr M Whiting, Mr J Wright

Abstain (0)

Growth, Environment and Transport Directorate

(11) The Cabinet Members for Planning, Highways, Transport & Waste, Economic Development and Community & Regulatory Services introduced the budget for this Directorate prior to a general debate.

(12) Mr Chittenden proposed and Mrs Dean seconded the following amendment:

Increase the amount of spend funded by the Highway Maintenance Reserve to immediately focus on high priority repairs in 2018-19 to address the £630m Highways Maintenance backlog.

Proposed Additional Spend: Highways Maintenance Reserve (as referred to in paragraph 5.17 of the County Council report) by £2.6m to give a total of £5.0m (+£2.6m amendment to Key Service line 72: Highway Asset Management (Roads and Footways – non-staffing) as adjusted by paragraph 5.17 of the County Council report)

Funded By: Increase use of Reserves £2.6m (-£2.6m amendment to Key Service line 103: Financing Items & Unallocated – non-staffing)

(13) Following the debate, the Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in paragraph (12) above and the voting was as follows:

For (14)

Mr R Bird, Mr I Chittenden, Ms K Constantine, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr T Dhesi, Mr D Farrell, Mr P Harman, Mr A Hook, Mr G Koowaree, Mr B Lewis, Ida Linfield, Dr L Sullivan, Mr M Whybrow

Against (60)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr P Barrington-King, Mr P Bartlett, Mrs C Bell, Mrs P Beresford, Mrs R Binks, Mr T Bond, Mr A Booth, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Butler, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mrs S Chandler, Mrs P Cole, Mr N Collor, Mr A Cook, Mr G Cooke, Mr P Cooper, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr M Dance, Miss E Dawson, Mrs L Game, Mrs S Gent, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Ms S Hamilton, Mr M Hill, Mr T Hills, Mr P Homewood, Mr M Horwood, Mr E Hotson, Mrs L Hurst, Mr J Kite, Mr P Lake, Mr R Long, Mr R Love, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Ms D Marsh, Mr J McInroy, Mr P Messenger, Mr D Monk, Mr D Murphy, Mr M Northey, Mr P Oakford, Mr D Pascoe, Mr M Payne, Mrs S, Prendergast, Mr K Pugh, Miss C Rankin, Mr A Ridgers, Mr C Simkins, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr I Thomas, Mr M Whiting, Mr J Wright

Abstain (0)

(14) Dr Sullivan proposed and Mr Dhesi seconded the following amendment:

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Acknowledge the rising cost of living and the importance of enabling young people to travel to their chosen place of education independently and affordably.

Proposed Reduced Income: Reduce Young Person's Travel Pass Income £508K (+£508K amendment to Key Service line 76: Young Person's Travel Pass (income))

Funded By: Increase use of Reserves £508k (-£508k amendment to Key Service line 103: Financing Items & Unallocated – non-staffing)

(15) Following the debate, the Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in paragraph (14) above and the voting was as follows:

For (14)

Mr R Bird, Mr I Chittenden, Ms K Constantine, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr T Dhesi, Mr D Farrell, Mr P Harman, Mr A Hook, Mr G Koowaree, Mr B Lewis, Ida Linfield, Dr L Sullivan, Mr M Whybrow

Against (58)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr P Barrington-King, Mr P Bartlett, Mrs C Bell, Mrs P Beresford, Mrs R Binks, Mr T Bond, Mr A Booth, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Butler, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mrs S Chandler, Mrs P Cole, Mr N Collor, Mr G Cooke, Mr P Cooper, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr M Dance, Miss E Dawson, Mrs L Game, Mrs S Gent, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Ms S Hamilton, Mr M Hill, Mr T Hills, Mr P Homewood, Mr M Horwood, Mr E Hotson, Mrs L Hurst, Mr J Kite, Mr P Lake, Mr R Long, Mr R Love, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Ms D Marsh, Mr J McInroy, Mr P Messenger, Mr D Monk, Mr D Murphy, Mr M Northey, Mr P Oakford, Mr D Pascoe, Mr M Payne, Mrs S, Prendergast, Mr K Pugh, Miss C Rankin, Mr A Ridgers, Mr C Simkins, Mrs P Stockell, Mr I Thomas, Mr M Whiting, Mr J Wright

Abstain (1)

Mr A Cook

Amendment lost

Adult Social Care and Health Directorate

(16) The Cabinet Members for Adult Social Care, Strategic Commissioning & Public Health and Health Reform introduced the budget for this Directorate prior to a general debate.

(17) Mr Hook proposed and Ida Linfield seconded the following amendment:

Establish a £250k budget for 2018-19 to support befriending services aimed at prevention of social isolation and improved support at the onset of dementia. Funding for subsequent years to be considered by forthcoming Select Committee on Social Isolation.

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Proposed Additional Spend: Community Based Preventative Services £250k (+£250k amendment to Key Service line 27: Community based preventative services – OPPD – non-staffing)

Funded By: Increase use of Reserves £250k(-£250k amendment to Key Service line 103: Financing Items & Unallocated – non-staffing)

(18) Following the debate, the Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in paragraph (17) above and the voting was as follows:

For (13)

Mr R Bird, Mr I Chittenden, Ms K Constantine, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr D Farrell, Mr P Harman, Mr A Hook, Mr G Koowaree, Mr B Lewis, Ida Linfield, Dr L Sullivan, Mr M Whybrow

Against (58)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr P Barrington-King, Mr P Bartlett, Mrs C Bell, Mrs P Beresford, Mr T Bond, Mr A Booth, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Butler, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mrs S Chandler, Mrs P Cole, Mr N Collor, Mr A Cook, Mr G Cooke, Mr P Cooper, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr M Dance, Miss E Dawson, Mrs L Game, Mrs S Gent, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Ms S Hamilton, Mr M Hill, Mr T Hills, Mr P Homewood, Mr M Horwood, Mr E Hotson, Mrs L Hurst, Mr J Kite, Mr P Lake, Mr R Long, Mr R Love, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Ms D Marsh, Mr J McInroy, Mr P Messenger, Mr D Monk, Mr D Murphy, Mr M Northey, Mr P Oakford, Mr D Pascoe, Mr M Payne, Mrs S Prendergast, Miss C Rankin, Mr A Ridgers, Mr C Simkins, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr I Thomas, Mr M Whiting, Mr J Wright

Abstain (1)

Mrs R Binks

Amendment lost

Strategic and Corporate Services

(19) The Cabinet Members for Corporate & Democratic Services, Customers, Communications & Performance, Strategic Commissioning and the Deputy Cabinet Member for Finance, and the Cabinet Lead for Traded Services introduced the budget for this Directorate prior to a general debate.

Cross Cutting amendments

(20) Mr Bird proposed and Mr Whybrow seconded the following amendment:

Minimum wage to be increased from £8:10 to £8:50 per hour in line with the majority of other local authorities in England & Wales (353 councils use the NJC provisions) with KR2 and KR3 pay ranges adjusted appropriately.

Proposed Additional Spend: Increase Performance reward pot by £200k (all directorates) (page 34 Appendix 6 of County Council report) (+£200k amendment across all affected Key Service line staffing budgets)

Funded By: Increase use of Reserves £200k (-£200k amendment to Key Service line 103: Financing Items & Unallocated – non- staffing).

(21) Following the debate, the Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in paragraph (20) above and the voting was as follows:

For (11)

Mr R Bird, Mr I Chittenden, Ms K Constantine, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr D Farrell, Mr P Harman, Mr A Hook, Mr G Koowaree, Ida Linfield, Mr M Whybrow

Against (58)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr P Barrington-King, Mr P Bartlett, Mrs C Bell, Mrs P Beresford, Mrs R Binks, Mr T Bond, Mr A Booth, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Butler, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mrs S Chandler, Mrs P Cole, Mr N Collor, Mr A Cook, Mr G Cooke, Mr P Cooper, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr M Dance, Miss E Dawson, Mrs L Game, Mrs S Gent, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Ms S Hamilton, Mr M Hill, Mr T Hills, Mr P Homewood, Mr M Horwood, Mr E Hotson, Mrs L Hurst, Mr J Kite, Mr P Lake, Mr R Long, Mr R Love, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Ms D Marsh, Mr J McInroy, Mr P Messenger, Mr D Monk, Mr D Murphy, Mr M Northey, Mr P Oakford, Mr D Pascoe, Mr M Payne, Mrs S, Prendergast, Miss C Rankin, Mr A Ridgers, Mr C Simkins, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr I Thomas, Mr M Whiting, Mr J Wright

Abstain (0)

Amendment lost

(22) Mr Farrell proposed and Ms Constantine seconded the following amendment:

Continue to recognise that KCC staff are the most valuable asset within the organisation and that we should strive to meet inflation with our pay award at 3%.

Proposed Additional Spend: Increase performance reward pot by £500k (all directorates) (page 34 Appendix 6 of County Council report) (+£500k amendment across all affected Key Service line staffing budgets)

Funded By: Increase use of Reserves £500k (-£500k amendment to Key Service line 103: Financing Items & Unallocated – non- staffing)

(23) Following the debate, the Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in paragraph (22) above and the voting was as follows:

For (11)

Mr R Bird, Mr I Chittenden, Ms K Constantine, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr D Farrell, Mr P Harman, Mr A Hook, Mr G Koowaree, Ida Linfield, Mr M Whybrow

Against (59)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr P Barrington-King, Mr P Bartlett, Mrs C Bell, Mrs P Beresford, Mrs R Binks, Mr T Bond, Mr A Booth, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Butler, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mrs S Chandler, Mrs P Cole, Mr N Collor, Mr A Cook, Mr G Cooke, Mr P Cooper, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr M Dance, Miss E Dawson, Mrs L Game, Mrs S Gent, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Ms S Hamilton, Mr M Hill, Mr T Hills, Mr P Homewood, Mr M Horwood, Mr E Hotson, Mrs L Hurst, Mr J Kite, Mr P Lake, Mr R Long, Mr R Love, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Ms D Marsh, Mr J McInroy, Mr P Messenger, Mr D Monk, Mr D Murphy, Mr M Northey, Mr P Oakford, Mr D Pascoe, Mr M Payne, Mrs S, Prendergast, Miss C Rankin, Mr A Ridgers, Mr C Simkins, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr I Thomas, Mr M Whiting, Mr J Wright

Abstain (0)

Amendment lost

(24) As all of the amendments had been determined, the Chairman put to the vote the Motion as set out in paragraph (5) above and voting was as follows:

For (59)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr P Barrington-King, Mr P Bartlett, Mrs C Bell, Mrs P Beresford, Mrs R Binks, Mr T Bond, Mr A Booth, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Butler, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mrs S Chandler, Mrs P Cole, Mr N Collor, Mr A Cook, Mr G Cooke, Mr P Cooper, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr M Dance, Miss E Dawson, Mrs L Game, Mrs S Gent, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Ms S Hamilton, Mr M Hill, Mr T Hills, Mr P Homewood, Mr M Horwood, Mr E Hotson, Mrs L Hurst, Mr J Kite, Mr P Lake, Mr R Long, Mr R Love, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Ms D Marsh, Mr J McInroy, Mr P Messenger, Mr D Monk, Mr D Murphy, Mr M Northey, Mr P Oakford, Mr D Pascoe, Mr M Payne, Mrs S Prendergast, Miss C Rankin, Mr A Ridgers, Mr C Simkins, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr I Thomas, Mr M Whiting, Mr J Wright

Against (13)

Mr R Bird, Mr I Chittenden, Ms K Constantine, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr D Farrell, Mr P Harman, Mr A Hook, Mr G Koowaree, Mr B Lewis, Ida Linfield, Dr L Sullivan, Mr M Whybrow

Abstain (0)

Motion carried

(25) RESOLVED that

(i) the County Council approve the following:

(a) Net revenue budget requirement of £958.488m for 2018-19

(b) Capital investment proposals of £794.707m over three years from 2018-19 to 2020-21 together with the necessary funding and subject to approval to spend arrangements

(c) The Treasury Management Strategy as per section 5 of the draft Budget Book released on 15th January

- (d) Prudential Indicators as set out in revised Appendix B to the draft Budget Book (appendix 7 of the report)
- (e) The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement as set out in Appendix C to the draft Budget Book
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- (h) Delegation of responsibility to Cabinet Members and Corporate Directors to manage the budget within the parameters set out in the Constitution and Financial Regulations (summary delegations to managers as set out in appendix 4 to the report)
- (i) To increase council tax band rates up to the maximum permitted without a referendum as set out in paragraph 2.7 table 2
- (j) To levy the additional 2% social care precept (raising an additional £13,194,425 and taking the total social care precept to £36,598,016 out of precept set out in (k) below)
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In addition:

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- (m) Authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Finance (in consultation with the Leader, Cabinet Member for Finance and the political Group Leaders) to resolve any minor technical issues for the final budget publication which do not materially alter the approved budget or change the net budget requirement
- (n) The changes made in (m) above to be reflected in the final version of the Budget Book and MTFP due to be published in March
- (o) To note that final distribution of unallocated amounts will be made in compliance with the Council's Financial Regulations and Procedures, including where necessary key decisions
- (p) the financial outlook for 2019-20 with further anticipated funding reductions and additional spending demands offset by provisional council tax increases and additional savings (some of which are yet to be identified) be noted.

(In accordance with their declarations of interest Dr Sullivan and Mr Lewis withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the debate or voting on the two cross cutting amendments in paragraphs 20 and 22 above.)

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