

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Kent County Council held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 11 February 2016.

PRESENT:

Mr M J Harrison (Chairman)
Mr T Gates (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs A D Allen, MBE, Mr M J Angell, 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 B E Clark, Mrs P T Cole, Mr G Cooke, Mr G Cowan, Mrs M E Crabtree, Mr A D Crowther, Mrs V J Dagger, Mr D S Daley, Mr M C Dance, Mr J A Davies, Mrs T Dean, MBE, Dr M R Eddy, Mr J Elenor, Mrs M Elenor, Mr G K Gibbens, Mr R W Gough, Mr P M Harman, Ms A Harrison, Mr M Heale, Mr P M Hill, OBE, Mr C P D Hoare, Mrs S V Hohler, Mr S Holden, Mr P J Homewood, Mr E E C Hotson, 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 B Neaves, Mr M J Northey, Mr P J Oakford, 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 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, Mrs C J Waters, Mr J N Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr M E Whybrow, Mr M A Wickham and Mrs Z Wiltshire

IN ATTENDANCE: David Cockburn (Corporate Director Strategic & Corporate Services), Geoff Wild (Director of Governance and Law), Peter Sass (Head of Democratic Services), Amanda Beer (Corporate Director Engagement, Organisation Design & Development), Barbara Cooper (Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport), Lizi Payne (Corporate Accountant), Dave Shipton (Head of Financial Strategy) and Andy Wood (Corporate Director Finance and Procurement)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

57. Apologies for Absence

The Director of Governance and Law reported apologies from Mr Chittenden, Ms Cribbon, Mr McKenna and Mr Scobie.

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

None

59. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2015 and, if in order, to be approved as a correct record

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2015 be approved as a correct record.

60. Chairman's Announcements

(a) Dr John Donnellan

The Chairman stated that it was with regret that he had to inform Members of the sad death of Dr John Donnellan, on Friday 22 January. Dr Donnellan served on Kent County Council for two terms between 1981-1985 and 1989-1993.

Dr Donnellan's funeral would be held on Friday 12 February at 10am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, West Street, Sittingbourne, to which all were welcome.

Mr Truelove paid tribute to Dr Donnellan

At the end of the tribute all Members stood in silence in memory of Dr Donnellan.

After the one minute silence the Chairman moved and the Vice-Chairman seconded and it was resolved that:

This Council records the sense of loss it feels on the sad passing of Dr Donnellan and extends to his family and friends our heartfelt sympathy to them in their sad bereavement.

(b) Katie Stewart

The Chairman introduced Ms Katie Stewart who joined KCC in January 2015, as Deputy Director Economic Development, and began her new role as Director of Environment, Planning and Enforcement on 1 September 2015.

Ms Stewart was invited to introduce herself and briefly set out her role.

(c) Roger Wilkin

The Chairman introduced Mr Roger Wilkin who had been interim Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste since February 2015, and was appointed to this role on a permanent basis on 27 January 2016.

Mr Wilkin was was invited to introduce himself and briefly set out his role.

(d) New Years Honours list

The Chairman stated that he would like to take this opportunity to formally congratulate all those who had received an Honour in the New Year Honours List 2016, especially those within the County. He made particular mention of Mr Frederick Wood-Brignall former KCC Member, who received an MBE for services to

the community in Lydd and Romney Marsh, and Cllr Peter Fleming, Leader, Sevenoaks District Council and lately Chairman of the Local Government Association's Improvement and Innovation Board, who had received an OBE for services to Local Government.

(e) Response to time limited debate motions

Universal Infant Free School Meals

The Chairman referred Members to the debate about universal infant free school meals at the October meeting and informed them that the reply from the Prime Minister had been tabled.

Retaining and recruitment GPs

In addition, in relation the motion on retaining and recruiting GPs agreed by Council in December, the Chairman referred Members to the tabled response from Mr Gummer, MP, Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Care Quality.

61. Budget 2016-17 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2016-19 (including Council Tax setting 2016-17)

(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 would have received a letter from the Head of Democratic Services, dated 4 February, setting out the process and order of the budget debate at today's meeting, together with the letter dated 10 February setting out an amended version of the budget motion.

(3) The Chairman moved and the Vice-Chairman seconded that:

"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 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 Cabinet Members being allowed to speak for up to 3, 4, 5 or 7 minutes each when introducing each Directorate debate; and

Procedure Rule 1.35 be suspended in order for the mover 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 and Procurement, to give a brief 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 proposed and Mr Simmonds seconded the following motion:

“The County Council is asked to take note of the supplementary summary of the final local government finance settlement, business rate tax base, and collection fund balances by agreeing the following:

- (a) Net revenue budget requirement of £911.050m for 2016-17
- (b) Capital investment proposals of £708.896m over three years from 2016-17 to 2018-19 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 published on 3rd February (as amended by recommendation g below) 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) Revised section 4 of the budget book produced as annex 1 to the supplementary summary and revised entry for “contributions to/from reserves” in section 5 (line 141, page 63) to minus £6,285.5k
- (h) The proposed retention of pension assets and liabilities for the Property LATCo set out in paragraph 2.7
- (i) To increase council tax band rates up to the maximum permitted without a referendum as set out in paragraph 2.5 table 1
- (j) To raise the additional 2% social care precept (£11,205,228 of the precept set out in (m) below)
- (k) The total council tax requirement of £583,181,198 to be raised through precepts on districts as set out in section 2 of the Budget Book

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 to set the recalibration of the pay ranges and minimum reward/increase to the bottom of KR2, within the 2% funding approved
- (m) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Finance & Procurement (in consultation with the Deputy Leader/Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement 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 (including other consequential changes arising from the final local government finance settlement, business rate tax base and

collection fund balances) to be reflected in the final version of the Budget Book and MTFP due to be published in March.”

Amendment 1- Social Care, Health & Wellbeing - Timely discharge from hospital beds.

(6) Mr Maddison proposed and Mrs Howes seconded the following amendment:

“That the £1.25m be used to support the earlier discharge of people from hospital, who are medically fit to leave acute beds, by the purchasing of additional enablement services and any necessary ongoing domiciliary care.

REDUCE: Net debt costs (including investment income) (BB p63, line 144) £500k

INCREASE: Drawdown from reserves (BB p63, line 141) £750k

ADD: Older People (aged 65+) - Commissioned service (BB p43, line 7) £1,250k”

(7) Following the debate the Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in paragraph (6) above and the voting was as follows:

For (30)

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, 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 T Maddison, Mr B MacDowall, Mr B Neaves, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr T Shonk, Mr D Smyth, Mr A Terry, Mr N Thandi, Mr R Truelove, Mr M Vye, Mr M Whybrow.

Against (49)

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, 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 P Oakford, 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, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham, Mrs Z Wiltshire

Abstain (1)

Mrs M Elenor

Amendment lost

Amendment 2 - Social Care, Health & Wellbeing – Public Health

(8) Mr Bird proposed and Mrs Dean seconded the following amendment:

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'The government wants everyone to be able to make healthier choices, regardless of their circumstances, and to minimise the risk and impact of illness'. To ensure that this is achieved, investment is required to return the following headings as far as possible to their 15/16 levels.

ADD: Children's Public Health Programmes: 0-5 year olds Health Visiting Service (BB p56, line 95) £1,500k

ADD: Obesity and Physical Activity (BB p57, line 98) £250k

ADD: Tobacco Control and Stop Smoking Services (BB p58, line 103) £900k

INCREASE: Drawdown from reserves (BB p63, line 141) £2,650k

*Current Government Policy on Public Health"

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

For (19)

Mr R Bird, Mrs P Brivio, Mr C Caller, Mr B Clark, Mr G Cowan, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Dr M Eddy, Mr P Harman, Ms A Harrison, Ms S Howes, Mr G Koowaree, Mr T Maddison, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr D Smyth, Mr N Thandi, Mr R Truelove, Mr M Vye, Mr M Whybrow.

Against (61)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Baldock, Mr M Balfour, Mr H Birkby, Mr N Bond, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Mr L Burgess, 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 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 R Latchford, Mr R Long, Mr G Lymer, Mr B MacDowall, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Mr B Neaves, Mr M Northey, Mr P Oakford, 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, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham, Mrs Z Wiltshire.

Abstain (0)

Amendment lost

Amendment 3 – Education & Young People - Supported Employment Opportunity

(10) Mr Cowan proposed and Mr Truelove seconded the following amendment:

"To finance support for up to 250 additional 16 to 24 years olds with multiple barriers to gaining employment, the additional revenue costs to be funded by reduced debt charges arising from delayed capital schemes and from a contribution from reserves.

REDUCE: Net debt costs (including investment income) (BB p63, line 144) £100k

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INCREASE: Drawdown from reserves (BB p63, line 141) £400k
ADD: 14 to 24 year olds (BB p48, line 51) £500k”

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

For (30)

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, 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 B Neaves, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr T Shonk, Mr D Smyth, Mr A Terry, Mr N Thandi, Mr R Truelove, Mr M Vye, Mr M Whybrow.

Against (50)

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 P Oakford, 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, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham, Mrs Z Wiltshire.

Abstain (0)

Amendment lost

Amendment 4 - Education & Young People – Children’s Services

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

“To return levels of expenditure on Early Intervention and Prevention to reduce substantially the number of children who require specialist children’s services.

ADD: Early Intervention & Prevention (BB p48, line 50) £2,750k
INCREASE: Drawdown from reserves (BB p63, line 141) £2,750k

(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 (24)

Mr M Baldock, Mr R Bird, Mr N Bond, Mrs P Brivio, Mr L Burgess, Mr C Caller, Mr B Clark, Mr G Cowan, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Dr M Eddy, Mr C Hoare, Ms S Howes, Mr G Koowaree, Mr T Maddison, Mr B Neaves, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr T Shonk, Mr D Smyth, Mr A Terry, Mr N Thandi, Mr R Truelove, Mr M Vye, Mr M Whybrow.

Against (52)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr H Birkby, Mr A Bowles, Mr R Brookbank, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr N Chard, 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 Latchford, Mr R Long, Mr G Lymer, Mr B MacDowall, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr P Oakford, 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, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham, Mrs Z Wiltshire.

Abstain (1)

Mr M Heale

Amendment lost

Amendment 5 - Growth Environment & Transport - Highways general maintenance and emergency response

(14) Mr Baldock proposed and Mr Latchford seconded the following amendment:

“Increase draw down from reserves (BB page 63, line 141) by £1 million i.e. do not reduce drawdown in the revised motion by the full £5.4 million. Add £1 million into Highways general maintenance and emergency response (BB page 55, line 81).”

(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 (28)

Mr R Bird, Mr H Birkby, Mr N Bond, Mrs P Brivio, Mr L Burgess, Mr C Caller, Mr B Clark, Mr G Cowan, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Dr M Eddy, Mrs M Elenor, Ms A Harrison, Mr M Heale, Mr C Hoare, Ms S Howes, Mr R Latchford, Mr T Maddison, Mr B MacDowall, Mr B Neaves, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr T Shonk, Mr D Smyth, Mr A Terry, Mr N Thandi, Mr R Truelove, Mr M Vye, Mr M Whybrow.

Against (44)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Balfour, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr N Chard, Mr G Cooke, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr A Crowther, Mrs V Dagger, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mr J 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 E Hotson, Mr A King, Mr J Kite, Mr R Long, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Mr M Northey, Mr P Oakford, 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, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham.

Abstain (1)

Mrs Z Wiltshire

Amendment lost

Amendment 6 – Growth Environment & Transport - Flood Risk Management

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

“To re-instate the proposed saving in order to deliver proactive flood risk management by improving flood resilience and mitigation to reduce risks, the additional revenue being funded by a contribution from reserves.

INCREASE: Drawdown from reserves (BB p63, line 141) £100k
ADD: Emergency Response & Resilience (including Flood Risk Management) (BB p59, line 106) £100k

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

For (29)

Mr M Baldock, Mr N Bond, Mrs P Brivio, Mr L Burgess, Mr C Caller, Mr B Clark, Mr G Cowan, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Dr M Eddy, 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 T Maddison, Mr B MacDowall, Mr B Neaves, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr T Shonk, Mr D Smyth, Mr A Terry, Mr N Thandi, Mr R Truelove, Mr M Vye, Mr M Whybrow.

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, Mr G Cooke, Mrs M Crabtree, Mrs V Dagger, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mr J 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 P Oakford, 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, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham, Mrs Z Wiltshire.

Abstain (3)

Mr R Bird, Mr H Birkby, Mr A Crowther.

(Mr Bird stated that he had a potential conflict of interest and therefore abstained.)

Amendment lost

Amendment 7 - Growth Environment & Transport - Hardelot Centre.

(18) Mr Birkby proposed and Mr Latchford seconded the following amendment:

“Sell Hardelot Centre. Allocate the estimated net proceeds of circa £250,000 to fund transformation activity which would therefore reduce the amount paid into

transformation reserves (MTFP Page 94). This would enable an additional £250,000 to be put into general reserves or other earmarked reserves.”

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

For (12)

Mr M Baldock, Mr H Birkby, Mr N Bond, Mr L Burgess, Mr A Crowther, Mrs M Elenor, Mr C Hoare, Mr R Latchford, Mr B MacDowall, Mr B Neaves, Mr T Shonk, Mr A Terry.

Against (61)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mrs P Brivio, Mr C Caller, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr N Chard, Mr B Clark, Mr G Cooke, Mr G Cowan, Mrs M Crabtree, Mrs V Dagger, Mr D Daley, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Dr M Eddy, Mr J 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 T Maddison, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr P Oakford, Mr J Ozog, Mr R Parry, Mr C Pearman, Mr L Ridings, Mr J Scholes, 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, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr M Whybrow, Mr A Wickham, Mrs Z Wiltshire.

Abstain (4)

Mr R Bird, Mr R Brookbank, Mr G Koowaree, Mrs E Rowbotham,

Amendment lost

Amendment 8 - Growth Environment & Transport – Highway Drainage

(20) Mr Smyth proposed and Mrs Brivio seconded the following amendment:

“To reinvest to part alleviate the demands on our (largely unknown) infrastructure, the additional revenue being funded by a contribution from reserves.

INCREASE: Drawdown from reserves (BB p63, line 141) £500k
ADD: Highways drainage (BB p55, line 82) £500k”

(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 (32)

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, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Dr M Eddy, 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 B Neaves, Mrs E

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Rowbotham, Mr T Shonk, Mr A Terry, Mr R Truelove, Mr M Vye, Mr D Smyth, Mr N Thandi, Mr M Whybrow, Mrs Z Wiltshire.

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, Mr G Cooke, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr A Crowther, Mrs V Dagger, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mr J 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 P Oakford, 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, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham.

Abstain (0)

Amendment lost

Amendment 9 - Growth Environment & Transport - Subsidised Bus Services

(22) Mr Baldock proposed and Mr MacDowall seconded the following amendment:

“Remove £500,000 from Contribution to IT asset maintenance reserve (BB page 63, line 140). Add £500,000 to Subsidised Bus Services (BB page 61, line 124).”

(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 (16)

Mr M Baldock, Mr H Birkby, Mr N Bond, Mrs P Brivio, Mr L Burgess, Mr A Crowther, Mr G Cowan, Mrs M Elenor, Mr M Heale, Mr C Hoare, Mr R Latchford, Mr B MacDowall, Mr B Neaves, Mr T Shonk, Mr A Terry, Mr R Truelove.

Against (59)

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, Mr B Clark, Mr G Cooke, Mrs M Crabtree, Mrs V Dagger, Mr D Daley, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mrs T Dean, Dr M Eddy, Mr J 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 T Maddison, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr P Oakford, Mr J Ozog, Mr R Parry, Mr C Pearman, Mr L Ridings, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr J Scholes, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mr D Smyth, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr N Thandi, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr M Whybrow, Mr A Wickham.

Abstain (4)

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Mr C Caller, Mr G Koowaree, Mr M Vye, Mrs Z Wiltshire.

Amendment lost

Amendment 10 - Growth Environment & Transport – Highways Maintenance

(24) Mr Caller proposed and Mr Thandi seconded the following amendment:

“To reinvest in the revenue budget to ensure that Kent Highways continue to focus on a proactive management approach, the additional revenue being funded by a contribution from reserves.

INCREASE: Drawdown from reserves (BB p63, line 141) £500k
ADD: General maintenance and emergency response (BB p55, line 81) £500k”

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

For (31)

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

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, Mr G Cooke, Mrs M Crabtree, Mrs V Dagger, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mr J 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 P Oakford, 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, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham.

Abstain (1)

Mr A Crowther.

Amendment lost

Amendment 11- Strategic & Corporate Services - Members Community Grants

(26) Mr Baldock proposed and Mr Latchford seconded the following amendment:

“Increase draw down from reserves (BB page 63, line 141) by £420,000 i.e. do not reduce drawdown in the revised motion by the full £5.4m. Add £420,000 into Members Community Grants (BB page 55, line 91).”

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

For (21)

Mr M Baldock, Mr R Bird, Mr H Birkby, Mr N Bond, Mr L Burgess, Mr B Clark, Mr A Crowther, Mrs T Dean, Mrs M Elenor, Mr P Harman, Mr M Heale, Mr C Hoare, Mr G Koowaree, Mr R Latchford, Mr B MacDowall, Mr B Neaves, Mr A Terry, Mr T Shonk, Mr M Vye, Mr M Whybrow, Mrs Z Wiltshire.

Against (58)

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, Mr G Cooke, Mr G Cowan, Mrs M Crabtree, Mrs V Dagger, Mr D Daley, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Dr M Eddy, Mr J Elenor, 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 P Oakford, Mr J Ozog, Mr R Parry, Mr C Pearman, Mr L Ridings, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr J Scholes, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mr D Smyth, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr N Thandi, Mr R Truelove, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham.

Abstain (0)

Amendment lost

Amendment 12 - Cross Cutting - Road Safety

(28) Mr MacDowall proposed and Mr Baldock seconded the following amendment:

“Remove £300,000 from Communications, Consultation and Engagement (BB page 65, line 162). Add £300,000 to Road Safety (BB page 55, line 86).”

(29) Following the debate the Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in paragraph (28) above and the voting was as follows:

For (13)

Mr M Baldock, Mr N Bond, Mr L Burgess, Mr A Crowther, Mrs M Elenor, Mr M Heale, Mr C Hoare, Mr B MacDowall, Mr B Neaves, Mr T Shonk, Mr A Terry, Mr M Whybrow, Mrs Z Wiltshire.

Against (60)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr R Bird, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mrs P Brivio, Mr R Brookbank, Mr C Caller, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr N Chard, Mr B

Clark, Mr G Cooke, Mr G Cowan, Mrs M Crabtree, Mrs V Dagger, Mr D Daley, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Dr M Eddy, Mr J 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 T Maddison, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr P Oakford, Mr J Ozog, Mr R Parry, Mr C Pearman, Mr L Ridings, Mr J Scholes, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mr D Smyth, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr N Thandi, Mr R Truelove, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham.

Abstain (4)

Mr H Birkby, Mr G Koowaree, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr M Vye.

Amendment lost

Amendment 13 - Cross Cutting - Local Member Grants

(30) Mr Shonk proposed and Mr Baldock seconded the following amendment:

“Remove £168,000 from Arts & Culture Development (BB page 50, line 66). Add £168,000 to Local Member Grants (BB page 55, line 91).”

(31) The Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in paragraph (30) above and the voting was as follows:

For (16)

Mr M Baldock, Mr H Birkby, Mr N Bond, Mr L Burgess, Mr A Crowther, Mrs M Elenor, Mr P Harman, Mr M Heale, Mr C Hoare, Mr G Koowaree, Mr R Latchford, Mr B MacDowall, Mr B Neaves, Mr T Shonk, Mr A Terry, Mr M Vye.

Against (62)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr R Bird, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mrs P Brivio, Mr R Brookbank, Mr C Caller, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr N Chard, Mr B Clark, Mr G Cooke, Mr G Cowan, Mrs M Crabtree, Mrs V Dagger, Mr D Daley, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mrs T Dean, Dr M Eddy, Mr J Elenor, 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 P Oakford, Mr J Ozog, Mr R Parry, Mr C Pearman, Mr L Ridings, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr J Scholes, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mr D Smyth, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr N Thandi, Mr R Truelove, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr M Whybrow, Mr A Wickham.

Abstain (1)

Mrs Z Wiltshire.

Amendment lost

(31) Mr Baldock with the consent of his seconder formally withdrew Amendment No 14 (Sports and Physical Activity – Member Grants).

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

For (50)

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, 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 P Oakford, 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, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham, Mrs Z Wiltshire.

Against (28)

Mr M Baldock, Mr H Birkby, Mr R Bird, Mr N Bond, Mrs P Brivio, Mr L Burgess, Mr C Caller, Mr B Clark, Mr G Cowan, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, 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 B Neaves, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr T Shonk, Mr D Smyth, Mr A Terry, Mr N Thandi, Mr R Truelove, Mr M Vye, Mr M Whybrow.

Abstain (1)

Mr G Koowaree.

Motion carried

(32) RESOLVED that

- (i) the County Council note the supplementary summary of the final local government finance settlement, business rate tax base, and collection fund balances by approving the following:
 - (a) Net revenue budget requirement of £911.050m for 2016-17
 - (b) Capital investment proposals of £708.896m over three years from 2016-17 to 2018-19 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 published on 3rd February (as amended by recommendation g below) 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) Revised section 4 of the budget book produced as annex 1 to the supplementary summary and revised entry for “contributions to/from reserves” in section 5 (line 141, page 63) to minus £6,285.5k
 - (h) The proposed retention of pension assets and liabilities for the Property LATCo set out in paragraph 2.7 in the report
 - (i) To increase council tax band rates up to the maximum permitted without a referendum as set out in paragraph 2.5 table 1 in the report
 - (j) To raise the additional 2% social care precept (£11,205,228 of the precept set out in (iii) below)
 - (k) The total council tax requirement of £583,181,198 to be raised through precepts on districts as set out in section 2 of the Budget Book
- (ii) it be noted 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 to set the recalibration of the pay ranges and minimum reward/increase to the bottom of KR2, within the 2% funding approved
 - (iii) authority be delegate to the Corporate Director of Finance & Procurement (in consultation with the Deputy Leader/Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement 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
 - (iv) the changes made in (iii) above (including other consequential changes arising from the final local government finance settlement, business rate tax base and collection fund balances) to be reflected in the final version of the Budget Book and MTFP due to be published in March
 - (v) the financial outlook for 2017-18 and 2018-19 with further anticipated funding reductions and spending demands necessitating additional savings the vast majority of which are yet to be identified be noted.