
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2019

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor P Baillie
The Sheriff, Councillor Mrs Blatchford
Councillors Barnes-Andrews, J Baillie, Bell, Bogle, Bunday, Chaloner,
Coombs, Cooper, Fielker, Fitzhenry, Fuller, G Galton, S Galton, Guthrie,
Hammond, Hannides, B Harris, L Harris, Harwood, Kataria, Kaur, Keogh,
Laurent, Leggett, Professor Margetts, McEwing, Mintoff, Mitchell, Murphy,
Noon, Dr Paffey, Payne, Prior, Rayment, Renyard, Savage, Shields, Spicer,
Streets, T Thomas, Whitbread and Windle

52. APOLOGIES

It was noted that apologies had been received from Councillors Houghton, Taggart, Vaughan and White.

53. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th September, 2019 be approved as a correct record.

54. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

- (i) The Mayor welcomed Bishop Deborah Sellin to the meeting. The Bishop recently became the first woman to be the Bishop of Southampton.
- (ii) The Mayor expressed his thanks and gratitude to all those involved with the arrangements for this year's commemorations on Remembrance Sunday.
- (iii) The Mayor also welcomed to the Chamber representatives from Radian and volunteers from the Round About Café who have recently received the Queens Award for Voluntary Services.
- (iv) The Mayor expressed congratulations to POC Poppy Martin who was awarded the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire Sea Cadets. There were several cadets chosen from across the county and different services and Poppy was selected from all Sea Cadets in Hampshire. In addition Lindsay Bassett, Commanding Officer of the Southampton Sea Cadets for Cadet forces Adult Volunteers. The introduction of this commission is the first in 150 years and recognises the services of Volunteers to the Cadet forces.
- (v) Sharon Carroll who works for the Council's Employment Support Team has recently been promoted to Sergeant in her work in the Armed Forces.
- (vi) Henry Whitcher, City Council Warden received a Police award last week. The Mayor extended his congratulations to all those who were mentioned at the meeting today.
- (vii) The Leader announced that Councillor Thomas (Independent) was joining the Labour Group with immediate effect.

55. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Council received and noted a deputation from Mr Narbed on planting and caring for trees in Southampton.

The Council received and debated the following Petition which under the Council's Procedure Rules where qualifying petitions must be debated at Council was achieved:

- (i) Airport Expansion Opposition containing 1900 signatures.

Note: Councillor Payne declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting for this item.

56. MOTIONS

- (a) Councillor Shields moved Councillor Spicer seconded

Southampton City Council acknowledges the research carried out locally by the University of Southampton as part of an evidence review for the National Institute of Clinical Excellence and cited in the International Journal of Nursing Studies, relating to the very real and increasing risk of inadequate nurse staffing or skill-mix levels presented to high quality and safe patient care.

The City Council recognises the need for the NHS in England to address concerns of members of the Royal College of Nursing in making safe staffing levels a statutory requirement for all the UK's NHS care providers not least locally, where in June 2019 there were 4,881 vacancies in the Wessex Region which covers the Southampton population. This included 422 vacancies for qualified medical and dental and 2,257 registered nursing and midwifery staff. Specifically there were 40 vacancies for qualified medical and dental staff in NHS organisations based in Southampton (29.7% of the regional total) and 196 registered nursing and midwifery staff vacancies (27.9% of the regional total).

The City Council resolves, therefore, to write to the chair of the Local Government Association's Community Wellbeing Board to secure their support for safer nurse staffing levels given the impact of such shortages on the residents of the city.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS DECLARED CARRIED

RESOLVED: that the motion be approved.

- (b) Councillor Hammond moved and Councillor Keogh seconded.

This Council notes the continuing increase in the rate of recorded crime, whilst Hampshire police numbers have fallen over the past 8 years.

Council is particularly concerned that since 2010 the number of frontline neighbourhood police officers serving the city has declined by almost half.

Council welcomes the promised investment at both a national and local level, but is concerned that the government's recent announcement of additional police officers won't be in post until April 2021.

Council likewise welcomed the commitment given by Hampshire's Police & Crime Commissioner to increase the number of frontline police officers in this financial year, but justifiably expects that Southampton as the largest urban area in the county receives its fair share of this additional resource.

Council calls on the Police and Crime Commissioner to urgently respond to the written request from the Leader of the Council on 7th August for much needed additional policing on our city's streets.

Amendment moved by Councillor Fitzhenry and seconded by Councillor Hannides.

Council welcome the commitment from the government and Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire (PCC), for more Police Officers for Southampton. Council calls on the PCC to write to the council immediately detailing when we will receive the additional resources to ensure we can continue to keep our residents and businesses safe.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR FITZHENRY WAS DECLARED LOST.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HAMMOND WAS DECLARED CARRIED.

RESOLVED that the motion be approved.

57. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

It was noted that there were no appointments to Committees, Sub Committees or Other Bodies.

58. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

The report of the Returning Officer was submitted outlining the outcome of the 2019 polling district and polling place review.

RESOLVED that the recommendations in respect of the Polling Districts and Polling Places as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved.

59. PROPERTY INVESTMENT FUND

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources outlining a policy for investment in commercial property.

RESOLVED to:

- (i) Re-affirm the commitment to a property investment fund as a part of the strategy for addressing future budget shortfall.
- (ii) Agree the approach as outlined in this report and the investment criteria attached to this report.

- (iii) Agree to delegate to the Service Director – Strategic Finance and Commercialisation, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, the ability to amend the property investment strategy prior to making the first additional purchase into the Fund.
- (iv) Note the addition and spend of £200M. It is proposed to include this sum in the 2019/20 capital programme. Whilst it will be included in full, in practice it is likely there will be a need to spread such an investment beyond the current year. This will be funded by Council resources.

60. BLOCK CONTRACT FOR CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

The report of the Cabinet Member for Aspiration, Children and Lifelong Learning seeking approval for a tender for a block contract with one or several providers on the Children's Residential Care Framework.

RESOLVED to authorise the spend by the Council necessary to enter into one or two Block Contracts for 3-6 beds with providers on the existing Children's Residential Care Framework, following a mini competition, up to a total value of £5,963,880.

61. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT

The report of the Leader of the Council was submitted setting out the details of the business undertaken by the Executive.

The Leader and the Cabinet made statements and responded to questions.

The following questions were submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.1

1. Mayflower 400

Question from Councillor Hannides to Councillor Kaur

Would the Cabinet Member agree that a successful Mayflower 400 is essential for the success of the City of Culture bid?

Answer

Yes

2. Townhill Park Regeneration

Question from Councillor Fitzhenry to Councillor Kaur

Can the Cabinet Member confirm when work onsite for polt 2 at Townhill Park will begin?

Answer

The aim is to get a contractor working on the plot 2 project during 2020. Resident feedback and necessary approvals such as planning consent will determine the exact dates.

3. Adult Social Care Grant

Question from Councillor Hannides to Councillor Barnes-Andrews

Can the Cabinet Member confirm how much additional grant the Council will receive next year from the Government for Adult Social Care?

Answer

The Government published the Local Government Finance Settlement 2020/21 Technical Consultation on 3 October 2019. This set out proposals for the allocation of a new Social Care Grant of £1.41 billion in 2020/21 for adult and children's services. Of this, £410 million is a direct continuation of 2019/20 Social Care Support Grant and £1 billion is new funding. The indicative allocation for Southampton City Council is £6.7 million, comprising £1.9 million rollover of 2019/20 Social Care Support Grant and £4.8 million new funding. Actual allocations will not be confirmed until the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement is published, which will not be until after the General Election.

4. 2030 Carbon Neutral Target

Question from Councillor S Galton to Councillor Hammond

Can the Leader of the Council confirm what the 2030 Carbon Neutral target from the Green City Charter is and how it will be measured?

Answer

The aspiration contained within the Green City Charter is that the City will be carbon neutral by 2030. The council is developing a plan to achieve this which will involve the mapping of the carbon footprints for the council and city.

The Mayor agreed to the following Question to be tabled as an urgent matter:

5. St. Monica Primary School

Question from Councillor J Baillie to Councillor Paffey

Are you happy with the delivery of education at St. Monica Primary School?

Answer

The school has clear guidance of governance. I will provide a written response.

62. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO THE CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES OR THE MAYOR

It was noted that no requests for Questions from Members to the Chairs of Committees or the Mayor had been received.

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26 FEBRUARY 2020

Present:

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Councillors Barnes-Andrews, J Baillie, Bell, Bogle, Bunday, Coombs, Cooper, Fielker, Fitzhenry, G Galton, S Galton, Guthrie, Hammond, Hannides, B Harris, L Harris, Harwood, Houghton, Kataria, Kaur, Keogh, Laurent, Leggett, Professor Margetts, McEwing, Mintoff (except part 66, 67-70), Mitchell, Murphy (except part 66, 67-70), Noon, Dr Paffey, Payne, Prior, Rayment, Renyard, Savage, Shields, Streets, Taggart, T Thomas, Vaughan (except part 66, 67-70), White and Windle

63. APOLOGIES

It was noted that apologies had been received from Councillors Chaloner, Fuller, Spicer and Whitbread.

64. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

- (i) The Mayor announced the death of former City Councillor and Mayor, John Martin who passed away in December, 2019. He served as a Harefield Ward Councillor in the late 1980s and Mayor of the City in 1993. As a mark of respect Council stood for a minute's silence.
- (ii) The Mayor announced that he and Councillor Savage had completed a Charity Dive for Communicare in Southampton.
- (iii) The Mayor congratulated the Chinese community on a successful New Year celebration which brought pride to the City.

65. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Council received and noted the following Deputations:

- (i) Mr Jeremy Moulton and Ms Kerry Sullivan regarding the General Fund Capital Programme (St. Marks School); and
- (ii) Mr Nick Chaffey regarding alternative budget proposals.

66. THE MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY, BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21 TO 2022/23

Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources detailing the revenue budget for 2020/21 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the period 2020/21 to 2022/23. Providing detail to inform Council in Setting Council Tax and rents for 2020/21.

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources was submitted seeking approval to the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 to 2022/23, the Capital Programme for 2020/21 to 2022/23 and outlining the main issues that needed to be addressed in considering the Cabinet's budget and Council Tax proposals. The recommendations therein as amended by Executive Budget Resolution 2020/21 to comprise the Executive's budget proposals were moved by Councillor Barnes-Andrews and seconded by Councillor Hammond (a copy of the amended Executive Budget resolution as circulated at the meeting attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes).

The Council agreed to suspend Council Procedure Rules 14.2, 14.5, 14.6, 14.7, 14.8, 14.9 and 16.2:-

- (i) to enable the above items to be considered together;
- (ii) to enable any amendments to be proposed, seconded and considered at the same time;
- (iii) to enable any amendment to be re-introduced later into the meeting; and
- (iv) to revise the time allowed for speakers as follows:-
 - Movers of motions - 20 minutes
 - Seconders - 10 minutes
 - Other Speakers - 4 minutes
 - Right of Reply (Executive only) – 10 minutes

With the consent of the Mayor, Honorary Alderman Vinson addressed the meeting.

Amendment moved by Councillor Hannides and seconded by Councillor Fitzhenry, attached as Appendix 2 to these minutes.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED LOST

NOTE – FOR THE AMENDMENT: Councillors J Baillie, P Baillie, Bell, G Galton, S Galton, Fitzhenry, Guthrie, Hannides, B. Harris, L. Harris, Harwood, Houghton, Laurent, Prior, Streets and White.

NOTE – AGAINST THE AMENDMENT: Councillors Barnes-Andrews, Mrs Blatchford, Bogle, Bunday, Coombs, Cooper, Fielker, Hammond, Kataria, Kaur, Keogh, Leggett, Margetts, McEwing, Mitchell, Noon, Paffey, Payne, Renyard, Rayment, Savage, Shields, Taggart, Thomas and Windle.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS DECLARED CARRIED

RESOLVED that the Medium Term Financial Strategy, Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2022/23, as amended by the Executive Budget Resolution 2020/21 (Appendix 1 to these minutes) be adopted.

NOTE: All Members of the Council declared a pecuniary interest in the above matter, as payers and setters of Council Tax, and remained in the meeting during the consideration of the matter.

Councillor Windle declared a personal interest and remained at the meeting to vote.

NOTE – FOR THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION: Councillors Barnes-Andrews, Mrs Blatchford, Bogle, Bunday, Coombs, Cooper, Fielker, Hammond, Kataria, Kaur, Keogh, Leggett, Margetts, McEwing, Mitchell, Noon, Paffey, Payne, Renyard, Rayment, Savage, Shields, Taggart, Thomas and Windle.

NOTE – ABSTAINED THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION: Councillors J Baillie, P Baillie, Bell, G Galton, S Galton, Fitzhenry, Guthrie, Hannides, B. Harris, L. Harris, Harwood, Houghton, Laurent, Prior, Streets and White.

67. CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN

The report of the Leader of the Council detailing the Corporate Business Plan setting out the key priorities of the Council over the next 5 years and specific actions which will deliver on these.

RESOLVED to approve the Corporate Business Plan 2020 – 2025, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

68. UK PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

The report of the (Acting) Returning Officer detailing the results of the UK Parliamentary Election held on Thursday 12th December, 2019.

RESOLVED to note the results of the UK Parliamentary Election held on 12th December, 2019.

69. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - EXEMPT PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM (IF NEEDED)

RESOLVED that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the confidential appendix referred to in minute number 70 below.

The appendix was considered to be exempt from general publication based on Category 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules. It was not in the public interest to disclose this because it related to the financial or business affairs of the Authority.

70. CORPORATE INSURANCE TENDER

Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources seeking approval of a new corporate insurance programme from 1st April, 2020.

RESOLVED to approve the proposed new corporate insurance programme from 1st April as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

APPENDIX 1
EXECUTIVE BUDGET RESOLUTION 2020/21

It is recommended that Council:

Medium Term Financial Strategy and Budget

The following recommendations in respect of the General Fund, Revenue Account and Capital Programme and Housing Revenue Account are as per the Medium Term Financial Strategy, Budget and Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2022/23 report, with the exception of where recommendations have been amended to reflect the confirmed precept by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire, the confirmed precept for Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority and the agreed final local government finance settlement:

General Fund: Revenue Account

- i) *Notes the general budget consultation process that was followed as detailed in paragraphs 37 to 42.*
- ii) *Notes that the budget consultation feedback has been taken into consideration by the Cabinet and has informed their final budget proposals. Further details are contained within the Members Room document 3.*
- iii) *Notes the Equality and Safety Impact Assessment process that was followed as set out in paragraphs 44 to 47. The updated ESIA's and Cumulative Impact Assessment are available documents in the Members Room, documents 1 and 2.*
- iv) *Note the position on the forecast outturn position for 2019/20 as set out in paragraphs 30 to 33 of Appendix 1.*
- v) *Approves the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for the period 2020/21 to 2022/23 attached as Annex 1.1 to Appendix 1.*
- vi) *Approves the 2020/21 General Fund Revenue Budget as detailed in Annex 1.1(a) of the MTFS at Annex 1.1 of Appendix 1.*
- vii) *Notes that the Executive's budget proposals are expected to lead to an overall investment in staffing within the council. Where staffing levels are impacted consultation will be undertaken in line with legislation and the Council's agreed processes before proposals are implemented.*
- viii) *Notes that the Executive's budget proposals are based on the assumptions detailed within the MTFS and that this includes an increase in the Adult Social Care precept of just under 2.00% and no increase in the general council tax, allowable under general powers to increase council tax without a referendum.*
- ix) *Approves additional general fund pressures totalling £7.22M in 2020/21, rising to £9.82M in 2022/23, as detailed in paragraphs 47 to 51 of Appendix 1.*
- x) *Approves savings proposals totalling £7.61M that are included in the 2020/21 General Fund Revenue Budget, rising to £11.42M in 2022/23, as detailed in paragraphs 52 to 55 of Appendix 1.*
- xi) *Approves investment proposals totalling £4.25M that are included in the 2020/21 General Fund Revenue Budget, rising to £6.10M in 2022/23, as detailed in paragraphs 56 to 58 of Appendix 1.*
- xii) *To delegate authority to the Executive Director – Finance & Commercialisation (S151 Officer), following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, to do anything necessary to give effect to the proposals contained in this report.*

- xiii) Sets the Band D Council Tax for Southampton City Council at £1,566.18 for 2020/21, the Net Budget Requirement at £190.82M and the Council Tax Requirement for 2020/21 at £102.53M as per Annex 1.2 to Appendix 1.
- xiv) Notes the estimates of precepts on the council tax collection fund for 2020/21 as set out in Annex 1.3 to Appendix 1, as well as the council tax band charges for Southampton City Council and the charges for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the charges for Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority, which have now been agreed by the respective authorities.
General Fund: Capital Programme
- xv) Approves the revised General Fund Capital Programme, which totals £728.77M (as detailed in paragraphs 5 & 39 of Appendix 2) and the associated use of resources.
- xvi) Approves additions of £320.46M which has been added to the General Fund programme requiring approval to spend, by Cabinet/Council subject to the relevant financial limits. These additions are detailed in paragraphs 9 of Appendix 2 and annex 2.1.
- xvii) Approves the addition of £29.48M to the overall capital programme and the request for approval to spend £29.48M as detailed in paragraph 10 of Appendix 2 and Annex 2.1.
- xviii) Approves the removal of schemes from the capital programme totalling £15.68M as set out in paragraph 11 of Appendix 2 and detailed in Annex 2.1.
- xix) Notes that the capital programme remains fully funded up to 2024/25 based on the latest forecast of available resources although the forecast can be subject to change; most notably with regard to the value and timing of anticipated capital receipts and the use of prudent assumptions of future Government Grants to be received.
- xx) Approves the Council's capital strategy detailed in Annex 2.3.
- xxi) Approves the Council's MRP strategy detailed in Annex 2.3(a).
- xxii) Approves the Council's investment strategy detailed in Annex 2.3(b).
Housing Revenue Account
- xxiii) Approves that, from 1st April 2020, a standard increase be applied to all dwelling rents of 2.7%, as set out in paragraph 10 of Appendix 3, equivalent to an average increase of £2.26 per week in the current average weekly dwelling rent figure of £83.46.
- xxiv) To note an increase in a number of weekly service charges, whilst others remain unchanged, as detailed in paragraph 11 of Appendix 3 from 1st April 2020 (including supported accommodation). This approach was previously agreed by Council at its meeting in February 2019.
- xxv) Approves the Housing Revenue Account Revenue Estimates as set out in Appendix 3.
- xxvi) Approves the 40 year Business Plans for revenue and capital expenditure set out in Annexes 3.1 and 3.2 of Appendix 3 respectively, that based on current assumptions are sustainable and maintain a minimum HRA balance of £2.0M in every financial year.
- xxvii) To note that from 2020/21 onwards, following consultation, rents will now be charged on a weekly basis throughout the year, thus reducing the weekly payment and removing the four "rent-free" weeks.
- xxviii) Approves the revised Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme, which totals £251.97M (as detailed in paragraph 22 & 31 of Appendix 3) and the

associated use of resources.

- xxix) Approves the addition of £73.71M to the HRA Capital Programme and the request for approval to spend £73.71M as detailed in paragraph 30 of Appendix 3.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS: Council Tax Setting Matters

- xxx) Approves the following amounts now calculated by the Council for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Section 32 and Sections 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended (the Act).
- xxxi) Determines in accordance with Section 52ZB of the Act that the Council's relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2020/21 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved by the Secretary of State under Section 52ZC of the Act.

a)	Aggregate the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2) of the Act.		£515,797,992
b)	Aggregate the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3) of the Act.		£413,263,320
c)	Calculation in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, of the Council's council tax requirement for the year, being the amount by which the aggregate at a) above exceeds the aggregate at b) above. (Item R in the formulae in Section 33(1) of the Act.		£102,534,672
d)	The amount at c) above (Item R), divided by the Council Tax Base of 65,468 (Item T in the formula in Section 33(1) of the Act), as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year.		£1,566.18
e)	Precepting Authority – Southampton City Council	Valuation Band	Amount
		A	£1,044.12
		B	£1,218.14
		C	£1,392.16
		D	£1,566.18
		E	£1,914.22
		F	£2,262.26
		G	£2,610.30
		H	£3,132.36
	Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount of d) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in the proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amount to be taken into account for the year in respect of the dwellings listed in different valuation bands.		

f)	That it be noted for the year 2020/21 that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire has agreed the following amounts of precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown in the following table:	Valuation Band	Amount
		A	£140.97
		B	£164.47
		C	£187.96
		D	£211.46
		E	£258.45
		F	£305.44
		G	£352.43
		H	£422.92
g)	That it be noted for the year 2020/21 that the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority has agreed the following amounts of precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown in the following table:	Valuation Band	Amount
		A	£46.04
		B	£53.71
		C	£61.39
		D	£69.06
		E	£84.41
		F	£99.75
		G	£115.10
		H	£138.12
h)	That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at e), f) and g) above, the Council in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby set the following amounts of the Council Tax for the year 2020/21 for each of the categories of dwellings shown following the agreement of the precepts for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority:	Valuation Band	Amount
		A	£1,231.13
		B	£1,436.32
		C	£1,641.51
		D	£1,846.70
		E	£2,257.08
		F	£2,667.45
		G	£3,077.83
		H	£3,693.40

APPENDIX 2
CONSERVATIVE BUDGET RESOLUTION 2020/21

It is recommended that Council:

**Medium Term Financial Strategy and Budget
General Fund: Revenue Account**

- i) Notes the general budget consultation process that was followed as detailed in paragraphs 37 to 42.
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- iv) Note the position on the forecast outturn position for 2019/20 as set out in paragraphs 30 to 33 of Appendix 1.
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General Fund: Capital Programme

- xv) Approves the revised General Fund Capital Programme, which totals £730.47M and the associated use of resources.
 - xvi) Approves additions of £322.16M which has been added to the General Fund programme requiring approval to spend, by Cabinet/Council subject to the relevant financial limits.
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- NEW RECOMMENDATIONS: Council Tax Setting Matters**
- xxx) Approves the following amounts now calculated by the Council for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Section 32 and Sections 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended (the Act).
 - xxxi) Determines in accordance with Section 52ZB of the Act that the Council's relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2020/21 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved by the Secretary of State under Section 52ZC of the Act.

a)	Aggregate the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2) of the Act.		£514,777,992
b)	Aggregate the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3) of the Act.		£412,243,320
c)	Calculation in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, of the Council's council tax requirement for the year, being the amount by which the aggregate at a) above exceeds the aggregate at b) above. (Item R in the formulae in Section 33(1) of the Act.		£102,534,672
d)	The amount at c) above (Item R), divided by the Council Tax Base of 65,468 (Item T in the formula in Section 33(1) of the Act), as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year.		£1,566.18
e)	Precepting Authority – Southampton City Council	Valuation Band	Amount
		A	£1,044.12
		B	£1,218.14
		C	£1,392.16
		D	£1,566.18
		E	£1,914.22
		F	£2,262.26
		G	£2,610.30
		H	£3,132.36
	Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount of d) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in the proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amount to be taken into account for the year in respect of the dwellings listed in different valuation bands.		
f)	That it be noted for the year 2020/21 that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire has agreed the following amounts of precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown in the following table:	Valuation Band	Amount
		A	£140.97
		B	£164.47
		C	£187.96
		D	£211.46
		E	£258.45
		F	£305.44
		G	£352.43
		H	£422.92

g)	That it be noted for the year 2020/21 that the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority has agreed the following amounts of precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown in the following table:	Valuation Band	Amount
		A	£46.04
		B	£53.71
		C	£61.39
		D	£69.06
		E	£84.41
		F	£99.75
		G	£115.10
		H	£138.12
h)	That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at e), f) and g) above, the Council in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby set the following amounts of the Council Tax for the year 2020/21 for each of the categories of dwellings shown following the agreement of the precepts for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority:	Valuation Band	Amount
		A	£1,231.13
		B	£1,436.32
		C	£1,641.51
		D	£1,846.70
		E	£2,257.08
		F	£2,667.45
		G	£3,077.83
		H	£3,693.40

