

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

BUDGET COUNCIL

4.30pm 27 FEBRUARY 2014

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Cobb (Chair), Randall (Deputy Chair), Barnett, Bennett, Bowden, Brown, Buckley, Carden, Cox, Daniel, Davey, Deane, Duncan, Farrow, Fitch, Gilbey, Hamilton, Hawtree, Hyde, Janio, Jarrett, Jones, J Kitcat, Lepper, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Marsh, Meadows, Mears, Mitchell, Morgan, A Norman, K Norman, Peltzer Dunn, Phillips, Pissaridou, Powell, Robins, Rufus, Shanks, Simson, Smith, Summers, Sykes, C Theobald, G Theobald, Wakefield, Wealls, Wells, West and Wilson.

PART ONE

77. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 77.1 The Mayor noted that the Monitoring Officer had written to all Members to enable them to apply for dispensation, which he was authorised to grant, in order that they could take part and vote on the budget matters. It was for each individual Member to decide whether or not to apply for such dispensation and she confirmed that applications had been made and duly authorised. She then reminded Members that the dispensation did not dispense with the need to declare a pecuniary or personal interest and therefore asked if any such declarations needed to be made.
- 77.2 Councillor Janio declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in Item 79, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2014/15 as his wife held a Trader's Permit, which was affected by the budget proposals.
- 77.3 Councillor C. Theobald declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in Item 79, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2014/15 as she was the president of Mencap, Brighton & Hove.
- 77.4 Councillor Davey declared a pecuniary interest in Item 79, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2014/15 for which he had been granted dispensation, as his wife worked in Adult Social Care.
- 77.5 Councillor Hamilton declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in Item 79, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2014/15 as his daughter worked part-time for the council.

- 77.6 Councillor G. Theobald raised a Point of Order in regard to the number of Members who held a trade union membership and queried whether the failure to declare at the present meeting prevented those Members from taking part and voting on the items before them.
- 77.7 The Monitoring Officer stated that the decision to declare a personal and/or prejudicial interest was for each Member to decide on and should any Member have a concern, they could seek advice from him or his officers, however in not making such a declaration, it would not invalidate the proceedings . He also noted that under the current regulations if a Member had listed their interest in their Register of Interests then there was no need to make such a declaration at a subsequent committee or council meeting.
- 77.8 Councillor Duncan declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in item 79, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2014/15 as he a member of the GMB which was affected by the budget proposals.
- 77.9 Councillor Powell declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in item 79, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2014/15 as she worked for Brighton & Hove Federation for Disabled; and was an active Unison Member all of which were affected by the budget proposals.
- 77.10 The Mayor noted that there were no other declarations of interests in matters appearing on the agenda. She also informed the Council that a technical problem had occurred with the web cast of the meeting and she therefore wished to hold a short adjournment to enable the fault to be rectified. The Mayor then adjourned the meeting at 4.40pm.
- 77.11 The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 4.55pm and noted that it was hoped that the technical fault would be resolved but stated that she felt it was necessary to continue with the meeting.

78. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.

- 78.1 The Mayor reported that under Section 30(6) of the Local Government Act 1992 the Council had a duty to set the Council Tax by 11 March 2014. A failure to set a tax did not then in itself invalidate the tax demands but it had other adverse consequences including the potential loss of income to the Council. One significant practical implication was that the contractor who printed and sent out the Council Tax bills had a slot booked to process the City Council's bills and a delay in setting the Budget could have significant implications in this respect.
- 78.2 The Mayor noted that the procedure agreed for the budget debate enabled the Administration to outline its budget proposals along with any amendments and for the various Groups to put forward up to seven amendments. She reminded the council of the need to set a balanced budget and whilst there was a situation of no overall control, she noted that Members had both a collective and individual responsibility to ensure that the process allowed for the setting of a balanced budget. She also noted that should any of the amendments put forward be approved, there may then be a need to adjourn the meeting to enable the Executive Director for Finance & Resources and/or the Monitoring Officer to clarify the impact on the overall budget position.

- 78.3 The Mayor stated that there would not be a formal call over as she was aware that Members wished to discuss all three items under the Policy & Resources Committee's proceedings. She also noted that a procedural note in relation to the Budget debate had been circulated as an annex to the agenda, and that a procedural note had been circulated as part of the addendum papers which she hoped Members would find helpful. In this respect she stated that it was intended that the General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2014/15, the Supplementary Financial Information report, the Capital Resources and Capital Investment Programme and the Housing Revenue Account Budget would be taken together in the one debate.
- 78.4 The Mayor outlined the process for the debate and asked that in moving the Budget and the amendments, the Member concerned should give an indication of their Group's position in respect of the various amendments that had been notified to enable proper space for debate on the issues of contention. She stated that following the conclusion of the general debate, she would then ask for the electronic voting system to be activated and then take votes on each amendment and finally on the substantive proposals as proposed or as amended. She noted that there would be three separate votes on the substantive proposals, i.e. Item 79 together with Item 80, then Item 81 and finally Item 82.
- 78.5 The Mayor then advised the council that Procedural Rules would need to be suspended in so far as was necessary to enable the business under Items 79-82 on the agenda to be dealt with as set out in the annex and the procedural note as circulated and moved the suspension accordingly.
- 78.6 The motion was **carried**.

79. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET & COUNCIL TAX 2014/15

- 79.1 The Mayor noted that all three budget areas listed as Items 79, 80 and 82 would be debated together, along with Item 81 Supplementary Financial Information, once the proposed budget and the various amendments had been moved and seconded and invited Councillor Littman to propose the budget for 2014/15.
- 79.2 Councillor Littman stated that he wished to thank finance officers and all the officers across the council involved in the budget process and his colleagues in enabling the budget papers to be brought to the council meeting. He was willing to move the budget for 2014/15, but noted that the Green Administration believed that there should be a council tax increase of 4.75% and as such the Group's first amendment was predicated on that and the positive outcome of a referendum. He also wished to move the other two Green amendments which were based on a council tax increase of 1.99%. He noted that the council faced further and more severe cuts for 2016/17 and therefore it was imperative to put the council in the best position possible. Having had to freeze the budget in previous years, the council had lost £4m of resources that would have been available for the current budget setting process. He could not support either the Conservative or the Labour & Co-operative amendments and therefore recommended that the council should adopt the budget as amended by the Green Group's first amendment; and if that should fall then the council should accept the remaining two Green amendments.

- 79.3 Councillor J. Kitcat formally seconded the proposed Budget as amended by the Green Group's first amendment and also seconded the remaining two Green amendments which would come into effect should the first amendment be lost. He noted that a lot of progress had been made, with increased visitor numbers to the city, shop vacancies reducing and the city's economy doing well. He accepted that there was still more to do and that difficult decisions would have to be taken in face of the level of cuts that were anticipated for the public sector. The council had lost out on £4m resources because of the council tax freeze and that had increased the pressure to produce a budget for this year. The council was already incredibly efficient, there were over seventy shared services with other organisations and following the consultations on the budget proposals public support for an increase in council tax and a referendum. He believed that the residents of the city should be given the opportunity to determine whether or not a budget based on a 4.7% increase should be set and therefore urged the council to support the Green Group's amendment.
- 79.4 Councillor A. Norman moved the seven amendments to the Budget proposals on behalf of the Conservative Group and stated that she did not believe that there was a need to raise council tax. A council tax freeze could be implemented and should be with the acceptance of the Government's grant that was on offer. She also wished to thank the finance officers for their help and assistance with the proposed amendments. She suggested that further consideration needed to be given to using private contracts and the voluntary sector to help deliver services as well as shared services with other authorities. There were clear examples of how other authorities had taken such an approach and the council could learn from these. She also noted that the independent auditors had found council services to be more expensive and suggested that they could be delivered differently. She noted that the Labour & Co-operative's proposals amounted to a difference of only £850k from a budget of over £750m and suggested that this level of savings could be found with a council tax freeze budget, rather than seeing residents having to find a way to meet a council tax increase. She then moved the following amendments:
- 79.5 Councillor G. Theobald formally seconded the Conservative Group's amendments and thanked Councillor Norman for her hard work in enabling an alternative budget to be proposed. It was clear that a council tax freeze could be achieved and he noted that the government grant funding had been built into future years budget funding. There was a need to enable market testing of services and to deliver services more efficiently and to protect those residents on fixed incomes or who were just above the benefit level as they would be hardest hit by the Green Group's proposals. He believed that a council tax freeze was supported by the majority of residents and therefore the amendments from the Conservative Group agreed.
- 76.7 Councillor Morgan moved the seven amendments on behalf of the Labour & Co-operative Group and stated that he also wished to thank the finance officers for their assistance and advice during the budget setting process. He stated that local government was facing an unprecedented assault on it by central government and the amendments sought to clarify matters and take account of the changes being imposed by the government and therefore the Labour & Co-operative Group could not support a council tax freeze. He also stated that he did not believe that residents would vote in favour of a 4.75% council tax increase in a referendum and that it was better to use the

available resources to support services and organisations in the year ahead. He also suggested that a whole-scale review of the council's budget position should have been undertaken rather than asking departments to volunteer cuts to services. There was a need to take difficult decisions and the council had to be prepared to take them and part of that process meant implementing a council tax increase as was allowed under the government's restrictions. He also noted that local government was the most efficient part of the public sector, yet it was faced with huge cuts to its budgets. The Labour & Co-operative Group's amendments reflected the residents' priorities and he hoped that they would be supported.

- 76.8 Councillor Hamilton formally seconded the amendments, and stated that he wished to thank all the finance officers for their help and advice during the budget setting process and in enabling the various amendments to be put together. He was pleased to second the seven Labour & Co-operative Group's amendments and noted that they did not impact on the 2015/16 budget unlike the Conservative Group's. He also noted that the 2015/16 budget process was likely to see a further reduction in the available grants from central government and therefore place more pressure on local authorities to find savings or alternate resources. He agreed that a council tax freeze even with the £1.2m freeze grant built-in would result in the authority being worse off and that a potential £4m had been lost because of the previous council tax freeze. However, he could not support a council tax increase above the 2% target and therefore a potential referendum which would be costly and was likely to result in a no vote. He therefore hoped that the amendments put forward by the Labour & Co-operative Group would be accepted.
- 76.9 The Mayor then opened the matter up to a general debate and the following Members of the Council spoke on the various motions that had been put forward; Councillors Davey, Wakefield, Robins, Simson, Daniel, Wilson, Gilbey, Mitchell, West, Sykes, Cox, Wealls, Shanks, Deane, C. Theobald, K. Norman, Summers, Mac Cafferty, Mears, Hawtree, Duncan, Bowden, Randall, Hyde, Pissaridou, Janio, Peltzer Dunn, Jarrett, Meadows, Carden, J. Kitcat, Phillips and Smith.
- 76.10 The Mayor noted that all Members wishing to speak during the debate had done so. She then called on Councillor Littman to respond to the debate and the amendments.
- 76.11 Councillor Littman thanked the Mayor and noted that there were a total of 14 amendments put forward by the Opposition Groups all of which had some good elements and all of which could be addressed if a council tax increase of 4.75% was approved. He did not believe that the outcome of a referendum should be presumed and suggested that with support it was likely that residents could be persuaded to accept the proposed council tax increase and therefore they should be allowed to decide. On that basis he hoped that the Green Group's amendment number 1 would be accepted.
- 76.12 The Mayor stated that Items 79 and 80 would be taken together. She intended to put each of the amendments to the vote, during which she would call on the Executive Director for Finance & Resources to confirm the budgetary position should any be carried and impact on the overall budget; before putting the substantive recommendations to the vote as outlined in the procedural document.

76.13 The Mayor then asked for the electronic voting system to be activated and put the Green Group's amendments to the vote:

76.14 Green Amendment No. 1

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
Barnett		X		Marsh		X	
Bennett - absent				Meadows		X	
Bowden	√			Mears		X	
Brown		X		Mitchell		X	
Buckley	√			Morgan		X	
Carden		X		A Norman		X	
Cobb		X		K Norman		X	
Cox		X		Peltzer Dunn		X	
Daniel		X		Phillips	√		
Davey	√			Pidgeon - absent			
Deane	√			Pissaridou		X	
Duncan	√			Powell	√		
Farrow		X		Randall	√		
Fitch		X		Robins		X	
Gilbey		X		Rufus	√		
Hamilton		X		Shanks	√		
Hawtree	√			Simson		X	
Hyde		X		Smith		X	
Janio		X		Summers	√		
Jarrett	√			Sykes	√		
Jones	√			C Theobald		X	
Kennedy - absent				G Theobald		X	
A Kitcat - absent				Wakefield	√		
J Kitcat	√			Wealls		X	
Lepper		X		Wells		X	
Littman	√			West	√		
MacCafferty	√			Wilson		X	

					Total	20	30

76.15 The Mayor confirmed that the motion was **lost** by 20 votes to 30.

76.16 Green Amendment No. 2

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
Barnett		X		Marsh		X	
Bennett - absent				Meadows		X	
Bowden	√			Mears		X	
Brown		X		Mitchell		X	
Buckley	√			Morgan		X	
Carden		X		A Norman		X	
Cobb		X		K Norman		X	
Cox		X		Peltzer Dunn		X	
Daniel		X		Phillips	√		
Davey	√			Pidgeon - absent			
Deane	√			Pissaridou		X	
Duncan	√			Powell	√		
Farrow		X		Randall	√		
Fitch		X		Robins		X	
Gilbey		X		Rufus	√		
Hamilton		X		Shanks	√		
Hawtree	√			Simson		X	
Hyde		X		Smith		X	
Janio		X		Summers	√		
Jarrett	√			Sykes	√		
Jones	√			C Theobald		X	
Kennedy - absent				G Theobald		X	
A Kitcat - absent				Wakefield	√		
J Kitcat	√			Wealls		X	
Lepper		X		Wells		X	

Littman	√			West	√		
MacCafferty	√			Wilson		X	
				Total	20	30	

76.17 The Mayor confirmed that the motion was **lost** by 20 votes to 30 votes.

76.18 Green Amendment No. 3

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
Barnett		X		Marsh		X	
Bennett - absent				Meadows		X	
Bowden	√			Mears		X	
Brown		X		Mitchell		X	
Buckley	√			Morgan		X	
Carden		X		A Norman		X	
Cobb		X		K Norman		X	
Cox		X		Peltzer Dunn		X	
Daniel		X		Phillips	√		
Davey	√			Pidgeon - absent			
Deane	√			Pissaridou		X	
Duncan	√			Powell	√		
Farrow		X		Randall	√		
Fitch		X		Robins		X	
Gilbey		X		Rufus	√		
Hamilton		X		Shanks	√		
Hawtree	√			Simson		X	
Hyde		X		Smith		X	
Janio		X		Summers	√		
Jarrett	√			Sykes	√		
Jones	√			C Theobald		X	
Kennedy - absent				G Theobald		X	
A Kitcat - absent				Wakefield	√		

J Kitcat	√			Wealls		X	
Lepper		X		Wells		X	
Littman	√			West	√		
MacCafferty	√			Wilson		X	
				Total	20	30	

76.19 The Mayor confirmed that the motion was **lost** by 20 votes to 30 votes.

76.20 The Mayor then put the Conservative Group's amendments to the vote:

76.21 Conservative Amendment No. 1

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
Barnett	√			Marsh		X	
Bennett - absent				Meadows		X	
Bowden		X		Mears	√		
Brown	√			Mitchell		X	
Buckley		X		Morgan		X	
Carden		X		A Norman	√		
Cobb	√			K Norman	√		
Cox	√			Peltzer Dunn	√		
Daniel		X		Phillips		X	
Davey		X		Pidgeon - absent			
Deane		X		Pissaridou		X	
Duncan		X		Powell		X	
Farrow		X		Randall		X	
Fitch		X		Robins		X	
Gilbey		X		Rufus		X	
Hamilton		X		Shanks		X	
Hawtree		X		Simson	√		
Hyde	√			Smith	√		
Janio	√			Summers		X	
Jarrett		X		Sykes		X	

Jones		X		C Theobald	√		
Kennedy - absent				G Theobald	√		
A Kitcat - absent				Wakefield		X	
J Kitcat		X		Wealls	√		
Lepper		X		Wells	√		
Littman		X		West		X	
MacCafferty		X		Wilson		X	
				Total	16	34	

76.22 The Mayor confirmed that the motion was **lost** by 16 votes to 34 votes.

76.23 Conservative Amendment No. 2

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
Barnett	√			Marsh	√		
Bennett - absent				Meadows	√		
Bowden		X		Mears	√		
Brown	√			Mitchell	√		
Buckley		X		Morgan	√		
Carden	√			A Norman	√		
Cobb	√			K Norman	√		
Cox	√			Peltzer Dunn	√		
Daniel	√			Phillips		X	
Davey		X		Pidgeon - absent			
Deane		X		Pissaridou	√		
Duncan		X		Powell		X	
Farrow	√			Randall		X	
Fitch	√			Robins	√		
Gilbey	√			Rufus		X	
Hamilton	√			Shanks		X	
Hawtree		X		Simson	√		
Hyde	√			Smith	√		

Janio	√			Summers		X	
Jarrett		X		Sykes		X	
Jones		X		C Theobald	√		
Kennedy - absent				G Theobald	√		
A Kitcat - absent				Wakefield		X	
J Kitcat		X		Wealls	√		
Lepper	√			Wells	√		
Littman		X		West		X	
MacCafferty		X		Wilson	√		
				Total	30	20	

76.24 The Mayor confirmed that the motion was **carried** by 30 votes to 20 votes.

76.25 Conservative Amendment No. 3

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
Barnett	√			Marsh		X	
Bennett - absent				Meadows		X	
Bowden		X		Mears	√		
Brown	√			Mitchell		X	
Buckley		X		Morgan		X	
Carden		X		A Norman	√		
Cobb	√			K Norman	√		
Cox	√			Peltzer Dunn	√		
Daniel		X		Phillips		X	
Davey		X		Pidgeon - absent			
Deane		X		Pissaridou		X	
Duncan		X		Powell		X	
Farrow		X		Randall		X	
Fitch		X		Robins		X	
Gilbey		X		Rufus		X	
Hamilton		X		Shanks		X	

Hawtree		X		Simson	√		
Hyde	√			Smith	√		
Janio	√			Summers		X	
Jarrett		X		Sykes		X	
Jones		X		C Theobald	√		
Kennedy - absent				G Theobald	√		
A Kitcat - absent				Wakefield		X	
J Kitcat		X		Wealls	√		
Lepper		X		Wells	√		
Littman		X		West		X	
MacCafferty		X		Wilson		X	
				Total	16	34	

76.26 The Mayor confirmed that the motion was **lost** by 16 votes to 30 votes.

76.27 Conservative Amendment No. 4

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
Barnett	√			Marsh		X	
Bennett - absent				Meadows		X	
Bowden		X		Mears	√		
Brown	√			Mitchell		X	
Buckley		X		Morgan		X	
Carden		X		A Norman	√		
Cobb	√			K Norman	√		
Cox	√			Peltzer Dunn	√		
Daniel		X		Phillips		X	
Davey		X		Pidgeon - absent			
Deane		X		Pissaridou		X	
Duncan		X		Powell		X	
Farrow		X		Randall		X	
Fitch		X		Robins		X	

Gilbey		X		Rufus		X	
Hamilton		X		Shanks		X	
Hawtree		X		Simson	√		
Hyde	√			Smith	√		
Janio	√			Summers		X	
Jarrett		X		Sykes		X	
Jones		X		C Theobald	√		
Kennedy - absent				G Theobald	√		
A Kitcat - absent				Wakefield		X	
J Kitcat		X		Wealls	√		
Lepper		X		Wells	√		
Littman		X		West		X	
MacCafferty		X		Wilson		X	
				Total	16	34	

76.28 The Mayor confirmed that the motion was **lost** by 16 votes to 34 votes.

76.29 Conservative Amendment No. 5

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
Barnett	√			Marsh		X	
Bennett - absent				Meadows		X	
Bowden		X		Mears	√		
Brown	√			Mitchell		X	
Buckley		X		Morgan		X	
Carden		X		A Norman	√		
Cobb	√			K Norman	√		
Cox	√			Peltzer Dunn	√		
Daniel		X		Phillips		X	
Davey		X		Pidgeon - absent			
Deane		X		Pissaridou		X	
Duncan		X		Powell		X	

Farrow		X		Randall		X	
Fitch		X		Robins		X	
Gilbey		X		Rufus		X	
Hamilton		X		Shanks		X	
Hawtree		X		Simson	√		
Hyde	√			Smith	√		
Janio	√			Summers		X	
Jarrett		X		Sykes		X	
Jones		X		C Theobald	√		
Kennedy - absent				G Theobald	√		
A Kitcat - absent				Wakefield		X	
J Kitcat		X		Wealls	√		
Lepper		X		Wells	√		
Littman		X		West		X	
MacCafferty		X		Wilson		X	
				Total	16	34	

76.30 The Mayor confirmed that the motion was **lost** by 16 votes to 34 votes.

76.31 Conservative Amendment No. 6

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
Barnett	√			Marsh		X	
Bennett - absent				Meadows		X	
Bowden		X		Mears	√		
Brown	√			Mitchell		X	
Buckley		X		Morgan		X	
Carden		X		A Norman	√		
Cobb	√			K Norman	√		
Cox	√			Peltzer Dunn	√		
Daniel		X		Phillips		X	
Davey		X		Pidgeon - absent			

Deane		X		Pissaridou		X	
Duncan		X		Powell		X	
Farrow		X		Randall		X	
Fitch		X		Robins		X	
Gilbey		X		Rufus		X	
Hamilton		X		Shanks		X	
Hawtree		X		Simson	√		
Hyde	√			Smith	√		
Janio	√			Summers		X	
Jarrett		X		Sykes		X	
Jones		X		C Theobald	√		
Kennedy - absent				G Theobald	√		
A Kitcat - absent				Wakefield		X	
J Kitcat		X		Wealls	√		
Lepper		X		Wells	√		
Littman		X		West		X	
MacCafferty		X		Wilson		X	
				Total	16	34	

76.32 The Mayor confirmed that the motion was **lost** by 16 votes to 34 votes.

76.33 Conservative Amendment No. 7

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
Barnett	√			Marsh		X	
Bennett - absent				Meadows		X	
Bowden		X		Mears	√		
Brown	√			Mitchell		X	
Buckley		X		Morgan		X	
Carden		X		A Norman	√		
Cobb	√			K Norman	√		
Cox	√			Peltzer Dunn	√		

Daniel		X		Phillips		X	
Davey		X		Pidgeon - absent			
Deane		X		Pissaridou		X	
Duncan		X		Powell		X	
Farrow		X		Randall		X	
Fitch		X		Robins		X	
Gilbey		X		Rufus		X	
Hamilton		X		Shanks		X	
Hawtree		X		Simson	√		
Hyde	√			Smith	√		
Janio	√			Summers		X	
Jarrett		X		Sykes		X	
Jones		X		C Theobald	√		
Kennedy - absent				G Theobald	√		
A Kitcat - absent				Wakefield		X	
J Kitcat		X		Wealls	√		
Lepper		X		Wells	√		
Littman		X		West		X	
MacCafferty		X		Wilson		X	
				Total	16	34	

76.34 The Mayor confirmed that the motion was **lost** by 16 votes to 34 votes.

76.35 The Mayor confirmed that the Conservative Group's amendment No.2 had been carried and that amendment No's. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 had been lost.

76.36 The Mayor then put the Labour & Co-operative Group's amendments to the vote:

76.37 Labour & Co-op Amendment No. 1

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
Barnett		X		Marsh	√		
Bennett - absent				Meadows	√		
Bowden	√			Mears		X	
Brown		X		Mitchell	√		

Buckley	√			Morgan	√		
Carden	√			A Norman		X	
Cobb		X		K Norman		X	
Cox		X		Peltzer Dunn		X	
Daniel	√			Phillips	√		
Davey	√			Pidgeon - absent			
Deane	√			Pissaridou	√		
Duncan	√			Powell	√		
Farrow	√			Randall	√		
Fitch	√			Robins	√		
Gilbey	√			Rufus	√		
Hamilton	√			Shanks	√		
Hawtree				Simson		X	
Hyde		X		Smith		X	
Janio		X		Summers		X	
Jarrett	√			Sykes	√		
Jones	√			C Theobald		X	
Kennedy - absent				G Theobald		X	
A Kitcat - absent				Wakefield	√		
J Kitcat	√			Wealls		X	
Lepper	√			Wells		X	
Littman	√			West	√		
MacCafferty	√			Wilson	√		
				Total	31	19	

76.38 The Mayor confirmed that the motion was **carried** by 31 votes to 19 votes.

76.39 Labour & Co-op Amendment No. 2

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
Barnett		X		Marsh	√		
Bennett - absent				Meadows	√		

Bowden	√			Mears		X	
Brown		X		Mitchell	√		
Buckley	√			Morgan	√		
Carden	√			A Norman		X	
Cobb		X		K Norman		X	
Cox		X		Peltzer Dunn		X	
Daniel	√			Phillips	√		
Davey	√			Pidgeon - absent			
Deane	√			Pissaridou	√		
Duncan	√			Powell	√		
Farrow	√			Randall	√		
Fitch	√			Robins	√		
Gilbey	√			Rufus	√		
Hamilton	√			Shanks	√		
Hawtree				Simson		X	
Hyde		X		Smith		X	
Janio		X		Summers		X	
Jarrett	√			Sykes	√		
Jones	√			C Theobald		X	
Kennedy - absent				G Theobald		X	
A Kitcat - absent				Wakefield	√		
J Kitcat	√			Wealls		X	
Lepper	√			Wells		X	
Littman	√			West	√		
MacCafferty	√			Wilson	√		
				Total	31	19	

76.40 The Mayor confirmed that the motion was **carried** by 31 votes to 19 votes.

76.41 The Executive Director for Finance & Resources confirmed that as a result of the Conservative Group's amendment No.2 being carried, the Labour & Co-op Amendment No. 3 was withdrawn.

76.42 Labour & Co-op Amendment No.4

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
Barnett		X		Marsh	√		
Bennett - absent				Meadows	√		
Bowden		X		Mears		X	
Brown		X		Mitchell	√		
Buckley		X		Morgan	√		
Carden	√			A Norman		X	
Cobb		X		K Norman		X	
Cox		X		Peltzer Dunn		X	
Daniel	√			Phillips		X	
Davey		X		Pidgeon - absent			
Deane		X		Pissaridou	√		
Duncan		X		Powell		X	
Farrow	√			Randall		X	
Fitch	√			Robins	√		
Gilbey	√			Rufus		X	
Hamilton	√			Shanks		X	
Hawtree		X		Simson		X	
Hyde		X		Smith		X	
Janio		X		Summers		X	
Jarrett		X		Sykes		X	
Jones		X		C Theobald		X	
Kennedy - absent				G Theobald		X	
A Kitcat - absent				Wakefield		X	
J Kitcat		X		Wealls		X	
Lepper	√			Wells		X	
Littman		X		West		X	
MacCafferty		X		Wilson	√		
				Total	14	36	

76.43 The Mayor confirmed that the motion was **lost** by 14 votes to 36 votes.

76.44 Labour & Co-op Amendment No.5

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
Barnett		X		Marsh	√		
Bennett - absent				Meadows	√		
Bowden		X		Mears		X	
Brown		X		Mitchell	√		
Buckley		X		Morgan	√		
Carden	√			A Norman		X	
Cobb		X		K Norman		X	
Cox		X		Peltzer Dunn		X	
Daniel	√			Phillips		X	
Davey		X		Pidgeon - absent			
Deane		X		Pissaridou	√		
Duncan		X		Powell		X	
Farrow	√			Randall		X	
Fitch	√			Robins	√		
Gilbey	√			Rufus		X	
Hamilton	√			Shanks		X	
Hawtree		X		Simson		X	
Hyde		X		Smith		X	
Janio		X		Summers		X	
Jarrett		X		Sykes		X	
Jones		X		C Theobald		X	
Kennedy - absent				G Theobald		X	
A Kitcat - absent				Wakefield		X	
J Kitcat		X		Wealls		X	
Lepper	√			Wells		X	
Littman		X		West		X	
MacCafferty		X		Wilson	√		
				Total	14	36	

76.45 The Mayor confirmed that the motion was **lost** by 14 votes to 36 votes.

76.46 Labour & Co-op Amendment No.6

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
Barnett		X		Marsh	√		
Bennett - absent				Meadows	√		
Bowden		X		Mears		X	
Brown		X		Mitchell	√		
Buckley		X		Morgan	√		
Carden	√			A Norman		X	
Cobb		X		K Norman		X	
Cox		X		Peltzer Dunn		X	
Daniel	√			Phillips		X	
Davey		X		Pidgeon - absent			
Deane		X		Pissaridou	√		
Duncan		X		Powell		X	
Farrow	√			Randall		X	
Fitch	√			Robins	√		
Gilbey	√			Rufus		X	
Hamilton	√			Shanks		X	
Hawtree		X		Simson		X	
Hyde		X		Smith		X	
Janio		X		Summers		X	
Jarrett		X		Sykes		X	
Jones		X		C Theobald		X	
Kennedy - absent				G Theobald		X	
A Kitcat - absent				Wakefield		X	
J Kitcat		X		Wealls		X	
Lepper	√			Wells		X	
Littman		X		West		X	
MacCafferty		X		Wilson	√		

					Total	14	36	
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76.47 The Mayor confirmed that the motion was **lost** by 14 votes to 36 votes.

76.48 Labour & Co-op Amendment No.7

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
Barnett		X		Marsh	√		
Bennett - absent				Meadows	√		
Bowden		X		Mears		X	
Brown		X		Mitchell	√		
Buckley		X		Morgan	√		
Carden	√			A Norman		X	
Cobb		X		K Norman		X	
Cox		X		Peltzer Dunn		X	
Daniel	√			Phillips		X	
Davey		X		Pidgeon - absent			
Deane		X		Pissaridou	√		
Duncan		X		Powell		X	
Farrow	√			Randall		X	
Fitch	√			Robins	√		
Gilbey	√			Rufus		X	
Hamilton	√			Shanks		X	
Hawtree		X		Simson		X	
Hyde		X		Smith		X	
Janio		X		Summers	√		
Jarrett		X		Sykes		X	
Jones		X		C Theobald		X	
Kennedy - absent				G Theobald		X	
A Kitcat - absent				Wakefield		X	
J Kitcat		X		Wealls		X	
Lepper	√			Wells		X	
Littman		X		West		X	

MacCafferty		X		Wilson	√		
				Total	15	35	

76.49 The Mayor confirmed that the motion was **lost** by 15 votes to 35 votes.

76.50 The Mayor confirmed that the Labour & Co-operative Group's amendments No's. 1 and 2 had been carried and that amendment No's.4, 5, 6 and 7 had been lost; with amendment No.3 being withdrawn.

76.51 The Mayor then asked the Executive Director for Finance & Resources to confirm the budget position.

76.52 The Executive Director for Finance & Resources confirmed that there was a need for a minor amendment to the council tax resolution as set out on page 339 of the agenda in view of the three amendments being carried. The change resulted in the figures in paragraph 3(a) and (b) being increased to £719,407,474 and £612,549,549 respectively. These changes needed to be taken into account by Members prior to their vote on the substantive budget.

76.53 The Mayor then asked for the electronic voting system to be activated and put the recommendations affecting the General Fund and Revenue Budget 2014/15 as amended to the vote.

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
Barnett		X		Marsh	√		
Bennett - absent				Meadows	√		
Bowden		X		Mears		X	
Brown		X		Mitchell	√		
Buckley		X		Morgan	√		
Carden	√			A Norman		X	
Cobb			∅	K Norman		X	
Cox		X		Peltzer Dunn		X	
Daniel	√			Phillips		X	
Davey		X		Pidgeon - absent			
Deane		X		Pissaridou	√		
Duncan		X		Powell		X	
Farrow	√			Randall		X	
Fitch	√			Robins	√		

Gilbey	√			Rufus		X	
Hamilton	√			Shanks		X	
Hawtree		X		Simson		X	
Hyde		X		Smith		X	
Janio		X		Summers		X	
Jarrett		X		Sykes		X	
Jones		X		C Theobald		X	
Kennedy - absent				G Theobald		X	
A Kitcat - absent				Wakefield		X	
J Kitcat		X		Wealls		X	
Lepper	√			Wells		X	
Littman		X		West		X	
MacCafferty		X		Wilson	√		
				Total	14	35	1

76.54 The Mayor confirmed that the motion had been **lost** by 14 votes to 35 votes with 1 abstention.

76.55 The Mayor stated that in view of the substantive General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2014/15 motion being lost, she proposed to adjourn the meeting for an hour in order to enable the respective Leaders and their Groups to discuss matters and seek a way forward. The Mayor then adjourned the meeting at 8.10pm.

76.56 The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 10.30pm and apologised for the delay. She then called on Councillor J. Kitcat.

76.57 Councillor Kitcat moved a motion to adjourn the meeting under procedural rule 15.3.

76.58 Councillor Davey formally seconded the motion.

76.59 Councillor Morgan asked for a point of clarification in regard to the business before the meeting and how it would be dealt with.

76.60 The Monitoring Officer stated that following the approval of the adjournment motion under procedural rule 15.3; the meeting was effectively closed and the business adjourned to the next meeting of the council, which could then be the next ordinary meeting or a special meeting called with the agreement of the Mayor and/or Chief Executive. He noted that the council had a duty to set the council tax by the 11th March 2014 and therefore it was likely that a further meeting of the council would be called before that deadline.

76.61 The Mayor then asked for the electronic voting system to be activated and put the motion to the vote.

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
Barnett		X		Marsh	√		
Bennett - absent				Meadows	√		
Bowden	√			Mears		X	
Brown		X		Mitchell	√		
Buckley	√			Morgan	√		
Carden	√			A Norman		X	
Cobb		X		K Norman		X	
Cox		X		Peltzer Dunn		X	
Daniel	√			Phillips	√		
Davey	√			Pidgeon - absent			
Deane	√			Pissaridou	√		
Duncan	√			Powell	√		
Farrow	√			Randall	√		
Fitch	√			Robins	√		
Gilbey	√			Rufus	√		
Hamilton	√			Shanks	√		
Hawtree	√			Simson		X	
Hyde		X		Smith		X	
Janio		X		Summers	√		
Jarrett	√			Sykes	√		
Jones	√			C Theobald		X	
Kennedy - absent				G Theobald		X	
A Kitcat - absent				Wakefield	√		
J Kitcat	√			Wealls		X	

Lepper	√			Wells		X	
Littman	√			West	√		
MacCafferty	√			Wilson	√		
				Total	34	16	

76.62 The Mayor confirmed that the motion to adjourn the meeting had been **carried** by 34 votes to 16 votes.

76.63 **RESOLVED:** That the meeting be adjourned.

80. SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR BUDGET COUNCIL 2014

80.1 The item was taken into consideration as part of the overall budget debate and included in the vote on the General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2014/15 as detailed under Item 79 above.

81. CAPITAL RESOURCES AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2014/15

81.1 The item was taken into consideration as part of the overall budget debate as detailed under Item 79 above and following the decision to adjourn meeting was not voted on but deferred to the next meeting of the council.

82. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2014/15

82.1 The item was taken into consideration as part of the overall budget debate as detailed under Item 79 above and following the decision to adjourn meeting was not voted on but deferred to the next meeting of the council.

83. CLOSE OF MEETING

83.1 The Mayor then closed the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 10.35pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this day of 2014