

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Kent County Council held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 13 February 2014.

PRESENT:

Mr E E C Hotson (Chairman)
Mr P J Homewood (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs A D Allen, Mr M J Angell, Mr D Baker, Mr M Baldock, Mr M A C Balfour, Mr R H Bird, Mr H Birkby, Mr N J Bond, Mr A H T Bowles, Mr D L Brazier, Mrs P Brivio, Mr R E Brookbank, Mr L Burgess, Mr C W Caller, Miss S J Carey, Mr P B Carter, CBE, Mr N J D Chard, Mr I S Chittenden, Mr B E Clark, Mrs P T Cole, Mr G Cooke, Mr G Cowan, Mrs M E Crabtree, Ms C J Cribbon, Mr A D Crowther, Mrs V J Dagger, Mr D S Daley, Mr M C Dance, Mr J A Davies, Mrs T Dean, Dr M R Eddy, Mr J Elenor, Mrs M Elenor, Mr T Gates, Mr G K Gibbens, Mr R W Gough, Mr P M Harman, Ms A Harrison, Mr M J Harrison, Mr M Heale, Mr P M Hill, OBE, Mr C P D Hoare, Mrs S V Hohler, Mr S Holden, Mrs S Howes, Mr A J King, MBE, Mr J A Kite, MBE, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr R A Latchford, OBE, Mr R L H Long, TD, Mr G Lymer, Mr B E MacDowall, Mr T A Maddison, Mr S C Manion, Mr R A Marsh, Mr F McKenna, Mr B Neaves, Mr M J Northey, Mr J M Ozog, Mr R J Parry, Mr C R Pearman, Mr L B Ridings, MBE, Mrs E D Rowbotham, Mr J E Scholes, Mr W Scobie, Mr T L Shonk, Mr C Simkins, Mr J D Simmonds, MBE, Mr C P Smith, Mr D Smyth, Mrs P A V Stockell, Mr B J Sweetland, Mr A Terry, Mr N S Thandi, Mr R Truelove, Mr M J Vye, Mr J N Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr M E Whybrow, Mr M A Wickham and Mrs Z Wiltshire

IN ATTENDANCE: Geoff Wild (Director of Governance and Law) and Peter Sass (Head of Democratic Services)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

58. Apologies for Absence

The Director of Governance and Law reported apologies for absence from Mr Peter Oakford.

59. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Significant Interests

There were no declarations made at this stage of the meeting. The Chairman stated that he would take declarations as they occurred.

60. Minutes of the meetings held on 12 December 2013 and, if in order, to be approved as a correct record

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meetings held on 12 December 2013 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

61. Chairman's Announcements

(a) Death of Mrs Sarah Ward, OBE DL

The Chairman announced that it was with regret that he had to inform Members of the death of Mrs Sarah Ward, on 30 December 2013. Mrs Ward was a former Liberal Democrat Member for Darent Valley from 1991 to 1997. During her time at KCC she served on the Economic Development Sub-Committee, the Community & External Affairs Sub-Committee and as Co-Chairman of the Environmental Action Sub-Committee.

Mrs Dean, Mrs Hohler and Mr King gave tributes to Mrs Ward.

(b) Death of Mr William J McNeill, MBE

The Chairman stated it was his sad duty to have to inform Members of the death of Mr William J McNeill, MBE on 9 January 2014.

Mr McNeill was a former Conservative Member for Sevenoaks North East from 1981 to 1989. During his time at KCC he served on various Education Committees (he was Chairman of the Education Committee 1985-87), Performance Review Group, Personnel Group and the Police Authority. He was awarded an MBE in 1985 and was Chairman of the County Council 1987-89.

Mr King and Mrs Dean gave tributes to Mr McNeill.

At the end of the tributes, all Members stood in silence in memory of Mrs Ward and Mr McNeill.

After the silence, it was moved by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice Chairman and:

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council desires to record the sense of loss it feels on the sad passing of Mrs Ward and Mr McNeill and extends to their family and friends its heartfelt sympathy to them in their sad bereavement.

(c) New Year's Honours

The Chairman announced that, in the New Year's Honours list 42 honours had been bestowed on the people of Kent and it gave him great pleasure to inform the County Council of the following two Awards:

Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

Commander (CBE) Mr Paul Benedict Carter for services to local government

Member (MBE) Mr John Simmonds for services to local government

The Chairman moved, the Vice Chairman seconded that the Council agreed unanimously to record its sincere congratulations to Mr Carter, CBE and Mr Simmonds, MBE for the Honours they have received.

- (d) KCC response to the winter flooding

The Chairman stated that he wished to convey his thanks to all staff, crews and contractors who had been involved in looking after people, property, animals and services during the floods that had gripped many parts of the county since Christmas.

62. Budget 2014-15 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2014-17 (including Council Tax setting 2014-15)

(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) He stated that all Members should have received a letter from the Head of Democratic Services, dated 5 February, setting out the process and order of the budget debate at today's meeting.

(3) The Chairman moved, the Vice Chairman seconded that:

- (a) Procedure Rule 1.12(2) be suspended in order that the meeting be extended to 5.00pm if necessary;
- (b) Procedure Rule 1.28 be suspended in order that the Leader be allowed to speak for a maximum of 12 minutes, the seconder of the original motion to speak for up to 5 minutes, the Leader of the UKIP, Labour, Liberal Democrat and Independents Groups for 10, 7, 5 and 3 minutes respectively, with the Leader being given a 5 minute right of reply and the lead Cabinet Member being allowed to speak for up to 5 minutes when introducing each Directorate debate; and
- (c) Procedure Rule 1.36 be suspended in order for the mover and seconder of the original motion to be permitted to speak on more than one occasion.

Carried without a vote

(4) The Chairman then invited Mr Wood, Corporate Director of Finance and Procurement, to give a presentation and comment on various issues relevant to the budget, including his advice on the level of reserves, and concluding with his 'Section 25' opinion.

(5) The Chairman then invited Dawn Hands, Managing Director of BMG Research, to give a presentation on the budget consultation.

(6) Mr Carter moved, Mr Simmonds seconded the approval of the contents of the Budget 2014/15 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2014/17 (including Council Tax setting for 2014/15) and to approve the following proposals:

- (a) Revenue budget requirement of £940.313m for 2014-15

- (b) Capital investment proposals of £634.6m over three years from 2014-15 to 2016-17 together with the necessary funding and subject to approval to spend arrangements
- (c) The Treasury Management Strategy as per section 5 of the Medium Term Financial Plan
- (d) Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix B to the Medium Term Financial Plan
- (e) The Revised Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement as set out in Appendix C to the Medium Term Financial Plan including the revised policy regarding debt repayment
- (f) The directorate revenue and capital budget proposals as set out in draft Budget Book and delegate responsibility to Cabinet Members and Corporate Directors to manage the budget within the parameters set out in the Constitution and Financial Regulations
- (g) The single pay and reward approach outlined in paragraph 4.2 and delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services to agree the reward thresholds for staff assessed as achieving and above, and to set the recalibration of the pay ranges, within the funding approved in the budget
- (h) The total Council Tax requirement of £529,125,091 to be raised through precepts on districts and the Council Tax rates set out in paragraph 2.2 (band D £1,068.66)

In addition:

- (i) The County Council is asked to note the financial outlook for 2015-16 and 2016-17 with further funding reductions and spending demands necessitating additional savings under the Facing the Challenge programme.

Amendment 1 – Public Health

- (7) Mr Burgess proposed, Mr Baldock seconded the following amendment:

Reduce spending and matching grant income on public health campaigns for adults (BB page 56 and 57 lines 91, 92 and 97) by £4 million particularly in relation to obesity, smoking and drug & alcohol services and re-invest in public health activities for children (line 90).

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

For (15)

Mr D Baker, Mr M Baldock, Mr H Birkby, Mr N Bond, Mr L Burgess, Mr J Elenor, Mrs M Elenor, Mr M Heale, Mr C Hoare, Mr R Latchford, Mr B MacDowall, Mr F McKenna, Mr B Neaves, Mr T Shonk, Mr A Terry

Abstain (1)

Mrs P Brivio

Against (67)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr R Bird, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Mr C Caller, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr N Chard, Mr I Chittenden, Mr B Clark, Mrs P Cole, Mr G Cooke, Mr G Cowan, Mrs M Crabtree, Ms J Cribbon, Mr A Crowther, Mrs V Dagger, Mr D Daley, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mrs T Dean, Dr M Eddy, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr P Harman, Ms A Harrison, Mr M Harrison, Mr M Hill, Mrs S Hohler, Mr S Holden, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Ms S Howes, Mr A King, Mr J Kite, Mr G Koowaree, Mr R Long, Mr G Lymer, Mr T Maddison, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr J Ozog, Mr R Parry, Mr C Pearman, Mr L Ridings, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr J Scholes, Mr W Scobie, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mr D Smyth, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr N Thandi, Mr R Truelove, Mr M Vye, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr M Whybrow, Mr A Wickham, Mrs Z Wiltshire

Lost

Amendment 2 – Adult Mental Health (to facilitate young adults with ongoing mental health issues)

(9) Mrs Howes moved, Miss Cribbon seconded the following amendment:

		£'000
Reduce	Modernisation of the Council (BB p61, line 138)	-88
Reduce	Communications and Consultation (BB p62, line154)	-600
Reduce	Contribution to/from reserves (BB p61, line 136) (from the Council Tax Equalisation Reserve contribution to the Council Tax base)	-100
Add	Community Support Services for Mental Health (BB p45, line 19)	+788

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

For (24)

Mr M Baldock, Mr N Bond, Mrs P Brivio, Mr L Burgess, Mr C Caller, Mr G Cowan, Ms J Cribbon, Dr M Eddy, Ms A Harrison, Mr M Heale, Mr C Hoare, Ms S Howes, Mr R Latchford, Mr B MacDowall, Mr T Maddison, Mr F McKenna, Mr B Neaves, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr W Scobie, Mr T Shonk, Mr D Smyth, Mr A Terry, Mr N Thandi, Mr M Whybrow

Abstain (7)

Mr R Bird, Mr I Chittenden, Mr B Clark, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr G Koowaree, Mr M Vye

Against (51)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr D Baker, Mr M Balfour, Mr H Birkby, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr N Chard, Mrs P Cole, Mr G Cooke, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr A Crowther, Mrs V Dagger, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mr J Elenor, Mrs M Elenor, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr M Harrison, Mr P Harman, Mr M Hill, Mrs S Hohler, Mr S Holden, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr A King, Mr J Kite, Mr R Long, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr J Ozog, Mr R Parry, Mr C Pearman, Mr L Ridings, Mr J Scholes, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham, Mrs Z Wiltshire

Lost

Amendment 3 – Older People (to give more targeted help to the charity sector)

(11) Mr Thandi proposed, Mr Cowan seconded the following amendment:

		£'000
Reduce	Communications and Consultation (BB p62, line 154)	-750
Add	Other adult services (BB p46, line 24)	+750

(12) Mrs Allen, Mr Brookbank, Miss Cribbon and Mr Kite all declared Other Significant Interests in this Amendment as non-voting observers/members of Age UK and left the Chamber for the debate on this amendment.

(13) Following the debate the Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in (11) above, when the voting was as follows:

For (27)

Mr D Baker, Mr M Baldock, Mr H Birkby, Mr N Bond, Mrs P Brivio, Mr L Burgess, Mr C Caller, Mr G Cowan, Dr M Eddy, Ms A Harrison, Mr M Heale, Mr C Hoare, Ms S Howes, Mr R Latchford, Mr B MacDowall, Mr T Maddison, Mr F McKenna, Mr B Neaves, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr W Scobie, Mr T Shonk, Mr D Smyth, Mr A Terry, Mr N Thandi, Mr R Truelove, Mr M Whybrow, Mrs Z Wiltshire

Abstain (5)

Mr R Bird, Mr B Clark, Mrs T Dean, Mr G Koowaree, Mr M Vye

Against (47)

Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr N Chard, Mr I Chittenden, Mrs P Cole, Mr G Cooke, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr A Crowther, Mrs V Dagger, Mr D Daley, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mr J Elenor, Mrs M Elenor, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr P Harman, Mr M Harrison, Mr M Hill, Mrs S Hohler, Mr S Holden, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr A King, Mr R Long, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr J Ozog, Mr R Parry, Mr C Pearman, Mr L Ridings, Mr J Scholes, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham

Lost

Amendment 4 – Young Persons’ Travel Pass

(14) Mr Vye proposed, Mr Elenor seconded the following amendment:

Add £2.2m to revenue budget for Young Persons’ Travel Pass (BB page 59 line 115) in order to reduce the cost of the Pass for 16+ age group to £200

Deduct £2.2m from revenue budget for Contributions to/from Reserves (BB page 61 line 136), funded from the Council Tax Equalisation Reserve contribution funded from the Council Tax Base

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

For (36)

Mr D Baker, Mr M Baldock, Mr R Bird, Mr H Birkby, Mr N Bond, Mrs P Brivio, Mr L Burgess, Mr C Caller, Mr B Clark, Mr G Cowan, Ms J Cribbon, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Dr M Eddy, Mr J Elenor, Mrs M Elenor, Ms A Harrison, Mr M Heale, Mr C Hoare, Ms S Howes, Mr G Koowaree, Mr R Latchford, Mr B MacDowall, Mr T Maddison, Mr F McKenna, Mr B Neaves, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr W Scobie, Mr T Shonk, Mr D Smyth, Mr A Terry, Mr N Thandi, Mr R Truelove, Mr M Vye, Mr M Whybrow, Mrs Z Wiltshire

Abstain (0)

Against (46)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr N Chard, Mrs P Cole, Mr G Cooke, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr A Crowther, Mrs V Dagger, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr P Harman, Mr M Harrison, Mr M Hill, Mrs S Hohler, Mr S Holden, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr A King, Mr J Kite, Mr R Long, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr J Ozog, Mr R Parry, Mr C Pearman, Mr L Ridings, Mr J Scholes, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham

Lost

Amendment 5 – Young Persons’ Travel Pass (to keep annual charge at £100 for 11-16 year olds and retain existing concessions, mainly funded by the additional tax base)

(16) Dr Eddy proposed, Mr Caller seconded the following amendment:

		£'000
Reduce	Contribution to/from Reserves (BB p61, line 136) from the Council Tax Equalisation Reserve	-2238
Reduce	Modernisation of the Council (BB p61, line 138)	-462
Add	Freedom Pass (BB p59, line 115)	+2700

(17) Following the debate the Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in (16) above, when the voting was as follows:

For (32)

Mr D Baker, Mr M Baldock, Mr H Birkby, Mr N Bond, Mrs P Brivio, Mr L Burgess, Mr C Caller, Mr G Cowan, Ms J Cribbon, Mr D Daley, Dr M Eddy, Mr J Elenor, Mrs M Elenor, Ms A Harrison, Mr M Heale, Mr C Hoare, Ms S Howes, Mr R Latchford, Mr B MacDowall, Mr T Maddison, Mr F McKenna, Mr B Neaves, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr W Scobie, Mr T Shonk, Mr D Smyth, Mr A Terry, Mr N Thandi, Mr R Truelove, Mr M Vye, Mr M Whybrow, Mrs Z Wiltshire

Abstain (2)

Mr B Clark, Mr G Koowaree

Against (48)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr R Bird, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr N Chard, Mrs P Cole, Mr G Cooke, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr A Crowther, Mrs V Dagger, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mrs T Dean, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr P Harman, Mr M Harrison, Mr M Hill, Mrs S Hohler, Mr S Holden, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr A King, Mr J Kite, Mr R Long, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr J Ozog, Mr R Parry, Mr C Pearman, Mr L Ridings, Mr J Scholes, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham

Lost

Amendment 6 – Apprenticeships (one off money to encourage local businesses to take on more apprentices, funded by an increased roll-forward of 2013/14 revenue budget underspend)

(18) Mr Truelove proposed, Mr Smyth seconded the following amendment:

		£'000
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Increase	Underspend rolled forward from previous years (BB p61, line 142)	-500
Add	14 to 19 years (BB p47, line 36)	+500

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

For (36)

Mr D Baker, Mr M Baldock, Mr N Bond, Mr R Bird, Mr H Birkby, Mrs P Brivio, Mr L Burgess, Mr C Caller, Mr B Clark, Mr G Cowan, Ms J Cribbon, Mr A Crowther, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Dr M Eddy, Mr J Elenor, Mrs M Elenor, Mr P Harman, Ms A Harrison, Mr M Heale, Mr C Hoare, Ms S Howes, Mr G Koowaree, Mr R Latchford, Mr B MacDowall, Mr T Maddison, Mr F McKenna, Mr B Neaves, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr W Scobie, Mr T Shonk, Mr D Smyth, Mr A Terry, Mr N Thandi, Mr M Vye, Mr M Whybrow

Abstain (0)

Against (45)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr N Chard, Mrs P Cole, Mr G Cooke, Mrs M Crabtree, Mrs V Dagger, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr M Harrison, Mr M Hill, Mrs S Hohler, Mr S Holden, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr A King, Mr J Kite, Mr R Long, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr J Ozog, Mr R Parry, Mr C Pearman, Mr L Ridings, Mr J Scholes, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham, Mrs Z Wiltshire

Lost

Amendment 7 – Member Highway Fund

(20) Mr Baldock proposed, Mr Bird seconded the following amendment:

CAPITAL

Add £2.1m to capital budget for 2014/15 as Member Highway Fund (BB page 26) to be funded by additional borrowing (BB page 32)

REVENUE

Add £0.3m to revenue budget for Net Debt Costs (BB page 61 line 139)

Deduct £0.3m from revenue budget for Communications and Consultation (BB page 62 line 154)

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

For (25)

Mr D Baker, Mr M Baldock, Mr R Bird, Mr H Birkby, Mr N Bond, Mr L Burgess, Mr B Clark, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr J Elenor, Mrs M Elenor, Mr P Harman, Mr M Heale, Mr C Hoare, Mr G Koowaree, Mr R Latchford, Mr B MacDowall, Mr F McKenna, Mr B Neaves, Mr T Shonk, Mr A Terry, Mr N Thandi, Mr M Vye, Mr M Whybrow, Mrs Z Wiltshire

Abstain (0)

Against (57)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mrs P Brivio, Mr R Brookbank, Mr C Caller, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr N Chard, Mrs P Cole, Mr G Cooke, Mr G Cowan, Mrs M Crabtree, Ms J Cribbon, Mr A Crowther, Mrs V Dagger, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Dr M Eddy, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Ms A Harrison, Mr M Harrison, Mr M Hill, Mrs S Hohler, Mr S Holden, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Ms S Howes, Mr A King, Mr J Kite, Mr R Long, Mr G Lymer, Mr T Maddison, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr J Ozog, Mr R Parry, Mr C Pearman, Mr L Ridings, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr J Scholes, Mr W Scobie, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mr D Smyth, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr R Truelove, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham

Lost

Amendment 8 – Highways (one off money to help fund pothole and pavement maintenance, funded by some of the surplus on the Council Tax Collection Funds. This surplus is provisionally earmarked for the Emergency Conditions Reserve in the draft budget proposals)

(22) Mr Caller proposed, Dr Eddy seconded the following amendment:

		£'000
Reduce	Contribution to/from Reserves (BB p61, line 136)	-1000
Add	General maintenance and emergency response (BB p53, line 68)	+1000

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

For (32)

Mr D Baker, Mr R Bird, Mr N Bond, Mrs P Brivio, Mr L Burgess, Mr C Caller, Mr B Clark, Mr G Cowan, Ms J Cribbon, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Dr M Eddy, Ms A Harrison, Mr M Heale, Mr C Hoare, Ms S Howes, Mr G Koowaree, Mr R Latchford,

Mr B MacDowall, Mr T Maddison, Mr F McKenna, Mr B Neaves, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr W Scobie, Mr T Shonk, Mr D Smyth, Mr A Terry, Mr N Thandi, Mr R Truelove, Mr M Vye, Mr M Whybrow, Mrs Z Wiltshire

Abstain (2)

Mr M Baldock, Mr H Birkby

Against (48)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr N Chard, Mrs P Cole, Mr G Cooke, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr A Crowther, Mrs V Dagger, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mr J Elenor, Mrs M Elenor, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr P Harman, Mr M Harrison, Mr M Hill, Mrs S Hohler, Mr S Holden, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr A King, Mr J Kite, Mr R Long, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr J Ozog, Mr R Parry, Mr C Pearman, Mr L Ridings, Mr J Scholes, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham

Lost

Amendment 9 – 20 mph Urban Traffic Zones

(24) Mr Baldock proposed, Mrs Dean seconded the following amendment:

Add £3.4m to capital budget for 2014/15 to 2016/17 for the signing cost of 20mph speed limits in urban zones (BB page 30) to be funded by existing planned borrowing (BB page 34)

Deduct £14.7m from capital budget for Lorry Park (BB page 30 line 4) and transfer the same level of borrowing (BB page 34 line 12) in 2014/15 and 2015/16 to fund this proposal

(25) Following the debate the Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in (24) above, when the voting was as follows:

For (16)

Mr D Baker, Mr M Baldock, Mr R Bird, Mr H Birkby, Mr L Burgess, Mr B Clark, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr R Latchford, Mr M Heale, Mr G Koowaree, Mr F McKenna, Mr B Neaves, Mr T Shonk, Mr M Vye, Mr M Whybrow

Abstain (3)

Mr C Hoare, Mr A Terry, Mrs Z Wiltshire

Against (63)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr N Bond, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mrs P Brivio, Mr R Brookbank, Mr C Caller, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr N Chard, Mrs P Cole, Mr G Cooke, Mr G Cowan, Mrs M Crabtree, Ms J Cribbon, Mr A Crowther, Mrs V Dagger, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Dr M Eddy, Mr J Elenor, Mrs M Elenor, Mr

T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr P Harman, Ms A Harrison, Mr M Harrison, Mr M Hill, Mrs S Hohler, Mr S Holden, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Ms S Howes, Mr A King, Mr J Kite, Mr R Long, Mr G Lymer, Mr B MacDowall, Mr T Maddison, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr J Ozog, Mr R Parry, Mr C Pearman, Mr L Ridings, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr J Scholes, Mr W Scobie, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mr D Smyth, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr N Thandi, Mr R Truelove, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham

Lost

Amendment 10 – Living Wage (excluding schools)

(26) Mr Whybrow proposed, Mrs Dean seconded the following amendment:

Add £0.2m to revenue budget Financing Items Unallocated (BB page 61 line 141)
(pending allocation of pay and reward provision already provided in the budget)

Deduct £0.2m from revenue budget for Modernisation of the Council (BB page 61 line 138)

(27) Following the debate the Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in (26) above, when the voting was as follows:

For (35)

Mr D Baker, Mr M Baldock, Mr R Bird, Mr H Birkby, Mr N Bond, Mrs P Brivio, Mr L Burgess, Mr C Caller, Mr B Clark, Mr G Cowan, Ms J Cribbon, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Dr M Eddy, Mr P Harman, Ms A Harrison, Mr M Heale, Mr C Hoare, Ms S Howes, Mr G Koowaree, Mr R Latchford, Mr B MacDowall, Mr T Maddison, Mr F McKenna, Mr B Neaves, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr W Scobie, Mr T Shonk, Mr D Smyth, Mr A Terry, Mr N Thandi, Mr R Truelove, Mr M Vye, Mr M Whybrow, Mrs Z Wiltshire

Abstain (0)

Against (47)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr N Chard, Mrs P Cole, Mr G Cooke, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr A Crowther, Mrs V Dagger, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mr J Elenor, Mrs M Elenor, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr M Harrison, Mr M Hill, Mrs S Hohler, Mr S Holden, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr A King, Mr J Kite, Mr R Long, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr J Ozog, Mr R Parry, Mr C Pearman, Mr L Ridings, Mr J Scholes, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham

Lost

(28) Amendment 11 was withdrawn by Mr Smyth and Mr Cowan as it was identical to the previous Amendment.

Amendment 12 – Member Grants (to create a fund, useable across two years at a total of £60k per Member, funded from the existing proposed Member Grant budget and some of the surplus on the Council Tax Collection Funds. This surplus is

provisionally earmarked for working with CCGs (£1.991m) and District Councils (£0.529m) in the draft budget proposals)

(29) Miss Harrison proposed, Mr Smyth seconded the following amendment:

		£'000
Delete	Local Member Grants (BB p55, line 86)	-2100
Reduce	Contribution to/from Reserves (BB p61, line 136)	-2520
Reduce	Communications and Consultation (BB p62, line 154)	-420
Add	Contribution to/from Reserves (BB p61, line 136) earmarked for Member Grants	+5040

(30) Following the debate the Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in (29) above, when the voting was as follows:

For (19)

Mr N Bond, Mrs P Brivio, Mr L Burgess, Mr C Caller, Mr G Cowan, Ms J Cribbon, Mr D Daley, Dr M Eddy, Ms A Harrison, Ms S Howes, Mr B MacDowall, Mr T Maddison, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr W Scobie, Mr T Shonk, Mr D Smyth, Mr A Terry, Mr N Thandi, Mr R Truelove

Abstain (1)

Mr M Whybrow

Against (62)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr D Baker, Mr M Baldock, Mr M Balfour, Mr R Bird, Mr H Birkby, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr N Chard, Mr B Clark, Mrs P Cole, Mr G Cooke, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr A Crowther, Mrs V Dagger, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mrs T Dean, Mr J Elenor, Mrs M Elenor, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr P Harman, Mr M Harrison, Mr M Heale, Mr M Hill, Mr C Hoare, Mrs S Hohler, Mr S Holden, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr A King, Mr J Kite, Mr G Koowaree, Mr R Latchford, Mr R Long, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Mr F McKenna, Mr B Neaves, Mr M Northey, Mr J Ozog, Mr R Parry, Mr C Pearman, Mr L Ridings, Mr J Scholes, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr M Vye, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham, Mrs Z Wiltshire

Lost

(31) As all of the amendments except the withdrawn amendment had been determined, the Chairman put to the vote the original Motion as set out in (6) above when the voting was as follows:

For (51)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr N Chard, Mrs P Cole, Mr G Cooke, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr A Crowther, Mrs V Dagger, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mr J Elenor, Mrs M Elenor, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr P Harman, Mr M Harrison, Mr M Hill, Mrs S Hohler, Mr S Holden, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr A King, Mr J Kite, Mr R Long, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr J Ozog, Mr R Parry, Mr C Pearman, Mr L Ridings, Mr J Scholes, Mr T Shonk, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr A Terry, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham, Mrs Z Wiltshire

Abstain (6)

Mr R Bird, Mr B Clark, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr G Koowaree, Mr M Vye

Against (23)

Mr D Baker, Mr M Baldock, Mr H Birkby, Mr N Bond, Mr L Burgess, Mr C Caller, Mr G Cowan, Ms J Cribbon, Dr M Eddy, Ms A Harrison, Mr M Heale, Mr C Hoare, Ms S Howes, Mr R Latchford, Mr B MacDowall, Mr T Maddison, Mr F McKenna, Mr B Neaves, Mr W Scobie, Mr D Smyth, Mr N Thandi, Mr R Truelove, Mr M Whybrow

Carried

(32) RESOLVED that the County Council approve the following:

- (a) Revenue budget requirement of £940.313m for 2014-15
- (b) Capital investment proposals of £634.6m over three years from 2014-15 to 2016-17 together with the necessary funding and subject to approval to spend arrangements
- (c) The Treasury Management Strategy as per section 5 of the Medium Term Financial Plan
- (d) Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix B to the Medium Term Financial Plan
- (e) The Revised Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement as set out in Appendix C to the Medium Term Financial Plan including the revised policy regarding debt repayment
- (f) The directorate revenue and capital budget proposals as set out in draft Budget Book and delegate responsibility to Cabinet Members and Corporate Directors to manage the budget within the parameters set out in the Constitution and Financial Regulations
- (g) The single pay and reward approach outlined in paragraph 4.2 and delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services to agree the reward thresholds for staff assessed as achieving and above, and to

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set the recalibration of the pay ranges, within the funding approved in the budget

- (h) The total Council Tax requirement of £529,125,091 to be raised through precepts on districts and the Council Tax rates set out in paragraph 2.2 (band D £1,068.66)

In addition:

- (i) The County Council is asked to note the financial outlook for 2015-16 and 2016-17 with further funding reductions and spending demands necessitating additional savings under the Facing the Challenge programme.