

**RECORD OF OUTCOMES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR SANDFORD

Present:

Councillors J Allen, S Allen, Asif, Barkham, Bi, Bisby, A Bond, S Bond, Casey, Cole, Coles, Dowson, Elsey, M Farooq, S Farooq, Fenner, Fitzgerald, Judy Fox, John Fox, Harper, Haseeb, Hemraj, Hiller, Hogg, Howard, Hussain, Iqbal, Jamil, A Jones, D Jones, Khan, Mahmood, Nawaz, Over, Perkins, Qayyum, Rangzeb, Ray, Rush, Sabir, Sainsbury, Sandford, Seagar, Shaheed, Sharp, Simons, Stevenson, Strangward, Thulbourn, Trust, Tyler, Warren and Wiggin.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

1. Executive and Committee Recommendations to Council - Cabinet Recommendation - Final Budget 2024-25 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2024-27

RESOLVED that:

1. The Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2024/27, outlined in **Appendix A**, which included the key financial assumptions, strategic direction, and estimated budget gaps in future years, be **approved**.
2. The Budget for 2024/25, outlined in **Appendix B**, which included:
 - a) Funding and Council Tax Summary, which included a proposed Council Tax increase of 4.99% in 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27;
 - b) Detailed Revenue budgets and proposal detail;
 - c) The Capital Budget (Programme); and
 - d) Section 25 Robustness Statement, be **approved**.
3. The feedback from the budget consultation, summarised in Section 4 of this report and outlined in **Appendix C**, along with the Council's response, which was outlined in **Appendix O**, be **approved**.
4. The Reserves commitments, outlined in Section 2 of the budget report and the draft Reserves Strategy and Policy, outlined in **Appendix D**, which set the future direction of travel and planned use of reserves, be **approved**.
5. The Treasury Management Strategy, outlined in **Appendix E**, which had the fundamental roles of managing external investments, ensured debt was prudent and economic, outlined the Prudential Indicators and ensured that

decisions complied with regulation, be **approved**.

6. The draft Capital and Investment Strategy, outlined in **Appendix F**, which managed its assets and investment resources to help achieve the strategic priorities of the Council, be **approved**.
7. The outline Asset Management Plan (AMP), as set out in **Appendix G**, which set out principles for managing the Council's assets in the most efficient and effective manner and the direction of travel for future years, while a more detailed and refreshed AMP was developed, be **approved**.
8. The newly introduced Sales, Fees and Charges Policy, as outlined in **Appendix H** and the full Sales, Fees and Charges Schedule for 2024/25 as outlined in **Appendix I**, be **approved**.
9. The Dedicated Schools Grant and the Schools Budget 2024-25, as set out in **Appendix J**, be **approved**.
10. The Council Tax Resolution for 2024, which set out the Council Tax requirement and precepts, including those from the Parish Councils, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, as outlined in **Appendix K**, be **approved**.
11. The increase in the level of Council tax premiums in line with Section 2.5, be **approved**.
12. The Budget Virement Rules, outlined in **Appendix L**, which set out the financial approval limits for transferring budgets between different cost codes and directorates, be **approved**.
13. The Equality Impact Assessments, outlined in **Appendix M**, which had been completed for all major budget proposals, be **approved**.
14. The Carbon Impact Assessments, outlined in **Appendix N**, which had been completed for all major budget proposals, be **approved**.
15. The Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme, as referred to in Section 2.6, and as outlined in **Appendix P**, be **approved**.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

2. Polling Districts, Places and Stations 2024

RESOLVED that the following changes to polling districts, places and stations for elections taking place in 2024, be approved:

1. Brookside Methodist Church, Gunthorpe Road to be assigned as the dedicated polling station for the GUN2 (Gunthorpe Ward) Polling District, to replace Gunthorpe Primary School, The Pentlands.
2. PARCA, Unity Hall, Northfield Road to be assigned as the dedicated polling station for the PAR2 (Park Ward) Polling District, to replace 367 Dogsthorpe Road (Formerly St George's Hydrotherapy Pool), Dogsthorpe Road.
3. Highlees Primary School, Ashton Road, Westwood, to be assigned as the dedicated polling station for the RAV2 (Ravensthorpe Ward) Polling District, to replace Stafford Hall, Hampton Court, Westwood.