

Sunderland City Council

At a meeting of SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL held in the CIVIC CENTRE on WEDNESDAY, 5th MARCH, 2008 at 2.00pm

Present: The Mayor (Councillor L Scott) in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor M Smith)

Councillors	Allan	D. Forbes	Oliver	Trueman
	Anderson	M. Forbes	Richardson	Wakefield
	Arnott	Foster	Rolph	P. Walker
	Bainbridge	E. Gibson	J.B. Scott	J. W. Walton
	Ball	P. Gibson	J. Scott	L. Walton
	Bell	G. Hall	Shattock	Wares
	Blackburn	Heron	Sidaway	P. Watson
	Blyth	Howe	Sleightholme	S. Watson
	Bohill	Lawson	P. Smith	Whalen
	Carthy	Leadbitter	Speding	Williams
	Charlton	Peter Maddison	J. Stephenson	A. Wilson
	A. Cuthbert	L. Martin	W. F. Stephenson	D. Wilson
	I. Cuthbert	Miller	Symonds	Wood
	M. Dixon	Morrissey	Tate	N. Wright
	Errington	O'Connor	Timmins	T. H Wright
	Fletcher	Old		

The Notice convening the meeting was read.

Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Council and the reconvened meeting held on 27th February, 2008 (copies circulated) be confirmed as correct records.

Declarations of Interest

The Mayor reminded Members of the change made under the new Code of Conduct whereby a prejudicial interest does not arise where it relates to the functions of the Authority in setting the Council Tax or a precept. He advised Members of the public present that the Member's declaration of interest could be inspected on the display boards in the Chamber.

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

Capital Programme 2008/2009 Including Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy

Councillor Allan	Governor – Sandhill View School	Councillor Lawson	Governor – Burnside Primary School
Councillor Allan	Governor - Thorney Close Primary School	Councillor Rolph	Council Appointed Substitute on Tyne and Wear Museums Joint Committee
Councillor Allan	User of Disabled Facilities Grant	Councillor Rolph	Council Appointed Director – Newcastle International Airport
Councillor Bainbridge	Chairman – Ryhope Children’s Centre	Councillors Rolph, Speding	Member Tyne and Wear Archives Joint Committee
Councillor Ball	Director – Raich Carter Sports Centre	Councillor Rolph	Governor – Newbottle Primary School
Councillor Ball	Governor – Ryhope Junior School	Councillors J. Scott, Speding, S. Watson, P. Gibson, L. Williams, P. Walker, Tate	Member – Sunderland Empire Theatre Trust
Councillor Bell	Governor – Castle View School	Councillor L. Scott	Non Executive Director Sunderland TPCT
Councillors Bell, Speding	Member – Tyne and Wear Museums Joint Committee	Councillor Shattock	Family Member attends Farrington Primary
Councillor Bell	Remote Access Home Working – Council Supplied Laptop	Councillor P. Smith	Governor – Plains Farm Primary School
Councillor Blackburn	Delegate – National Association of Councillors	Councillor Speding	Tourism Tyne and Wear Partnership
Councillor Blackburn	Member – Hetton Town Council	Councillor Speding	Sport England
Councillor Blackburn	Delegate – Great North Forest (Agency and Contracted Services)	Councillor Speding	Governor Barnwell Primary School
Councillors Blackburn, Tate	Governor – Hetton Lyons Primary School	Councillor Speding	Member – Raich Carter Management Board
Councillor Blackburn	Governor – Hetton Lyons Nursery School	Councillor Speding	Member – Northern Arts Company

Councillor Carthy	Member – Joint Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority	Councillor Speding	Museums Libraries and Archives
Councillors Carthy, Errington, Speding Councillor Carthy	Member – Beamish Museum Board Member – Wearside Credit Union	Councillor J. Stephenson Councillor W. Stephenson	Husband on Gentoo Board Member – Gentoo Board
Councillor Carthy	Chair – Community Development Plan group	Councillor Symonds	Sunderland Arc
Councillor Carthy	Member – Library Service	Councillor Symonds	Sunniside Partnership
Councillor Carthy	Member – Culture and Leisure Review Committee	Councillor Tate	Governor – Hetton School
Councillor Charlton, L. Martin, Rolph, W. Stephenson, Timmins, Walker, N. Wright, J. Stephenson	Member - Local Government Pension Scheme	Councillor Timmins	Director of No Limits Theatre
Councillor Charlton	City Hospitals	Councillor Timmins	Governor – City Hospital Trust
Councillor Charlton	ANEC	Councillor Timmins	City of Sunderland College
Councillor Charlton	LGA	Councillor Timmins	University of Sunderland
Councillor Charlton Councillor Charlton	T.W. Partnership Sunniside Partnership	Councillor Timmins Councillor Timmins	Children’s Trust Member -Adult Social Care Partnership Board
Councillor Errington	Related to Employee – School Meals Service	Councillor P. Walker	Gentoo Employee
Councillor Errington	Member – Northern Arts Grant	Councillor P. Walker	Trustee – Washington Millennium Centre
Councillor Errington	Related to Employee – TPCT	Councillor P. Walker	Governor – Albany School
Councillor Errington	Related to Employee – Mental Health Trust	Councillor J.W. Walton	Representative of Fulwell Community Association
Councillor Fletcher	Governor - Usworth Colliery Primary	Councillor P. Watson	Co-Sponsor – Pennywell Academy

Councillor Fletcher	Trustee – Millennium Centre	Councillor S. Watson	Governor – South Hylton Primary School
Councillor Fletcher	Member – Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Authority	Councillor S. Watson, Wood	Member – Tyne and Wear PTA
Councillor E. Gibson	Council Appointed Member - ANEC	Councillor S. Watson	Pennywell Children's Centre
Councillor E. Gibson, P. Gibson	Related to Employee – Primary Care Trust	Councillor S. Watson	Pennywell Early Years Centre
Councillor E. Gibson	Husband Chair of T&W Fire and Rescue Authority	Councillor S. Watson	Lease of Land
Councillor P. Gibson	Chair of Trust – Empire Fly Tower, Chair of T&W Fire & Rescue Authority	Councillor L. Williams	Governor – Oxclose School
		Councillor L. Williams	Member – Oxclose Children's Centre Steering Group
		Councillor A. Wilson	Governor – Highfield School
		Councillor A. Wilson	Member - Pallion Action Group
		Councillor N. Wright	Governor – Grange Park Primary School

Revenue Budget 2008/2009

Councillor Allan	Member – TWAFAC Committee	Councillor P. Smith	Member – Children's Trust
Councillor Allan	Director – TCAEC	Councillor P. Smith	Member – Early Years and Childcare Strategic Partnership
Councillors Allan, Lawson, Symonds, P. Watson	Member – LGA	Councillor P. Smith	Member – connexions Local Management Committee
Councillor Allan	Chair – NEREO	Councillor P. Smith	Co-Sponsor of Pennywell, Castle View and Red House Academies
Councillor Allan, Trueman, Symonds, Watson	Member – ANEC	Councillor P. Smith	Derwent Hill Advisory Group

Councillor Allan	Alternate to T&W Partnership	Councillor P. Smith	Member –BSF Academies Working Group
Councillor Allan	Governor – Sandhill View School	Councillor P. Smith	School Place Planning – Primary Capital Strategy
Councillor Allan	Member – Trade Unions involved in Negotiations	Councillor P. Smith	Governor – St. Leonard's R.C. School
Councillor Anderson, Tate	Member – Hetton Town Council	Councillor P. Smith	Governor – Plains Farm Primary School
Councillor Anderson, Lawson	Member – National Association of Councillors	Councillors Symonds, P. Watson	Member – Sunderland Partnership
Councillors Allan, Anderson, Bainbridge, Charlton, A. Cuthbert, I. Cuthbert, Foster, P. Smith, Tate, Trueman, Walker	Member – Local Government Pension Scheme	Councillor Symonds	Director – Newcastle International Airport
Councillor Bainbridge	Chairman – Ryhope Children's Centre	Councillors Symonds, P. Watson	Director – Tyne and Wear Development Company
Councillor Bainbridge	Governor – Ryhope Infant School	Councillor Symonds	Member – Sunnyside Partnership
Councillor Bainbridge	Governor – St. Aidans	Councillors Symonds, P. Watson	Member – Safer Sunderland partnership
Councillors Bainbridge, P. Gibson, J. Scott, Tate, S. Watson, L. Williams	Member – Empire Theatre Trust	Councillor Symonds	Member – North East Regional Employers Association
Councillor Bainbridge	Chairman – Blue Watch Youth Centre management Committee	Councillor Symonds	One North East
Councillor Ball	Director – Raich Carter Sports Centre	Councillors Symonds, P. Watson	NEA
Councillor Ball	Governor – Ryhope Junior School	Councillor Tate	Alternate Director – Newcastle Airport

Councillor Bell	Council Appointed Representative - North Eastern Sea Fisheries	Councillor Tate	Chair – Hetton Home Care Services
Councillor Bell	Member – North Eastern Co-Op and Co-operative Party	Councillor Tate	Wife Employee of Easington Lane School
Councillors Bell, Foster	Governor – Castle View School	Councillor P. Walker	Employee - Gentoo
Councillor Bell	Governor – Castle View, Castle Green, Redhouse Nursery	Councillor P. Walker	Trustee – Empire Theatre
Councillor Bell	National Parking Adjudication Joint Committee	Councillor P. Walker	Trustee – Washington Millennium Centre
Councillor Bell	Member – Tyne and Wear Joint Museums Committee	Councillor P. Walker	Son Employed By Parks and Ground Maintenance
Councillor Bell	Member – Beamish Museum Limited	Councillor P. Walker	Trustee – Northumbria Centre
Councillor Bohill	Secretary – Allotments	Councillors P. Watson, S. Watson	Recipient of Trade Refuse Collection Service
Councillor Bohill	Management Committee – Fulwell Community Association	Councillor S. Watson	Governor – South Hylton Primary
Councillor Charlton	City Hospital	Councillor S. Watson	Representative – Pennywell Community Association
Councillor Charlton	Governor – Hylton Red House Academy	Councillor S. Watson	Member – Pennywell Early Years Centre
Councillor A. Cuthbert	Employee – Northumbria Police	Councillor S. Watson	Leaseholder of Land
Councillor I. Cuthbert	Wife Employee of Northumbria Police	Councillor Wares	Governor – Venerable Bede School
Councillor M. Forbes	Member – TWFRS	Councillor Wares	Governor – St Patrick's Primary School

Councillor T. Foster	Member - Northumbria Police Authority	Councillor Wares	Chairman – Ryhope Community Centre
Councillor T. Foster	Member – Joint Committee for the North of England Open Air Museum (Beamish)	Councillor Wares	Chairman – Ryhope Development Trust
Councillor T. Foster	Governor – Castletown Primary School	Councillor L. Williams	Member – Early Years and Childcare Strategic Partnership
Councillor T. Foster	Castletown Community Association	Councillor L. Williams	Oxclose District Young persons Project
Councillor T. Foster	Member - Sunderland and North Durham Royal Society for the Blind Management Committee	Councillor L. Williams	Governor – Oxclose School
Councillor P. Gibson	Related to Employee - Primary Care Trust	Councillor L. Williams	Manager Oxclose Children’s Centre
Councillor Lawson, S. Watson Councillor Lawson	Member – Tyne and Wear PTA Member – Northumbria Regional Flood Defence Committee		
Councillor Lawson Councillor Lawson	Member – NAC Wearside First Credit Union		
Councillor Richardson	Council Appointed Board Member – Bowes Railway		
Councillor M. Smith	Related to Employee – TPCT		
Councillor M. Smith	Substitute Member – Tyne and Wear Archive Service		

Mayor’s Announcements

The Mayor welcomed Councillor W. Stephenson on his return to Council duties following his recent illness.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors P. Dixon, Gofton, A. Hall, Higgins, Paul Maddison, T. Martin, Tye, J. Walker and Young.

THE CABINET reported as follows:-

That they had referred the initial proposals on these matters to the Policy and Co-ordination Review Committee which had supported the recommendations set out in the report to Cabinet dated 16th January, 2008.

That they had also subsequently submitted the reports numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4 (copies circulated) to the meeting of the Policy and Co-ordination Review Committee on 21st February, 2008. The Review Committee had accepted the budget and service reports and had congratulated the City Treasurer, the other Council Directors and the Cabinet Portfolio Holders on the work undertaken on the budget preparation in managing to keep the increase in Council Tax levels in Sunderland to a rise of only 3.39%.

Subsequently the precept figures of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority and Northumbria Police Authority had been confirmed as those set out in the report at item 4.

The Cabinet's recommendations were as follows:-

1. Corporate Improvement Plan 2008/2009: Service and Financial Plans 2008/2009

That they had given consideration to a joint report of the Chief Executive and the City Treasurer (copy circulated) on the Corporate Improvement Plan for 2007/2008 which had been separately bound and which combined the service and financial plans of the Council and recommended that the Corporate Improvement Plan for 2007/2008 be approved.

[**NOTE:** To ensure complete accuracy, it had been necessary to make minor changes to the Corporate Improvement Plan to reflect those decisions taken by Cabinet at its meeting on 13th February, 2008. The reprinted pages which were distributed with the Council Agenda reflected the inclusion of a Financial Overview section drawn from the Revenue Budget Report 2008/2009 presented to Cabinet on 13th February 2007 and reclassification adjustments to comply with the Best Value Accounting Code of Practice.]

2. Corporate Improvement Plan 2008/2009: Summary of Performance and Financial Information (Council Tax Leaflet) 2008/2009

That they had given consideration to the report on the Summary of Financial Information (Council Tax Leaflet) 2008/2009 document and recommended that the final version be circulated with Council Tax Bills.

3. Capital Programme 2008/2009 Including Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy

That they had given consideration to a joint report of the Chief Executive and the City Treasurer (copy circulated) and recommended that approval be given to:-

- (i) the proposed Capital Programme for 2008/2009 as detailed in the Corporate Improvement Plan 2008/2009;
- (ii) the Prudential Indicators;
- (iii) the Annual Minimum Revenue Provision Statement; and
- (iv) the Annual Treasury Management Strategy which includes the Annual Borrowing and Investment Strategies.

4. Revenue Budget 2008/2009

That they had given consideration to a joint report of the Chief Executive and the City Treasurer (copy circulated) and to the proposed Revenue Budget for 2008/2009 and recommended that:-

- (i) approval be given to the Revenue Budget for 2008/2009; and
- (ii) the notes of the meeting with the North East Chamber of Commerce (copy circulated) be noted and that the response to consultation from the North East Chamber of Commerce (copy circulated) also be noted.

5. Determination of Council Tax 2007/2008

That they had given consideration to a report of the City Treasurer (copy circulated) making, subject to the approval of the Revenue Budget 2008/2009, recommendations with respect to Council Tax levels for 2008/2009 and advising that the Council Tax be calculated using the tax bases for the areas of the City Council and Hetton Town Council as approved by Council on 30th January, 2008 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 therefore recommended that:-

- (i) it be noted that at its meeting on 30th January, 2008 the Council had approved the following amounts for the year 2008/2009 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33 (5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

- (a) 80,036 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) 4,056 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 2008/2009 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:-
- (a) £711,238,516 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) £468,085,647 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) £243,152,869 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) £151,952,002 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, Additional Grant and Community Charge surplus, pursuant to the Collection Fund (Community Charges) Directions under Section 98 (4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 made on 7th February 1994, 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) £1,139.4981 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) £50,268 being the precept notified by Hetton Town Council and a special item under Section 34 (1) of the Act;
- (g) £1,138.8700 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) £1,151.2635 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;

(i) Parts of the Council's Area

Valuation Bands	Hetton Town Council	All other parts of the Council's area
A	£ 767.51	£ 759.25
B	£ 895.42	£ 885.79
C	£1,023.34	£1,012.33
D	£1,151.26	£1,138.87
E	£1,407.10	£1,391.95
F	£1,662.93	£1,645.03
G	£1,918.77	£1,898.12
H	£2,302.52	£2,277.74

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2(g) and 2(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 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 2008/2009, 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:

Precepting Authority

Valuation Bands	Northumbria Police Authority	Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Authority
A	£ 52.18	£ 47.74
B	£ 60.88	£ 55.70
C	£ 69.57	£ 63.65
D	£ 78.27	£ 71.61
E	£ 95.67	£ 87.52
F	£113.06	£103.44
G	£130.45	£119.35
H	£156.54	£143.22

- (iv) having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts of (ii) 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 2008/2009 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Parts of the Council's Area

Valuation Bands	Hetton Town Council	All other parts of the Council's Area
A	£ 867.43	£ 859.17
B	£1,012.00	£1,002.37
C	£1,156.56	£1,145.55
D	£1,301.14	£1,288.75
E	£1,590.29	£1,575.14
F	£1,879.43	£1,861.53
G	£2,168.57	£2,147.92
H	£2,602.28	£2,577.50

It was then moved by Councillor Symonds and seconded by Councillor P Watson that the report of the Cabinet be approved and adopted including the matters set out in the amended pages which had been issued. Councillor P. Watson moved that the time limit for the Leader's speech to the motion be extended and upon being put to the meeting the motion was approved. For the purpose of debate, the Mayor invited Councillor Martin to outline his Group's proposed "Global" Amendment, and the further specific proposal relating thereto, on the Revenue Budget prior to dealing with his various individual amendments, following which he proposed that a vote would be taken on the "Global" amendment. A general discussion then ensued on the report of the Cabinet following which the estimates of the various Services of the Council were put to the meeting.

Amendment to Capital Programme 2008/2009 – Planning and Transportation

It was moved by Councillor L. Martin and Seconded by Councillor I. Cuthbert that the Capital Programme 2008/2009 be amended as follows:-

Page 2, Section 3 (i)

Page 664, 'Projects Commencing 2008/2009', insert Maglev Ultra High Speed Link – Leeds to Washington Business Case, £250,000 to be financed from the Strategic Investment Reserve.

Upon being Put to the vote, the Amendment was defeated with 17 members voting in favour thereof, viz:-

Councillor	Blyth	M. Forbes	L. Martin	J.W. Walton
	Bohill	Hall	Morrissey	Wood
	A. Cuthbert	Howe	Oliver	
	I. Cuthbert	Leadbitter	Sidaway	
	M. Dixon	Peter Maddison	L. Walton	

1 Member Abstaining, viz:-

Councillor Wakefield

And 43 Members voting against, viz:-

Councillor	Allan	E. Gibson	Shattock	P. Walker
	Anderson	P. Gibson	Sleightholme	Wares
	Bainbridge	Heron	M. Smith	P. Watson
	Bell	Lawson	P. Smith	S. Watson
	Blackburn	Miller	Speding	Whalen
	Carthy	O'Connor	J. Stephenson	Williams
	Charlton	Old	W. Stephenson	A. Wilson
	Errington	Richardson	Symonds	D. Wilson
	Fletcher	Rolph	Tate	N. Wright
	D. Forbes	J. Scott	Timmins	T. Wright
	Foster	J.B. Scott	Trueman	

Amendment to Capital Programme 2008/2009 – Planning and Transportation

It was moved by Councillor Oliver and seconded by Councillor Dixon that the Capital Programme 2008/2009 be amended as follows:-

Page 2, Section 3 (i)

Page 664 'Projects Commencing 2008/2009', insert Doxford International – Additional Car Parking Provision, £100,000 to be financed from the Strategic Investment Reserve.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was defeated with 18 Members voting in favour thereof, viz:-

Councillor	Blyth	M. Forbes	L. Martin	L. Walton
	Bohill	Hall	Morrissey	J. Walton
	A. Cuthbert	Howe	Oliver	Wood
	I. Cuthbert	Leadbitter	Sidaway	
	M. Dixon	Peter Maddison	Wakefield	

And 43 Members voting against, viz:-

Councillor	Allan	D. Forbes	J. Scott	Tate
	Anderson	Foster	J.B. Scott	Timmins
	Bainbridge	E. Gibson	Sleightholme	Trueman
	Ball	P. Gibson	Shattock	P. Walker
	Bell	Lawson	M. Smith	Wares
	Blackburn	Miller	P. Smith	P. Watson
	Carthy	O'Connor	Speding	S. Watson
	Charlton	Old	J. Stephenson	Whalen
	Errington	Richardson	W. Stephenson	A. Wilson
	Fletcher	Rolph	Symonds	D. Wilson
	Williams	N. Wright	T. Wright	

Amendment to Capital Programme 2008/2009 – Planning and Transportation

It was moved by Councillor Wood and seconded by Councillor Oliver that the Capital Programme 2008/2009 be amended as follows:-

Page 2, Section 3 (i)

Page 664, 'Projects Commencing 2008/2009' insert Reconstitute Durham Road SuperRoute as a Car Sharing Lane, £100,000 from the Strategic Investment Reserve.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was defeated with 18 Members voting in favour thereof, viz:-

Councillor	Blyth	M. Forbes	L. Martin	L. Walton
	Bohill	Hall	Morrissey	J. Walton
	A. Cuthbert	Howe	Oliver	Wood
	I. Cuthbert	Leadbitter	Sidaway	
	M. Dixon	Peter Maddison	Wakefield	

And 44 Members voting against, viz:-

Councillor	Allan	Foster	J.B. Scott	Trueman
	Anderson	E. Gibson	Sleightholme	P. Walker
	Bainbridge	P. Gibson	Shattock	Wares
	Ball	Heron	M. Smith	P. Watson
	Bell	Lawson	P. Smith	S. Watson
	Blackburn	Miller	Speding	Whalen
	Carthy	O'Connor	J. Stephenson	Williams
	Charlton	Old	W. Stephenson	A. Wilson
	Errington	Richardson	Symonds	D. Wilson
	Fletcher	Rolph	Tate	N. Wright
	D. Forbes	J. Scott	Timmins	T. Wright

Amendment to Capital Programme 2008/2009 – Planning and Transportation

It was moved by Councillor Wood and Seconded by Councillor L. Martin that the Capital Programme be amended as follows:-

Page 2, Section 3 (i)

Page 664, 'Projects Commencing 2008/2009', insert Citywide Roll-out of Residents' Parking Zones, £100,000 to be financed from the Strategic Investment Reserve.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was defeated with 18 Members voting in favour thereof, viz:-

Councillor	Blyth	M. Forbes	L. Martin	L. Walton
	Bohill	Hall	Morrissey	J. Walton
	A. Cuthbert	Howe	Oliver	Wood
	I. Cuthbert	Leadbitter	Sidaway	
	M. Dixon	Peter Maddison	Wakefield	

And 43 members voting against, viz:-

Councillor	Allan	Foster	J.B. Scott	P. Walker
	Anderson	E. Gibson	Sleightholme	Wares
	Bainbridge	P. Gibson	Shattock	P. Watson
	Ball	Heron	M. Smith	S. Watson
	Bell	Lawson	P. Smith	Whalen
	Blackburn	Miller	Speding	Williams
	Carthy	O'Connor	J. Stephenson	A. Wilson
	Charlton	Old	Symonds	D. Wilson
	Errington	Richardson	Tate	N. Wright
	Fletcher	Rolph	Timmins	T. Wright
	D. Forbes	J. Scott	Trueman	

Amendment to Capital Programme 2008/2009 – Culture and Leisure

It was moved by Councillor L. Martin and seconded by Councillor G. Hall that the Capital Programme be amended as follows:-

Page 2, section 3 (i)

Page 679, 'Projects Commencing 2008/2009' delete Cultural Interpretation Centre.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was defeated with 16 Members voting in favour thereof, viz:-

Councillor	Arnott	M. Dixon	L. Martin	Wakefield
	Bohill	M. Forbes	Morrissey	L. Walton
	A. Cuthbert	Hall	Oliver	J. Walton
	I. Cuthbert	Howe	Sidaway	Wood

And 38 Members voting against, viz:-

Councillor	Allan	E. Gibson	Shattock	Whalen
	Anderson	P. Gibson	M. Smith	Williams
	Bainbridge	Heron	P. Smith	A. Wilson
	Ball	Lawson	Speding	N. Wright
	Bell	Miller	Symonds	T. Wright
	Blackburn	O'Connor	Tate	
	Carthy	Old	Timmins	
	Charlton	Richardson	Trueman	
	Errington	Rolph	Wares	
	D. Forbes	J. Scott	P. Watson	
	Foster	J.B. Scott	S. Watson	

In respect of those budget heads where there were no amendments comments were made by the relevant Portfolio Holder. The Mayor then returned to the Global amendment.

Global Amendment to Cabinet Report

Page 5, section 4 (iv)

It had been moved as an Amendment by Councillor L. Martin and seconded by Councillor Howe that the Valuation Band D figure for "Hetton Town Council" and "All other parts of the Council's Area" be amended to £1,258.68 and £1,246.52 respectively with all necessary and consequential amendments being made to the remainder of the resolution. The following further specific proposals were considered as part of the Global Amendment:

Revenue Budget 2008/2009 – Overall (All Council) Amendments

Page	Savings	
68i	Revenue Contributions to Capital	£1,462,670
68i	Additional 1.06% Efficiency Savings	£1,719,250
70	General Contingency (includes. Annual Report)	£300,000
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		£3,481,920
	 Less Additional Spend	
68i	Reduction in interest on balances	£102,000
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		£102,000
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	Budget Head Reduction to Local Tax Requirement	£3,379,920

Increase overall target for Corporate Efficiency Reviews (page 70) by £300,000 to £800,000 to maintain overall level of contingencies for 2008/2009 at £14,416,000.

Revenue Budget 2008/2009 – Amendments to Leader and Deputy Leader

Page	Savings	
115	Corporate Communications, Supplies and Services Budget	£97,476
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		£97,476
	 Less Additional Spend	
		0
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		0
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	Budget Head Reduction to Local Tax Requirement	£97,476

Revenue Budget 2008/2009 – Amendments to Resources

Page	Savings	
187	State of the City Debate	£11,000
		<u>£11,000</u>
	Less Additional Spend	
		0
		<u>0</u>
	Budget Head Reduction to Local Tax Requirement	<u>£11,000</u>

Revenue Budget 2008/2009 – Amendments to Culture and Leisure

Page	Savings	
		0
		<u>0</u>
	Less Additional Spend	
605	Parks, Open Spaces, and Grounds Maintenance	£108,476
		<u>£108,476</u>
	Budget Head Reduction to Local Tax Requirement	<u>-£108,476</u>

Upon being put to the vote, the Amendment was defeated with 15 Members voting in favour thereof, viz:-

Councillor	Arnott	M. Dixon	L. Martin	Wakefield
	Bohill	M. Forbes	Morrissey	L. Walton
	A. Cuthbert	Hall	Oliver	Wood
	I. Cuthbert	Howe	Sidaway	

And 39 Members voting against, viz:-

Councillor	Allan	Foster	J. Scott	Trueman
	Anderson	E. Gibson	J.B. Scott	Wares
	Bainbridge	P. Gibson	Sleightholme	P. Watson
	Ball	Heron	Shattock	S. Watson
	Bell	Lawson	M. Smith	Whalen
	Blackburn	Miller	P. Smith	Williams
	Carthy	O'Connor	Speding	A. Wilson
	Charlton	Old	Symonds	N. Wright
	Errington	Richardson	Tate	T. Wright
	D. Forbes	Rolph	Timmins	

The Mayor advised that a proposed amendment ‘that any shortfall in the Capital Programme 2008/2009 to 2011/2012 resultant from amendments to the Revenue Budget 2008/2009 to be funded from the Strategic Investment Reserve’, would only have been considered if the Global amendment was carried. The global amendment having been defeated it was confirmed by the Leader of the Majority Party in Opposition that the amendment would automatically fall and it was therefore withdrawn.

The substantive motion to approve and adopt the report of the Cabinet was then put to the meeting and upon being put to the vote was carried with 40 members voting in favour thereof, viz:-

Councillor	Allan	Foster	J. Scott	Timmins
	Anderson	E. Gibson	J.B. Scott	Trueman
	Bainbridge	P. Gibson	Sidaway	Wares
	Ball	Heron	Sleightholme	P. Watson
	Bell	Lawson	Shattock	S. Watson
	Blackburn	Miller	M. Smith	Whalen
	Carthy	O’Connor	P. Smith	Williams
	Charlton	Old	Speding	A. Wilson
	Errington	Richardson	Symonds	N. Wright
	D. Forbes	Rolph	Tate	T. Wright

And 14 members voting against, viz:

Councillor	Arnott	M. Dixon	L. Martin	Wakefield
	Bohill	M. Forbes	Morrissey	L. Walton
	A. Cuthbert	Hall	Oliver	Wood
	I. Cuthbert	Howe		

RESOLVED that the report of the Cabinet be approved and adopted (including the matters set out in the amended pages which had been issued).

(Signed) L. SCOTT,
Mayor.