

**RECORD OF OUTCOMES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR CHRIS ASH

1(a). Cabinet Recommendation – Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019/20 to 2021/22 – Tranche Three

A recorded vote was taken on the amendment to the recommendation (19 voted in favour, 33 voted against, 2 abstained from voting, 1 did not vote).

Councillor For: Ali, Barkham, Bond, Dowson, Ellis, Hemraj, Hogg, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lillis, Martin, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Saltmarsh, Sandford, Shaheed

Councillors Against: Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Elsey, Farooq, Fitzgerald, Judy Fox, John Fox, Fuller, Goodwin, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Azher Iqbal, Lamb, Lane, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Serluca, Simons, Smith, Stokes, Walsh, Warren, Whitby

Councillors Abstaining: Ash, Howell

Councillors Not Voting: Aitken

The amendment to the recommendation was **DEFEATED**.

A recorded vote was taken on the recommendation (32 voted in favour, 20 voted against, 2 abstained from voting).

Councillor For: Aitken, Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Elsey, Farooq, Fitzgerald, Judy Fox, John Fox, Fuller, Goodwin, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Azher Iqbal, Lamb, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Serluca, Simons, Smith, Stokes, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Against: Ali, Barkham, Bond, Ellis, Hemraj, Hogg, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lillis, Martin, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Saltmarsh, Sandford, Shaheed, Whitby

Councillors Abstaining: Ash, Lane

Councillors Not Voting: Nil

It was **AGREED** that the Council approved:

1. The Tranche Three service proposals, outlined in Appendix H to the report, this included a 2.99 per cent council tax increase.
2. The Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019/20-2021/22-Tranche Three, as set out in the body of the report and the following appendices:
 - Appendix A – 2019/20-2021/22 MTFS Detailed Budget Position-Tranche Three
 - Appendix B – Budget Proposals- Tranche One, Two and Three.
 - Appendix C – Council Tax Information
 - Appendix D – Grant Register
 - Appendix E – Fees and Charges
 - Appendix F – Performance Data

- Appendix G – Capital Programme Schemes 2019/20- 2023/24
 - Appendix H – Budget Consultation Document, including Tranche Three Budget Proposal detail
 - Appendix I – Savings RAG Rating
 - Appendix J – Equality Impact Assessments
 - Appendix K – Treasury Management Strategy
 - Appendix L – Capital Strategy
 - Appendix M – Asset Management Plan
 - Appendix N – Investment Acquisition Strategy
 - Appendix O – Budget Consultation Feedback
 - Appendix P – NNDR Retail relief discount 2019/20 and 2020/21
 - Appendix Q – NNDR Local Discretionary Relief Scheme for 2019-20 and 2020-21
3. The Local Discretionary Rate Relief scheme for 2019-20 and 2020-21 as set out in section 5.8 of the report and Appendix Q to the report. 4. To approve the Business rates retail discount scheme for 2019/20 and 2020/21 as set out in section 5.8 and Appendix P to the report.

2. Council Tax Resolution

A recorded vote was taken on the recommendation (unanimous).

Councillor For: Aitken, Ali, Allen, Ash, Ayres, Barkham, Bashir, Bisby, Bond, Brown, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Ellis, Elsey, Farooq, Fitzgerald, Judy Fox, John Fox, Fuller, Harper, Hemraj, Hiller, Hogg, Holdich, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Azher Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lamb, Lane, Lillis, Martin, Murphy, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Shaz Nawaz, Over, Rush, Saltmarsh, Sandford, Seaton, Serluca, Shaheed, Simons, Smith, Stokes, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Against: Nil

Councillors Abstaining: Nil

Councillors Not Voting: Nil

It was **AGREED** that the Council approved the Council Tax Resolution which proposed a rise in general Council Tax of 2.99%.

3(a). Cabinet Recommendation – Council Tax Support Scheme 2019/20

A recorded vote was taken on the recommendation (30 voted in favour, 19 voted against, 3 abstained from voting).

Councillor For: Aitken, Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Elsey, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Fuller, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Azher Iqbal, Lamb, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Serluca, Simson, Smith, Stokes, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Against: Ali, Barkham, Bond, Ellis, Hemraj, Hogg, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lillis, Martin, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Saltmarsh, Sandford, Shaheed

Councillors Abstaining: Ash, Judy Fox, Lane

Councillors Not Voting: Nil

Council **AGREED** a local Council Tax Support Scheme for Peterborough that contains the following local components:

- a) The existing 30% reduction that is applied at the end of the benefit calculation is replaced with a 30% liability reduction applied at the start of the calculation
- b) Increasing the 30% liability reduction by 1% a year for 3 years, starting in 2019/20.
- c) Reducing the capital limit to £6,000 for non-passported claims
- d) To amend appropriate rates in line with annual upratings.
- e) To allow the use of Universal Credit Data Share documents as claims for Council Tax Support

3(b). Constitution and Ethics Committee Recommendation – Template Submitting Motions to Full Council

A vote was taken on the recommendation (unanimous) and it was **AGREED**:

1. That officers would provide training for new members on the procedure for submitting motions.
2. To note that points on relevance and remit of motions were covered by the current constitution and needed to be reinforced.
3. To request that costs to the Council from motions be kept under review and a further report brought back in 12 months' time to the Constitution and Ethics Committee.
4. To encourage Members to seek help from officers when drafting motions if needed.

3(c). Constitution and Ethics Committee Recommendation – Member Officer Protocol Update

A vote was taken on the recommendation (unanimous) and it was **AGREED** the updated Member/Officer Protocol, subject to the deletion of wording under section 14 'Support Services Provided for Members' in relation to acknowledging survey responses

3(d). Cabinet Recommendation – Governance of Council Companies, Partnerships and Charities

A vote was taken on the recommendation (unanimous) and it was **AGREED** to:

- 1) Note the Leader of the Council's approval of the revised Executive Procedure Rules, Executive Delegations, and related structure chart as set out Appendix A and B to the report for the purposes of formal oversight of the Council's companies partnerships and charities which comprise of additions to the delegations to Cabinet and the setting up of a Shareholder Cabinet Committee, subject to the correction of numbering and inclusion of Vivacity in Appendix B.
- 2) Approve the revised Audit Committee Terms of Reference set out in Appendix A of the report.

4(1). Motion from Councillor Shaz Nawaz

A vote was taken on the motion from Shaz Nawaz (unanimous) and the motion as **CARRIED** as follows:

"This council notes:

- The closure of HMRC's office in Peterborough will result in a significant number of job losses.
- The people made redundant will suffer major personal and career losses including potential financial hardship.

This council believes:

- We should support the staff of HMRC in their campaign to stop the closure of a local office in the City.
- The closure of the Peterborough office will mean a loss of over 200 quality jobs, 63% of which are carried out by female workers.
- The loss of these quality jobs will have a significant adverse impact on the City's economy. That action needs to be taken to address the closure of HMRC's office.
- Unless the move is stopped, the closure will mean no HMRC office, or presence, in the whole of the East of England.

This council resolves:

- For the Leader of the Council to write a letter to the appropriate minister of state for HMRC and request that they halt this proposed closure. Unless stopped, the closure will mean no HMRC office, or presence, in the whole of the East of England.”

5. Pay Policy 2019/20

A vote was taken on the recommendation (unanimous) and Council **AGREED** the 2019/20 Pay Policy.