

MEETING:	Full Council
DATE:	Thursday 29 February 2024
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

The Mayor (Councillor Stowe)

Central Ward

- Councillors Moyes and O'Donoghue

Cudworth Ward

- Councillors Cherryholme, Hayward and Houghton CBE

Darfield Ward

- Councillors Markham, Osborne and Smith

Darton East Ward

- Councillors Hunt

Darton West Ward

- Councillors A. Cave, T. Cave and Howard

Dearne North Ward

- Councillors Bellamy, Cain and Morrell

Dearne South Ward

- Councillors Bowler, Coates and Moore

Dodworth Ward

- Councillors Fielding and C. Wray

Hoyland Milton Ward

- Councillors Franklin and Shepherd

Kingstone Ward

- Councillors P. Wright

Monk Bretton Ward

- Councillors Green, Richardson and Sheard

North East Ward

- Councillors Booker, Ennis OBE and Peace

Old Town Ward

- Councillors Lofts and Newing

Penistone East Ward

- Councillors Barnard, Burnett and Wilson

Penistone West Ward

- Councillors Greenhough, Kitching and Lowe-Flello

Rockingham Ward

- Councillors A. Wray

Royston Ward

- Councillors Makinson, McCarthy and Webster

St. Helen's Ward

- Councillors Leech, Tattersall and N. Wright

Stairfoot Ward

- Councillors K. Dyson and Murray

Wombwell Ward

- Councillors Eastwood, Frost and Higginbottom

Worsbrough Ward

- Councillors Bowser, Clarke and Lodge

204. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Burnett declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 206 insofar as discussion related to his employment by the NHS and his position on the Trans-Pennine Trail Members Steering Group.

Councillor T Cave declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 206 due to his position on the board of Barnsley Youth Zone.

Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 206 due to the employment of his wife by the Authority.

Councillor Howard declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 206 insofar as discussion related to her employment by the Department for Work and Pensions

Councillor Peace declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 206 insofar as discussion related to his employment by an organisation which had a contract with the Authority.

Councillor Newing declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 206 insofar as discussion related to her employment as a Community Nurse by SWYT.

Councillor O'Donoghue declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 206 insofar as discussion related to his employment by the Department for Work and Pensions.

Councillor Osborne declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 206 due to his position on the board of Berneslai Homes.

Councillor Peace declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 206 insofar as discussion related to his employment by the Department for Work and Pensions.

Councillor Sheard declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 206 insofar as discussion related to her position as a Governor of Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Tattersall declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 206 due to her position on the board of Berneslai Homes.

205. Suspension of Standing Orders

Moved by Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE – Seconded by Councillor Makinson; and

RESOLVED that Standing Order No 13 (5) of the Council be suspended in respect of the consideration of the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-27 insofar as it relates to restrictions on Members speaking more than once.

206. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-27 (Cab.7.2.2024/6)

The 24/25 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme and Council Tax Recommendations were moved by Councillor Frost and seconded by Councillor Bowser.

An amendment received in accordance with standing order number 8, and published as a supplement alongside the original report, was then moved by Councillor Kitching and seconded by Councillor Hunt:-

After a lengthy and frank discussion, the amendment was put to the vote and was lost.

In favour of the amendment, present at the time of voting

Councillors Fielding, Greenhough, Hunt, Kitching, Lodge, Lowe-Flello, C Wray and P Wright.

Against the amendment, present at the time of voting

Councillors Barnard, Bellamy, Booker, Bowler, Bowser, Burnett, Cain, A Cave, T Cave, Cherryholme, Clarke, Coates, Dyson, Eastwood, Ennis OBE, Franklin, Frost, Green, Hayward, Higginbottom, Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Howard, Leech, Lofts, Makinson, Markham, McCarthy, Moore, Morrell, Moyes, Murray, Newing, O'Donoghue, Osborne, Peace, Richardson, Sheard, Shepherd, Smith, Stowe, Tattersall, Webster, Wilson, A Wray, and N Wright.

Abstentions

There were no abstentions.

The original motion was then put as the substantive motion and -

RESOLVED:-

1. 24/25 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme
 - a) that the report of the Director of Finance (S151 Officer), under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 at **Section 1** be noted, that the 2024/25 budget proposals be agreed and that the Chief Executive and Senior Management Team (SMT), in consultation with Cabinet Spokespersons, submit, for early consideration, detailed plans that ensure the Council's ongoing financial sustainability in 24/25 and beyond;
 - b) that the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and Budget Forecast for 24/25 to 26/27 contained at **Section 2** (supported by the suite of background papers in **Sections 2a – 2d**) be noted and that these are monitored as part of the arrangements for the delivery of the MTFS;
 - c) that provision be made of **£34.6M** to cover anticipated demographic and other cost pressures in 24/25:
 - Pay (£8.9M),
 - Children's Social Care (Children in Care / Practice Improvement) (£14.9M),
 - Adult Social Care (Provider Fees / Practice Improvement) (£6.6M),
 - Home to School Transport (£1.4M),
 - Waste Services (£0.6M),
 - Inflation on major contracts e.g. PFI (£1.4M),
 - Funding borrowing costs (£0.6M),
 - Investment in legal services (£1.0M),

- Commercial income budget re-alignment (£0.8M),
- Other minor investment £0.7M,
- Savings on Capital Financing / Investment Income (-£2.3M)

be approved for inclusion in the budget as identified at **Section 2**.

- d) that the increase in the specific Adult Social Care Market Sustainability grant of **£2.5M** received in the 2023 Local Government Finance Settlement (£5.4M in total) be used to contribute to the funding of inflationary pressures in the care sector;
- e) that the increase in the Better Care Fund of **£3.9M** received in the 2023 Local Government Finance Settlement be used to fund inflationary and hospital discharge costs within Adults Social Care;
- f) that the increase in the general social care funding received over the last two years including the Council's share of the additional £1.2bn funding announced in the 2023 final Local Government Finance Settlement be baselined to fund the significant financial pressures relating to Children and Adults Social Care (circ. £30M of General Social Grant now baselined);
- g) note that other core funding has increased by inflation, inline with previous assumptions;
- h) that the proposed Phase 1 service review savings of £8.4M in 24/25 highlighted in **Section 2** and detailed at **Section 4a – 4e** be approved for implementation and that Members also note the further development of the transformation programme to help deliver balanced budget positions over the medium term (25/26 – 26/27);
- i) that the one-off General Services Grant / New Homes Bonus received as part of the 2023 Local Government Settlement be used to temporarily address the 24/25 budget shortfall pending the submission of further budget savings;
- j) that the Chief Executive, in conjunction with the Director of Finance and the Senior Management Team, be tasked with formulating alternate savings plans (over and above the current transformation programme) based on various planning scenarios for Member consideration during 24/25;
- k) that the Council's Reserves Strategy and updated reserves position at **Section 2b** be approved including the setting aside of £23M for additional one-off support to the budget over the planning period (over and above the retention of the £20M Minimum Working Balance);
- l) that the proposed changes to the 24/25 fees and charges policy and accompanying schedule of charges set out at **Section 2d** be approved;
- m) that the cash limited budgets for each Service with overall net expenditure for 24/25 of **£256.6M** as highlighted in **Section 5a** be approved;
- n) that the budgets for all services be considered and the 24/25 – 25/26 budget proposals presented at **Sections 5a – 5c** be approved, subject to Cabinet receiving detailed implementation reports where appropriate;

- o) that the changes to the schools funding formula including the transfer of funding from the schools' block to the high needs block and the proposed 24/25 schools block budget as set out at **Section 5d** be considered and approved;
- p) that the capital investment schemes totalling £45.6M in 24/25 (£20.9M in Housing, £10.4M in Roads, £6.7M Asset Replacement and £7.6M Schools), be included within the capital programme and released subject to receiving further detailed business cases where appropriate **Section 6 Appendix 1**;
- q) note that the above includes £2M provisionally set aside for additional investment in repairing the Borough's highways (principal roads / side streets) and that this will be released subject to receiving a further detailed report on plans for its use;
- r) that the Chief Executive and SMT, in consultation with Cabinet Spokespersons, be required to submit reports into Cabinet, as a matter of urgency, in relation to the detailed General Fund Revenue Budget for 24/25 on any further action required to achieve an appropriately balanced budget in addition to those proposals set out above;
- s) that the Chief Executive and SMT be responsible for managing their respective budgets including ensuring the implementation of all approved saving proposals;
- t) that the Authority's SMT be charged with ensuring that the budget remains in balance and report regularly into Cabinet on budget / savings monitoring including any action required;
- u) that Cabinet and the Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) be authorised to make any necessary technical adjustments to form the 24/25 budget;
- v) that appropriate consultation on the budget proposals takes place with the Trade Unions and representatives of Non-Domestic Ratepayers and that the views of consultees be considered by Cabinet and the Council.

2. Council Tax

RESOLVED:- that Council notes the contents of **Section 2a** (24/25 Council Tax options) and that:

- (i) in respect of the Council Tax 2024/25 calculations:
 - (a) that the Council Tax Collection Fund surplus relating to Barnsley M.B.C. of £3.572M be used to reduce the Council Tax Requirement for 2024/25;
 - (b) that the Band D Council Tax for Barnsley M.B.C.'s services be set at £1,790.68 which includes the cumulative special precept earmarked specifically for Adult Social Care of £256.92; and
 - (c) that the Band D Council Tax for Barnsley M.B.C.'s area be set at £2,126.77 including the Police and Fire precepts* as set out in (ii)(c).
- (ii) that, in respect of the Council Tax 2024/25 declaration:

(a) that it be noted that at its meeting of its Cabinet on the 11th January 2024 the Council made the following calculations for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Regulations made under Section 31(B) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended (the “Act”):-

(1) in accordance with Section 31B (3) of the Local Government Act 1992, as amended, the number of adjusted Band D equivalent properties calculated by the Council as its Council Tax base for the year shall be 66,800.90 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B (1) of the Act);

(2) that the number of adjusted Band D equivalent properties calculated by the Council, as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate shall be as follows:-

TABLE 1				
Column	A	B	C	D = C / B
Parish Area	Band D equivalent chargeable properties	95% of Band D equivalent chargeable properties	Precept Issued (after Council Tax Support Grant) (£)	Band D Equivalent Charge (£)
Billingley	94.40	89.68	1,490.00	16.61
Cawthorne	615.00	584.25	24,720.00	42.31
Dunford	252.40	239.78	10,536.00	43.94
Great Houghton	644.31	612.09	29,669.00	48.47
Gunthwaite and Ingbirchworth	311.20	295.64	8,300.00	28.07
High Hoyland	69.20	65.74	-	-
Hunshelf	164.00	155.80	5,208.00	33.43
Langsett	106.20	100.89	3,957.00	39.22
Little Houghton	177.60	168.72	14,014.00	83.06
Oxspring	482.91	458.76	22,930.00	49.98
Penistone	4,504.40	4,279.18	227,995.00	53.28
Shafton	936.31	889.49	40,703.00	45.76
Silkstone	1,207.80	1,147.41	76,154.00	66.37
Stainborough	159.71	151.72	5,067.00	33.40
Tankersley	750.11	712.60	21,998.00	30.87
Thurgoland	802.91	762.76	12,985.00	17.02
Wortley	311.00	295.45	8,646.00	29.26
Barnsley and Other Non-Parish Areas	58,727.31	55,790.94		
Total	70,316.77	66,800.90	514,372.00	

(b) that the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Sections 31-36 of the “the Act”:-

(1) £257,154,119 being the net aggregate amount the Council estimates for items set out in Section 31A (2) and 31A (3) of the Act taking into account all Precepts issued to it by Parish Councils;

(2) £133,448,711 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of the Business Rate Retention Scheme and other specific grants;

(3) £3,572,000 being the amount which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its Collection Fund to its General Fund in accordance with Section 97 (3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax Surplus);

- (4) £120,133,408 being the amount by which the amount at (ii)(b) (1) above exceeds the aggregate of amounts at (ii)(b) (2) and (ii)(b) (3) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (Item R in the formula in Section 31B (1) of the Act);
- (5) £1,798.38 calculated by the Council as being the amount at (ii)(b) (4) above (Item R in the formula in Section 31B (3)); all divided by the Council Tax base as highlighted in (ii) (a) (1) above (Item T in the formula in Section 31B (1) of the Act);
- (6) £514,372 being the aggregate amount of all special amounts (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 31A (2) of the Act; as per column C in the table in (ii)(a) (2) above;
- (7) £1,790.68 calculated by the Council as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special items relate being the amount at (ii)(b) (5) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (ii)(b) (6) above divided by the amount at (ii)(a) (1) (Item T in the formula in Section 31B (1) of the Act) above in accordance with Section 34 (2) of the Act.
- (8) the following amounts calculated by the Council as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate:-

TABLE 2	
Section 34(3) Calculation :	
Part of the Council's Area	
Parish of :-	£
Billingley	1,807.29
Cawthorne	1,832.99
Dunford	1,834.62
Great Houghton	1,839.15
Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth	1,818.75
High Hoyland	1,790.68
Hunshelf	1,824.11
Langsett	1,829.90
Little Houghton	1,873.74
Oxspring	1,840.66
Penistone	1,843.96
Shafton	1,836.44
Silkstone	1,857.05
Stainborough	1,824.08
Tankersley	1,821.55
Thurgoland	1,807.70

Wortley	1,819.94
table represents the Council Tax for Barnsley MBC plus Local Parishes for Band D only	

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (ii)(b) (7) above the amount of the special items in (ii)(a) (2) Col D in accordance with Section 34 (3) of the Act;

- (9) the amounts calculated by the Council as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands are shown below.

TABLE 3

Section 36(1) Calculation :

Part of the Council's Area

Valuation Bands

Parish of :-	A-	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Billingley	1,004.05	1,204.86	1,405.67	1,606.47	1,807.29	2,208.91	2,610.53	3,012.15	3,614.58
Cawthorne	1,018.33	1,222.00	1,425.66	1,629.32	1,832.99	2,240.32	2,647.65	3,054.99	3,665.98
Dunford	1,019.23	1,223.08	1,426.93	1,630.77	1,834.62	2,242.31	2,650.01	3,057.70	3,669.24
Great Houghton	1,021.75	1,226.10	1,430.45	1,634.79	1,839.15	2,247.85	2,656.55	3,065.25	3,678.30
Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth	1,010.41	1,212.50	1,414.58	1,616.66	1,818.75	2,222.92	2,627.09	3,031.25	3,637.50
High Hoyland	994.82	1,193.79	1,392.75	1,591.71	1,790.68	2,188.61	2,586.54	2,984.47	3,581.36
Hunshelf	1,013.39	1,216.08	1,418.75	1,621.43	1,824.11	2,229.47	2,634.83	3,040.19	3,648.22
Langsett	1,016.61	1,219.94	1,423.25	1,626.57	1,829.90	2,236.55	2,643.19	3,049.84	3,659.80
Little Houghton	1,040.96	1,249.16	1,457.35	1,665.54	1,873.74	2,290.13	2,706.52	3,122.90	3,747.48
Oxspring	1,022.59	1,227.11	1,431.62	1,636.14	1,840.66	2,249.70	2,658.73	3,067.77	3,681.32
Penistone	1,024.42	1,229.31	1,434.19	1,639.07	1,843.96	2,253.73	2,663.50	3,073.27	3,687.92
Shafton	1,020.24	1,224.30	1,428.34	1,632.39	1,836.44	2,244.54	2,652.64	3,060.74	3,672.88
Silkstone	1,031.69	1,238.04	1,444.37	1,650.71	1,857.05	2,269.73	2,682.41	3,095.09	3,714.10
Stainborough	1,013.38	1,216.06	1,418.73	1,621.40	1,824.08	2,229.43	2,634.78	3,040.14	3,648.16
Tankersley	1,011.97	1,214.37	1,416.76	1,619.15	1,821.55	2,226.34	2,631.13	3,035.92	3,643.10
Thurgoland	1,004.28	1,205.14	1,405.99	1,606.84	1,807.70	2,209.41	2,611.12	3,012.84	3,615.40
Wortley	1,011.08	1,213.30	1,415.51	1,617.72	1,819.94	2,224.37	2,628.80	3,033.24	3,639.88
Barnsley and Other Non-Parish Areas	994.82	1,193.79	1,392.75	1,591.71	1,790.68	2,188.61	2,586.54	2,984.47	3,581.36

This table shows the total Council Tax for Barnsley MBC and local parishes (excluding Police and Fire Precepts). The charge for individual valuation bands is calculated as a proportion of a Band D property, as per Section 5 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (ii)(b) (8) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5 of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is

applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D in accordance with Section 36 (1) of the Act;

- (c) that it be noted that for the year 2024/25 the under-mentioned precepting Authorities have stated the following draft amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 42A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

	Total Precept	TABLE 4								
		Valuation Bands								
		A-	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Precepting Authority:	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
South Yorkshire Fire Authority*	5,681,417	47.25	56.70	66.15	75.60	85.05	103.95	122.85	141.75	170.1
South Yorkshire Police Authority*	16,769,698	139.47	167.36	195.25	223.15	251.04	306.83	362.61	418.40	502.0

* subject to confirmation

- (d) that having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (ii)(b) (9) and (ii)(c) above, the Council in accordance with Section 30 (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts shown below as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2024/25 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Section 30(2) Calculation :

Part of the Council's Area

TABLE 5

Valuation Bands

Parish of :-	A-	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Billingley	1,190.77	1,428.92	1,667.07	1,905.22	2,143.38	2,619.69	3,095.99	3,572.30	4,286.76
Cawthorne	1,205.05	1,446.06	1,687.06	1,928.07	2,169.08	2,651.10	3,133.11	3,615.14	4,338.16
Dunford	1,205.95	1,447.14	1,688.33	1,929.52	2,170.71	2,653.09	3,135.47	3,617.85	4,341.42
Great Houghton	1,208.47	1,450.16	1,691.85	1,933.54	2,175.24	2,658.63	3,142.01	3,625.40	4,350.48
Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth	1,197.13	1,436.56	1,675.98	1,915.41	2,154.84	2,633.70	3,112.55	3,591.40	4,309.68
High Hoyland	1,181.54	1,417.85	1,654.15	1,890.46	2,126.77	2,599.39	3,072.00	3,544.62	4,253.54
Hunshelf	1,200.11	1,440.14	1,680.15	1,920.18	2,160.20	2,640.25	3,120.29	3,600.34	4,320.40
Langsett	1,203.33	1,444.00	1,684.65	1,925.32	2,165.99	2,647.33	3,128.65	3,609.99	4,331.98
Little Houghton	1,227.68	1,473.22	1,718.75	1,964.29	2,209.83	2,700.91	3,191.98	3,683.05	4,419.66
Oxspring	1,209.31	1,451.17	1,693.02	1,934.89	2,176.75	2,660.48	3,144.19	3,627.92	4,353.50
Penistone	1,211.14	1,453.37	1,695.59	1,937.82	2,180.05	2,664.51	3,148.96	3,633.42	4,360.10
Shafton	1,206.96	1,448.36	1,689.74	1,931.14	2,172.53	2,655.32	3,138.10	3,620.89	4,345.06
Silkstone	1,218.41	1,462.10	1,705.77	1,949.46	2,193.14	2,680.51	3,167.87	3,655.24	4,386.28
Stainborough	1,200.10	1,440.12	1,680.13	1,920.15	2,160.17	2,640.21	3,120.24	3,600.29	4,320.34
Tankersley	1,198.69	1,438.43	1,678.16	1,917.90	2,157.64	2,637.12	3,116.59	3,596.07	4,315.28
Thurgoland	1,191.00	1,429.20	1,667.39	1,905.59	2,143.79	2,620.19	3,096.58	3,572.99	4,287.58
Wortley	1,197.80	1,437.36	1,676.91	1,916.47	2,156.03	2,635.15	3,114.26	3,593.39	4,312.06
Barnsley and Other Non-Parish Areas	1,181.54	1,417.85	1,654.15	1,890.46	2,126.77	2,599.39	3,072.00	3,544.62	4,253.54

This table shows the total Council Tax for Barnsley MBC, local parishes and the Police & Fire Precepts

The table is the sum of the total Council Tax for Barnsley MBC and local parishes (Table 3) and the precept amounts for the Police and Fire Authorities respectively (Table 4).

- (e) that the Director of Finance (S151 Officer) be authorised to serve notices, enter into agreements, give receipts, make adjustments, initiate proceedings and take any action available to the Council to collect or enforce the collection of non-domestic rates and the Council Tax from those persons liable in accordance with the Council's agreed policy; and
- (f) that the Director of Finance (S151 Officer) determines in accordance with the principles determined by the Secretary of State and set out in the Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) (England) Report 2024/25, that Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council's relevant basic amount of Council Tax for the year 2024/25 as defined by Section 41 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 is not excessive;
- (g) that the Director of Legal and Governance be authorised to publish the Council Tax Notice in accordance with the provisions of Section 38 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- iii) 12 months' notice be given to apply an additional 100% council tax premium (200% in council tax charge) to all properties that are substantially furnished but not someone's, no-one's, sole or main residence (e.g. "second homes") after one year, with this premium becoming effective on 1st April 2025 onwards;
- iv) that the local council tax support scheme reverts back to the scheme approved in 22/23 as highlighted in **Section 2a**, effectively reducing the maximum discount for the lowest income households from 100% to 92.8% off the relevant bill;
- v) that a full review of the current scheme be undertaken during 24/25 including the necessary consultations for any proposed changes with an update being provided to Members later in 2024.

In favour of the motion, present at the time of voting

Councillors Barnard, Bellamy, Booker, Bowler, Bowser, Burnett, Cain, A Cave, T Cave, Cherryholme, Clarke, Coates, Dyson, Eastwood, Ennis OBE, Franklin, Frost, Green, Hayward, Higginbottom, Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Howard, Leech, Lofts, Makinson, Markham, McCarthy, Moore, Morrell, Moyes, Murray, Newing, O'Donoghue, Osborne, Peace, Richardson, Sheard, Shepherd, Smith, Stowe, Tattersall, Webster, Wilson, and N Wright.

Against the motion, present at the time of voting

Councillors Fielding, Greenhough, Hunt, Kitching, Lodge, Lowe-Flello, A Wray, C Wray and P Wright.

Abstentions

There were no abstentions.

3. Treasury Management Strategy & Policy Statement 2024/25

Moved by Councillor Frost – Seconded by Councillor Bowser; and

RESOLVED:-

That Council approve the 24/25 Treasury Management Strategy and Policy Statement (included in the main papers at **Section 2c**) and specifically;

- a) approve the 24/25 Treasury Management Policy Statement (**Section 2c Appendix A**)
- b) approve the 24/25 Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement (**Section 2c Appendix B**);
- c) approve the 24/25 Borrowing Strategy at **Section 2c** including the full suite of Prudential and Treasury Indicators (**Section 2c Appendix C**)
- d) approve the 24/25 Annual Investment Strategy at **Section 2c**.

207. Appointment of Interim Monitoring Officer

Moved by Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE – Seconded by Councillor Makinson; and

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, Kate Charlton be appointed the Council’s Interim Monitoring Officer with effect from 1 April 2024, for a period until the role is recruited to on a permanent basis.

208. Date and Time of Annual Council 2024

Moved by Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE – Seconded by Councillor Makinson; and

RESOLVED that the Annual Council Meeting 2024 be held on 17 May 2024 at 11.00am.

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Chair