

Sunderland City Council

At a meeting of SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL held in the CIVIC CENTRE on WEDNESDAY, 2ND MARCH, 2011 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor T. Martin) in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor N. Wright)

Councillors	Allan	Foster	Miller	Timmins
	Anderson	E. Gibson	Mordey	D. Trueman
	Ball	P. Gibson	Morrissey	H. Trueman
	Bell	Gofton	Old	Wakefield
	Blackburn	A. Hall	Padgett	Walker
	Bonallie	G. Hall	D. Richardson	P. Watson
	Charlton	Heron	Rolph	S. Watson
	Cuthbert	Howe	Shattock	Williams
	M. Dixon	Kay	D. Smith	A. Wilson
	Emerson	Kelly	P. Smith	D. Wilson
	Essl	Macknight	Snowdon	P. Wood
	Fletcher	Maddison	Speding	A. Wright
	M. Forbes	McClennan	Tate	

The Notice convening the meeting was read.

Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Council held on 26th January, 2011 (copy circulated) be confirmed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest

The following Councillors declared personal interests in the following items in the Cabinet report in respect of the interests respectively indicated:-

Item 6 (ii) and (iii) – Report of the Cabinet – Capital Programme 2011/2012 and Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Including Prudential Indicators for 2011/2012 to 2013/2014 and Revenue Budget 2011/2012	Councillor Allan	Governor of Sandhill View Secondary School, Hastings Hill and Thorney Close Primary Schools Trade Union Member LGPS Member
	Councillor Anderson	South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Joint Executive Committee (Substitute)

	Governor of Hetton Primary School Hetton Town Council Member GMB and LGPS Member
Councillor Bell	Member – Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums Joint Committee Member – North Trust Inshore Fisheries Conservation Director of Beamish Museum Limited and Joint Committee
Councillor Blackburn	Governor of Hetton Lyons Nursery and Easington Lane Primary Schools Member - South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership Member - Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority/Nexus Member - Hetton Town Council Member - GMB
Councillor Charlton	Governor – Hylton Red House Academy Sunniside Partnership GMB and LGPS Member
Councillor Cuthbert	Council Tax payer
Councillor Fletcher	Director of Sunderland Empire Theatre Trust
Councillor Foster	Marine Walk and Seafront Public Realm Member – Castle View Academy Northumbria Police Authority Joint Committee for the North of England Open Air Museum Sunderland and North Durham Society for the Blind Governor – Castletown Primary SAFC Football Foundation UNITE Trade Union
Councillor P. Gibson	Farrington Community Sports College

Councillor Gofton	Governor – Academy 360 Director of Sunderland Empire Theatre Trust LGPS Member
Councillor A. Hall	LGPS Member Employed Anchor Trust Board Member Gentoo Living Member of Houghton Feast Steering Committee Governor – New Penshaw Primary School Member – Friends of Herrington Country Park
Councillor Heron	Hetton Town Council Member
Councillor Kay	Provided assistance/support to 5 Lamps
Councillor Kelly	GMB Member
Councillor McClennan	Provided assistance/support to 5 Lamps
Councillor Rolph	REPAC Member UNISON Member Blue Badge Holder Chair of Sunderland Domestic Violence Partnership Tyne and Wear Museums Joint Committee Governor – Newbottle Primary School and Houghton Kepier Sports College
Councillor P. Smith	Derwent Hill Advisory Group Member LGPS and GMB Member Member – North East Council's LTD Pension Fund Chair of Corporate Parenting Board
Councillor Speding	GMB Member Governor of Barnwell and Shiney Row Primary School Member of Football Association Ltd

Councillor Tate	GMB and LGPS Member Member – Hetton Town Council Member – ITA Scrutiny Committee Director – Newcastle International Airport Local Authority Holding Company Member – NEPO Wife is an employee of Easington Lane School Chair – Hetton Care Home Director of Sunderland Empire Theatre Trust Member of ELCAP
Councillor H. Trueman	South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Joint Executive Committee Governor – Columbia Grange LGPS Member
Councillor Walker	Director of Sunderland Empire Theatre Trust
Councillor P. Watson	GMB Member Sunniside Partnership
Councillor L. Williams	Governor of Lambton and Wessington Primary Schools, Oxclose Community School and Usworth VI Joint Committee
Councillor D. Wilson	Governor – Castle View School Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums Joint Committee Director of Sunderland Empire Theatre Trust
Councillor P. Wood	Relative involved in UNISON Single Status claim

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Copeland, P. Dixon, Ellis, Errington, Fairs, Francis, L. Martin, O'Connor, I. Richardson, Scaplehorn, J.B. Scott, J. Scott, Tye, Vardy, Wake, J. Walton, L. Walton and T. Wright.

The Cabinet reported as follows:-

That they had referred the initial proposals on these matters to the Management Scrutiny Committee which supported the recommendations set out in the report to Cabinet dated 17th January 2011.

That they had also subsequently, on 16th February 2011, submitted the attached report numbered 2 to the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee on 11th February 2011 and also the reports numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4 to the Management Scrutiny Committee on 17th February 2011.

The Management Scrutiny Committee had commented that it appreciated and acknowledged the hard work that the Cabinet and Officers had undertaken in formulating the budget and how the Portfolio Holders had worked together to mitigate the impact of the constraints that the Council had been placed under.

Subsequently the precept figures of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority had been confirmed as those set out in the report to Cabinet on 16th February 2011. However the Northumbria Police Authority had notified the Council of their precept figures for 2011/2012 however the Band B figure of £65.09 as originally reported had been amended to £65.08. All other banding figures were as reported to Cabinet on 16th February 2011 and this minor amendment was now included at Item 4.

The Cabinet's recommendations were as follows:-

1. Draft Council Tax Leaflet 2011/2012

That they had given consideration to the report relating to the Draft Council Tax Leaflet 2011/2012 document and had recommend that the final version be circulated with Council Tax Bills. The latest outlined version of the Council Tax Leaflet 2011/2012 had been tabled at the meeting.

2. Capital Programme 2011/2012 and Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Including Prudential Indicators for 2011/2012 to 2013/2014

That they had given consideration to the report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services and had recommended that approval be given to:-

- (i) the proposed Capital Programme for 2011/2012;
- (ii) the Annual Treasury Management Policy and Strategy (including specifically the Annual Borrowing and Investment Strategies);
- (iii) the Prudential Indicators for 2011/2012 to 2013/2014; and
- (iv) the Annual Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2011/2012.

The Audit and Governance Committee had been consulted specifically on the Treasury Management Strategy and Policy for 2011/2012 and had noted the careful and prudent approach adopted by the Council.

The Committee had received clarification on the potential use of external fund managers and had endorsed the criteria which would be applied should they be appointed in the future.

The Committee had been satisfied that the arrangements for Treasury Management were in an excellent position for the next and future years, and had resolved that the Council be advised accordingly.

3. Revenue Budget 2010/2011

That they had given consideration to the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Financial Resources on:

- the overall revenue budget position for 2011/2012;
- the projected balances position as at 31st March, 2011 and 31st March, 2012 and advise on their level;
- a risk analysis of the Revenue Budget 2011/2012;
- a summary of the emerging medium term financial position facing the Council from 2012/2013 to 2014/2015;
- views received from the North East Chamber of Commerce and Trade Unions.

They had therefore recommended that:-

- (i) the Revenue Budget for 2011/2012 be approved; and
- (ii) that the notes of the meetings with the North East Chamber of Commerce and the Trades Unions be noted.

4. Determination of Council Tax 2010/2011

That they had given consideration to a report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services making, subject to the approval of the Revenue Budget 2011/2012, recommendations with respect to Council Tax levels for 2011/2012, and advising that the Council Tax had been calculated using the tax bases for the areas of the City Council and Hetton Town Council as approved by Council on 26th January, 2011, and setting out a number of resolutions required to be made to determine the Council Tax, including the confirmed precepts from the Major Precepting Authorities and the Parish of Hetton Town Council.

They had recommended that:

- (i) it be noted that, at its meeting on 26th January, 2011, the Council approved the following amounts for the year 2011/2012 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33 (5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
- (a) £80,167 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its Council Tax Base for the year;
- (b) £4,017 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amount of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in the area of the Parish of Hetton Town Council.
- (ii) the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2011/2012 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:
- (a) £744,664,552 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (2) (a) to (e) of the Act.
- (b) £490,935,200 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (3) (a) to (c) of the Act.
- (c) £253,729,352 being the amount by which the aggregate at (ii)(a) above, exceeds the aggregate at (ii)(b) above calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32 (4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
- (d) £158,601,834 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed Non-Domestic Rates, Revenue Support Grant, and the amount of the sum which the Council has estimated will be transferred from its Collection Fund to its General Fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax Surplus).
- (e) £1,186.6169 being the amount at (ii)(c) above, less the amount at (ii)(d) above, all divided by the amount at (i)(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33 (1)

of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

- (f) £52,663 being the precept notified by Hetton Town Council as a special item under Section 34 (1) of the Act.
- (g) £1,185.9600 being the amount at (ii)(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (ii)(f) above by the amount at (i)(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34 (2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.
- (h) £1,199.0700 being the amount given by adding to the amount at (ii)(g) above, the amount (ii)(f) divided by the amount at (i)(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34 (3) of the Act as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in the area of the Parish of Hetton Town Council.

Parts of the Council's Area

(i) Valuation Bands	Hetton Town Council	All other parts of the Council's area
A	£ 799.38	£ 790.64
B	£ 932.61	£ 922.41
C	£1,065.84	£1,054.19
D	£1,199.07	£1,185.96
E	£1,465.53	£1,449.51
F	£1,731.99	£1,713.05
G	£1,998.45	£1,976.60
H	£2,398.14	£2,371.92

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (ii)(g) and (ii)(h) above, by the number which, in 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 that 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 amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- (iii) it be noted that for the year 2011/2012, the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority and the Northumbria Police Authority have confirmed the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings as follows:

Valuation Bands	Precepting Authority	
	Northumbria Police Authority	Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Authority
A	£55.79	£48.77
B	£65.08	£56.90
C	£74.38	£65.03
D	£83.68	£73.16
E	£102.28	£89.42
F	£120.87	£105.68
G	£139.47	£121.93
H	£167.36	£146.32

- (iv) having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts of (ii)(i) and (iii) above, and having received confirmation of the precepts in paragraph (iii), the Council, in accordance with Section 30 (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2010/2011 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands	Parts of the Council's Area	
	Hetton Town Council	All other parts of the Council's Area
A	£903.94	£895.20
B	£1,054.59	£1,044.39
C	£1,205.25	£1,193.60
D	£1,355.91	£1,342.80
E	£1,657.23	£1,641.21
F	£1,958.54	£1,939.60
G	£2,259.85	£2,238.00
H	£2,711.82	£2,685.60

It was then moved by Councillor P. Watson and seconded by Councillor Anderson that the report of the Cabinet be approved and adopted. Councillor Allan moved that the time limit for the Leader's speech to the motion be extended and upon being put to the meeting the procedural motion was agreed. For the purpose of the debate, the Mayor invited Councillor Morrissey to outline his Group's proposed Amendment on the Revenue Budget 2011/2012 and Capital Programme 2010/2011 – 2014/2015 following which he advised that a vote would be taken on the Amendment.

The Amendment was moved by Councillor Morrissey and seconded by Councillor Howe.

Amendment

Revenue Budget 2011/2012 and Capital Programme 2010/2011 – 2014/2015

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Delete £833k spend on Market Square (page 69 line DR91812) and transfer to Highway Maintenance in Attractive and Inclusive City (page 89 line DR90200) to make a total of £1.833m for Highway Maintenance.

A general discussion then ensued and upon being put to the vote, the Amendment was defeated with 8 Members voting in favour therefore, viz:-

Councillors	Cuthbert M. Dixon	M. Forbes Howe	Maddison Morrissey	Wood A. Wright
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And 43 Members voting against:-

The Mayor (Councillor T. Martin)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor N. Wright)

Councillors	Allan Anderson Ball Bell Blackburn Bonallie Charlton Emerson Essl Fletcher Foster	E. Gibson P. Gibson Gofton A. Hall Heron Kay Kelly MacKnight McClennan Miller	Mordey Old D. Richardson Rolph Shattock D. Smith P. Smith Snowdon Speding Tate	Timmins D. Trueman H. Trueman Wakefield Walker P. Watson S. Watson Williams A. Wilson D. Wilson
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The Amendment having been defeated, the substantive motion to approve and adopt the report of the Cabinet was then put to the vote and the motion was carried with 50 Members voting in favour thereof, viz:-

The Mayor (Councillor T. Martin)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor N. Wright)

Councillors	Allan	M. Forbes	Miller	Tate
	Anderson	Foster	Mordey	Timmins
	Ball	E. Gibson	Morrissey	D. Trueman
	Bell	P. Gibson	Old	H. Trueman
	Blackburn	Gofton	Padgett	Wakefield
	Bonallie	Heron	D. Richardson	Walker
	Charlton	Howe	Rolph	P. Watson
	Cuthbert	Kay	Shattock	S. Watson
	M. Dixon	Kelly	D. Smith	Williams
	Emerson	MacKnight	P. Smith	A. Wilson
	Essl	Maddison	Snowdon	D. Wilson
	Fletcher	McClennan	Speding	P. Wood

And no Members abstaining or voting against, and it was:-

RESOLVED that the report of the Cabinet be approved and adopted.

(Signed) T. MARTIN,
Mayor.