

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL

4.30pm 3 MARCH 2011

COUNCIL CHAMBER, BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Wells (Chairman), A Norman (Deputy Chairman), Peltzer Dunn, Alford, Allen, Barnett, Brown, Carden, Caulfield, Cobb, Davey, Davis, Deane, Drake, Duncan, Elgood, Fallon-Khan, Fryer, Hamilton, Harmer-Strange, Hawkes, Hyde, Janio, Kemble, Kennedy, Kitcat, Lepper, Marsh, McCaffery, Meadows, Mears, Mitchell, Morgan, K Norman, Older, Oxley, Phillips, Pidgeon, Randall, Rufus, Simpson, Simson, Smith, Steedman, C Theobald, G Theobald, Turton, Wakefield-Jarrett, Watkins, West, Wrighton and Young.

PART ONE

74. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 74.1 Councillors Harmer-Strange, Randall, Simpson, Wells and Barnett declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in Item 76, in regard to the fact that they were directors of the Local Delivery Vehicle (LDV), which was affected by proposals contained within the budget reports;
- 74.2 Councillor Wells declared that he had a personal but not prejudicial interest in Item 76 as he had been a former member of the Local Delivery Vehicle (LDV), which was affected by proposals contained within the budget reports;
- 74.3 Councillor West declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in Item 76 as he was a member of the Local Access Forum which was affected by proposals contained within the budget reports.
- 74.4 No other declarations of interests in matters appearing on the agenda were made.

75. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.

- 75.1 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 2011. 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.

- 75.2 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 six amendments. He reminded the council of the need to set a balanced budget and whilst there was a situation of no overall control, he noted that Members had both a collective and individual responsibility to ensure that the process allowed for the setting of a balanced budget. He 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 Director of Finance and/or the Monitoring Officer to clarify the impact on the overall budget position.
- 75.3 The Mayor stated that there would not be a formal call over as he was aware that Members wished to discuss all three items under the Cabinet's proceedings. He also noted that a procedural note in relation to the Budget debate had been circulated as part of the addendum, which he hoped Members would find helpful. In this respect he stated that it was intended that the General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2011/12, 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.
- 75.4 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. He stated that following the conclusion of the general debate, he would then take votes on each amendment and finally on the substantive proposals as proposed or as amended. He noted that there would be three separate votes on the substantive proposals, i.e. Item 76(a) together with Item 76(b), then Item 76(c) and finally Item 76(d).
- 75.5 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 Item 76(a-d) on the agenda to be dealt with as set out in the procedural note and moved the suspension accordingly.
- 75.6 **The Motion was carried.**
- 76. TO CONSIDER THE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET OF THE 17 FEBRUARY 2010 IN RESPECT OF:-**
- 76. (A) General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2011/12
(B) Supplementary Financial Information for Budget Council
(C) Capital Resources and Capital Investment Programme for 2011/12
(D) Housing Revenue Account Budget 2011/12**
- 76.1 The Mayor referred to the procedural note that had been circulated and stated that he would first call upon Councillor Mears to move and Councillor Young to second the recommendations en bloc on all three Budget items as put forward by the Administration, together with the Conservative Group's amendment. Councillor Mears would have unlimited time and Councillor Young would be limited to 5 minutes.
- 76.2 He would then call Councillor Randall to formally move the first joint amendment on behalf of the Labour and Green Groups and Councillor Hamilton to second. Councillor

Randall would have unlimited time and Councillor Hamilton would be limited to 5 minutes.

- 76.3 He would then call on Councillor Mitchell to formally move the second joint amendment on behalf of the Labour and Green Groups and Councillor Kitcat to second. Councillor Mitchell would have unlimited time and Councillor Kitcat would be limited to 5 minutes.
- 76.4 He would then call on Councillor Morgan and Councillor Turton to formally move and second the Labour Group's amendment en bloc. Councillor Morgan would have unlimited time and Councillor Turton would be limited to five minutes.
- 76.5 He would then call on Councillor Kitcat and Councillor Randall to move the Green Group's amendments en bloc. Councillor Kitcat would have unlimited time and Councillor Randall would be limited to 5 minutes.
- 76.6 The Mayor stated that following the moving and seconding of the various motions, he would open the matter to general debate where all councillors could speak either to the Administration's budget and/or the amendments.
- 76.7 The Mayor stated that following the general debate the council would then be asked to vote on the Conservative Group amendment, the Labour and Green Groups' two joint amendments in turn, the Labour Group's amendment, and the Green Group's 2 amendments in turn.
- 76.8 The Mayor stated that following the voting on each Group's amendments he would call on the Director of Finance to outline the impact on the Budget before proceeding to the next set of amendments should it be necessary to do so. Once voting had been completed and the Director of Finance had clarified the budgetary position, he would then put the substantive motions (as amended as appropriate) to the vote. There would be separate votes on items 76(a) taken with 76(b), and then 76(c) and 76(d).
- 76.9 The Mayor also noted that except as otherwise stated all Members would be limited to speaking for 5 minutes each unless an extension was granted.
- 76.10 The Mayor then called on Councillors Mears to move the Administration's budget and the Conservative Group's amendment.
- 76.11 In view of disruption to the meeting caused by people in the public gallery, the Mayor stated that he would adjourn the meeting for a short period, in order for matters to calm down. He then adjourned the meeting at 4.50pm.
- 76.12 The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 5.00pm and stated that he was prepared to hold further adjournments as necessary to ensure that councillors could be heard and matters debated. He then invited Councillor Mears to move the Administration's budget.
- 76.13 Councillor Mears thanked the Mayor and moved the Conservative Administration's budget as listed in the agenda, along with the amendment as detailed in the addendum papers. She noted that the budget was being put forward in what was a difficult economic climate and was pleased to be able to present a budget with a 1% reduction in council tax and which maintained front-line services. She wished to thank the officers

involved in the budget process and also her Cabinet colleagues. She felt that this had been a difficult budget process but it had remained true to the three key principals i.e. to keep council tax down, value for money and to protect and improve front-line services. She was confident that the budget before the council met these principals and put the council on a firm financial footing.

- 76.14 Councillor Young formally seconded the Conservative Administration's budget and the Conservative Group's amendment. She noted that the work undertaken in the previous year had laid the foundations for the budget proposals before the council and that the long-term strategy had enabled a reduction in the level of council tax to be put forward. She would continue to work with officers to maintain a firm financial footing for the council and invest in front-line services. She also wished to thank the officers involved in bringing the budget report forward and her colleagues in developing the proposals that were before the council.
- 76.15 Councillor Randall moved the first joint amendment from the Labour and Green Groups, as detailed in the addendum which had been circulated prior to the start of the meeting. He stated that the amendment enabled resources to be allocated to specific areas which would enable them to continue service provision and thereby benefit the city as a whole. He also wished to thank the finance officers who had worked with both groups to enable them to bring forward their amendments. He hoped that the joint amendment would be supported by all Members.
- 76.16 Councillor Hamilton formally seconded the joint amendment and questioned the level of reserves that were being maintained at a time when investment in service provision was required. He believed that further action could have been taken to secure services and staff and expressed concern over the level of cuts being implemented that directly affected the most vulnerable groups in society.
- 76.17 Councillor Mitchell moved the second joint amendment from the Labour and Green Groups, as detailed in the addendum which had been circulated prior to the start of the meeting. She stated that by reversing the proposal to remove the cycle lanes in Grand Avenue and the Drive, funding could be used to support services and improve areas in the city.
- 76.18 Councillor Kitcat formally seconded the joint amendment and welcomed the opportunity to be able to work across the two parties to put forward positive changes to the budget proposals. He noted that the amendment enabled additional resources to be put into various services across the city rather than wasting over £1m on the closure of a cycle lane.
- 76.19 Councillor Morgan moved the Labour Group's amendment as detailed in the addendum which had been circulated prior to the start of the meeting. He noted that the proposed amendment would enable improvements to be made to the seafront area and hoped that it would be supported.
- 76.20 Councillor Turton formally seconded the Labour Group's amendment and stated that importance of the seafront as an asset t the city needed to be acknowledged and supported. The proposed improvements would bring additional benefits to the city as a whole.

- 76.21 Councillor Kitcat moved the Green Group's two amendments as detailed in the addendum which had been circulated prior to the start of the meeting. He stated that the amendments put forward by the Green Group sought to maintain services and focus the need for cuts elsewhere. He wished to add his thanks to the officers concerned and hoped that the amendments proposed would be given consideration as they aimed to improve the quality of life for residents and address issues such as lowering the city's carbon footprint.
- 76.22 Councillor Randall formally seconded the Green Group's two amendments and stated that he believed the Administration's budget was placing the council in a difficult position. He did not believe that the economies anticipated would be achieved and that the savings identified would place vulnerable young and elderly people in difficulty.
- 76.23 The Mayor noted that further disruptions were being caused and stated that he was prepared to call for the public gallery to be cleared if those present were not willing to refrain and continued to disrupt proceedings. He then adjourned the meeting at 6.00pm.
- 76.24 The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 6.35pm and repeated his warning that he was prepared to have the public gallery cleared should further disruptions to the proceedings be made.
- 76.25 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 Smith, Davey, Elgood, West, Alford, Peltzer Dunn, Drake, G. Theobald, Watkins, Simson, Fallon-Khan, Janio, Brown, Meadows, Steedman, Hawkes, McCaffery, Barnett, Oxley, Fryer, Simpson, Allen, Kemble, Young, K. Norman, Duncan, Wrighton, Randall and Caulfield.
- 76.26 The Mayor then called on Councillor Mears to reply.
- 76.27 Councillor Mears thanked the Mayor and responded to the various points that had been raised in the debate and moved the Administration's budget proposals together with the Conservative Group's amendment.
- 76.28 The Mayor then called on the Monitoring Officer to remind the council of the legal position and the process to be followed.
- 76.29 The Monitoring Officer referred Members to the protocol which had been circulated and drew attention to the need to set a lawful budget. He also noted that depending on whether each amendment was agreed, the Director of Finance may need to clarify the overall budget position before the next amendment or substantive vote was taken.
- 76.30 Prior to the Mayor putting the various amendments to the vote, Councillor Mears requested that a recorded vote be held for each amendment.
- 76.31 The Mayor noted that sufficient Members had supported the motion for a recorded vote and stated that each amendment would be called in turn and put to the vote.
- 76.32 The Mayor then put the Conservative Group Amendment 1 to the vote:

“To allocate the £0.205m unallocated reserves identified on page 14 of the agenda in paragraph 3.32 of the budget report to the following one-off proposals:

- £0.020m for new library books.
- £0.100m to provide transitional funding for city employment initiatives.
- £0.055m to provide one-off support for the Education Business Partnership.
- £0.010m for a bus study to consider city-wide gaps in service provision.
- £0.020m to provide additional one-off support for sports development work in the City’s schools.”

	NAME	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Cllr	Alford	✓		
	Allen		x	
	Barnett	✓		
	Bennett	Absent		
	Brown	✓		
	Carden		x	
	Caulfield	✓		
	Cobb	✓		
	Davey		x	
	Davis		x	
	Deane		x	
	Drake	✓		
	Duncan		x	
	Elgood		x	
	Fallon-Khan	✓		
	Fryer		x	
	Hamilton		x	
	Harmer-Strange	✓		
	Hawkes		x	
	Hyde	✓		
	Janio	✓		
	Kemble	✓		
	Kennedy		x	
	Kitcat		x	
	Lepper		x	
	Marsh		x	
	McCaffery		x	
	Meadows		x	
	Mears	✓		
	Mitchell		x	
	Morgan		x	
	Norman, Ann	✓		
	Norman, Ken	✓		
	Older	✓		

	Oxley	✓		
	Peltzer Dunn	✓		
	Phillips		x	
	Pidgeon	✓		
	Randall		x	
	Rufus		x	
	Simpson		x	
	Simson	✓		
	Smith	✓		
	Steedman		x	
	Theobald, Carol	✓		
	Theobald, Geoffrey	✓		
	Turton		x	
	Wakefield-Jarrett		x	
	Watkins		x	
	Wells	✓		
	West		x	
	Wrighton		x	
	Young	✓		
	Total	24	28	

76.33 The motion was lost.

76.34 The Mayor then put the Joint Labour and Green Groups' Amendment 1 to the vote:

"The following proposals will generate £1.411m permanent resources in the general fund revenue budget for 2011/12 and add £0.096m to reserves:

- Reverse the proposed 1% reduction in council tax thereby freezing the council tax for 2011/12 and generating £1.198m in council tax revenue.
- Reduce the budget for mowing of grass verges by £0.1m. This will reduce the frequency of mowing verges and can be achieved by reducing the overtime budget for this service.
- Reverse the proposed 5% reduction in resident's parking permits thereby freezing the cost of permits and generating £0.113m income.

To allocate the £1.411m resources to the following:

- £0.149m for the Community Safety Team & Partnership and Drug and Alcohol Action Team to reverse part of the savings identified on page 86 of the agenda.
- £0.091m for the Youth Offending Service to reverse the saving identified on page 76 of the agenda.
- £0.232m for the Communities and Equalities Team to reverse the savings identified on page 81 of the agenda.
- £0.200m for the School and Community Teams to reverse part of the savings proposed in the Educational Psychology (allocation £0.120m) and Education Welfare Services (allocation £0.080m) identified on page 76 of the agenda.

- £0.014m for the Sustainable Transport Parking Service to reverse the proposal to charge for car club bays which is part of the saving identified on page 83 of the agenda.
- £0.100m for Community Care to reverse part of the saving identified on page 78 of the agenda.
- £0.250m for School Improvement Service to reverse the £0.070m saving identified on page 74 and provide an additional £0.180m investment in this service.
- £0.044m for Workforce Development within Schools, Skills and Learning to reverse the proposed saving in School Workforce Development and Governor Support identified on page 75 of the agenda.
- £0.025m for Advisory & Adult Learning to reverse the proposed saving in City Wide Attendance Strategy Support identified on page 74 of the agenda.
- £0.050m for Music & Arts Study Support to reverse part of the proposed savings in the Music Service identified on page 75 of the agenda.
- £0.156m for the Fostering & Adoption Service to reverse part of the saving identified on page 76 of the agenda.
- £0.100m for Day Services to reverse the saving proposed on page 80 of the agenda.

The reversal of savings identified above means that £0.096m of reserves allocated to fund the part year effect of these savings will no longer be needed and it is proposed that this money will be retained in reserves.”

	NAME	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Cllr	Alford		x	
	Allen	✓		
	Barnett		x	
	Bennett	Absent		
	Brown		x	
	Carden	✓		
	Caulfield		x	
	Cobb		x	
	Davey	✓		
	Davis	✓		
	Deane	✓		
	Drake		x	
	Duncan	✓		
	Elgood	✓		
	Fallon-Khan		x	
	Fryer	✓		
	Hamilton	✓		
	Harmer-Strange		x	
	Hawkes	✓		
	Hyde		x	
	Janio		x	
	Kemble		x	

	Kennedy	✓		
	Kitcat	✓		
	Lepper	✓		
	Marsh	✓		
	McCaffery	✓		
	Meadows	✓		
	Mears		X	
	Mitchell	✓		
	Morgan	✓		
	Norman, Ann		X	
	Norman, Ken		X	
	Older		X	
	Oxley		X	
	Peltzer Dunn		X	
	Phillips	✓		
	Pidgeon		X	
	Randall	✓		
	Rufus	✓		
	Simpson	✓		
	Simson		X	
	Smith		X	
	Steedman	✓		
	Theobald, Carol		X	
	Theobald, Geoffrey		X	
	Turton	✓		
	Wakefield-Jarrett	✓		
	Watkins	✓		
	Wells		X	
	West	✓		
	Wrighton	✓		
	Young		X	
	Total	28	24	

76.35 The motion was carried.

76.36 The Mayor then put the Joint Labour and Green Groups' Amendment 2 to the vote:

"The following proposals will generate £1.175m in general fund revenue reserves for 2011/12:

- £1.100m by reversing the proposal set out in paragraph 3.11 on page 162 of the capital programme report to remove the cycle lanes in Grand Avenue and The Drive. Switch the capital grant funding to other schemes in the capital programme funded by either general fund revenue contributions or reserves thereby releasing the equivalent amount into general fund revenue reserves.
- £0.075m from the £0.205m unallocated reserves identified on page 14 of the agenda in paragraph 3.32 of the budget report.

To allocate the £1.175m to the following:

- £0.040m for City Clean to update the work already undertaken on a future food waste collection service and develop detailed financial and operational proposals for a trial.
- £0.200m for Early Intervention Services to provide transitional funding for the Connexions Service. The savings proposal is shown on page 77 of the agenda.
- £0.050m for Other Sustainable Transport to maintain certain supported bus routes for another year should alternative funding not be forthcoming. The savings proposal is shown on page 82 of the agenda.
- £0.030m for Schools, Skills & Learning to maintain the co-ordinator for school's equality and anti-bullying work for one year prior to the transfer of this responsibility to schools. The savings proposal is part of the full year effect of in-year grant cuts shown on page 75 of the agenda.
- £0.200m for a one-off risk provision in contingency to provide further protection for the shift to personalised care.
- £0.400m to provide funding to develop a Citywide Financial Inclusion Strategy including support for existing money and debt advice services and Credit Unions to be commissioned by the council via the Advice and Information Services Partnership of the LSP.
- £0.040m for Public Protection to provide transitional funding to support the changes outlined in the Public Protection saving proposals shown on page 85 of the agenda.
- £0.200m for a one-off risk provision in contingency to provide further cover for possible risks arising within Children's, Youth and Families.
- £0.015m for Grants to Voluntary Organisations to reverse the saving proposal as shown on page 81 of the agenda for one year only."

	NAME	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Cllr	Alford		x	
	Allen	✓		
	Barnett		x	
	Bennett	Absent		
	Brown		x	
	Carden	✓		
	Caulfield		x	
	Cobb		x	
	Davey	✓		
	Davis	✓		
	Deane	✓		
	Drake		x	
	Duncan	✓		
	Elgood	✓		
	Fallon-Khan		x	
	Fryer	✓		
	Hamilton	✓		

	Harmer-Strange		X	
	Hawkes	✓		
	Hyde		X	
	Janio		X	
	Kemble		X	
	Kennedy	✓		
	Kitcat	✓		
	Lepper	✓		
	Marsh	✓		
	McCaffery	✓		
	Meadows	✓		
	Mears		X	
	Mitchell	✓		
	Morgan	✓		
	Norman, Ann		X	
	Norman, Ken		X	
	Older		X	
	Oxley		X	
	Peltzer Dunn		X	
	Phillips	✓		
	Pidgeon		X	
	Randall	✓		
	Rufus	✓		
	Simpson	✓		
	Simson		X	
	Smith		X	
	Steedman	✓		
	Theobald, Carol		X	
	Theobald, Geoffrey		X	
	Turton	✓		
	Wakefield-Jarrett	✓		
	Watkins	✓		
	Wells		X	
	West	✓		
	Wrighton	✓		
	Young		X	
	Total	28	24	

76.37 The motion was carried.

76.38 The Mayor then put the Labour Group Amendment 1 to the vote:

“To allocate £0.130m from the £0.205m unallocated reserves identified on page 14 of the agenda in paragraph 3.32 of the budget report to the planned maintenance budget for seafront improvement works east of Brighton Pier.”

	NAME	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Cllr	Alford		X	
	Allen	✓		
	Barnett		X	
	Bennett	Absent		
	Brown		X	
	Carden	✓		
	Caulfield		X	
	Cobb		X	
	Davey		X	
	Davis	✓		
	Deane		X	
	Drake		X	
	Duncan		X	
	Elgood	✓		
	Fallon-Khan		X	
	Fryer		X	
	Hamilton	✓		
	Harmer-Strange		X	
	Hawkes	✓		
	Hyde		X	
	Janio		X	
	Kemble		X	
	Kennedy		X	
	Kitcat		X	
	Lepper	✓		
	Marsh	✓		
	McCaffery	✓		
	Meadows	✓		
	Mears		X	
	Mitchell	✓		
	Morgan	✓		
	Norman, Ann		X	
	Norman, Ken		X	
	Older		X	
	Oxley		X	
	Peltzer Dunn		X	
	Phillips		X	
	Pidgeon		X	
	Randall		X	
	Rufus		X	
	Simpson	✓		
	Simson		X	
	Smith		X	
	Steedman		X	
	Theobald, Carol		X	
	Theobald, Geoffrey		X	
	Turton	✓		

	Wakefield-Jarrett		X	
	Watkins	✓		
	Wells		X	
	West		X	
	Wrighton		X	
	Young		X	
	Total	15	37	

76.39 **The motion was lost.**

76.40 The Mayor then put the Green Group Amendment 1 to the vote:

“The following proposals will generate £1.700m permanent resources in the general fund revenue budget for 2011/12 and release £0.137m back to reserves:

- Reverse the proposed 1% reduction in council tax thereby freezing the council tax for 2011/12 and generating £1.198m in council tax revenue.
- Reduce the budget for mowing of grass verges by £0.1m. This will reduce the frequency of mowing verges and can be achieved by reducing the overtime budget for this service.
- Delete the proposal to create a Local Homes Venture Fund saving £0.2m.
- Reverse the proposed 5% reduction in resident's parking permits and reinstating a 2% increase in the cost of permits and generating £0.158m income.
- Remove all catering including drinks at member meetings, pre-meetings and informal member meetings saving £0.026m.
- Adopt the members allowance scheme set out in the Review of Members Allowances report to Council on 21 October 2010 agenda item 28a saving £0.018m.

To allocate the £1.700m resources to the following:

- £0.247m for the Community Safety Team & Partnership and Drug and Alcohol Action Team to reverse part of the savings identified on page 86 of the agenda.
- £0.091m for the Youth Offending Team to reverse the saving identified on page 76 of the agenda.
- £0.200m for Early Intervention Services to reverse part of the Connexions Service saving identified on page 77 of the agenda, prioritising SEN support in mainstream schools.
- £0.232m for the Communities and Equalities Team to reverse the savings identified on page 81 of the agenda.
- £0.250m for the School and Community Teams to reverse part of the saving proposed in the Educational Psychology and Education Welfare Services identified on page 76 of the agenda.
- £0.014m for the Sustainable Transport Parking Service to reverse the proposal to charge for car club bays which is part of the saving identified on page 83 of the agenda.

- £0.025m to Public Protection to provide an additional noise patrol shift per week.
- £0.070m for School Improvement Service to reverse the saving identified on page 74 of the agenda.
- £0.044m for Workforce Development within Schools, Skills and Learning to reverse the proposed saving in School Workforce Development and Governor Support identified on page 75 of the agenda.
- £0.025m for Advisory & Adult Learning to reverse the proposed saving in City Wide Attendance Strategy Support identified on page 74 of the agenda.
- £0.059m for Music & Arts Study Support to reverse part of the proposed savings in the Music Service identified on page 75 of the agenda.
- £0.135m for the Fostering & Adoption Service to reverse part of the saving identified on page 76 of the agenda.
- £0.015m for Grants to Voluntary Organisations to reverse the saving proposal as shown on page 81 of the agenda.
- £0.047m for Sustainable Transport to reverse part of the saving identified on page 82 of the agenda relating to reducing the number of posts in Environment Initiatives, Traffic & Transport, Road Safety & Transport Planning.
- £0.100m for Day Services to reverse the saving proposed on page 80 of the agenda.
- £0.127m for Development Planning to reverse some of the savings from reductions in staff proposed on page 85 of the agenda.
- £0.019m for Public Protection to reverse part of the savings for environmental protection and licensing proposed on page 85 of the agenda.

The impact of new savings and the reversal of savings identified above means that £0.137m of reserves allocated to fund the part year effect of these savings will no longer be needed and it is proposed that this money will be retained in reserves.”

	NAME	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Cllr	Alford		x	
	Allen		x	
	Barnett		x	
	Bennett	Absent		
	Brown		x	
	Carden		x	
	Caulfield		x	
	Cobb		x	
	Davey	✓		
	Davis		x	
	Deane	✓		
	Drake		x	
	Duncan	✓		
	Elgood		x	
	Fallon-Khan		x	
	Fryer	✓		

	Hamilton		X	
	Harmer-Strange		X	
	Hawkes		X	
	Hyde		X	
	Janio		X	
	Kemble		X	
	Kennedy	✓		
	Kitcat	✓		
	Lepper		X	
	Marsh		X	
	McCaffery		X	
	Meadows		X	
	Mears		X	
	Mitchell		X	
	Morgan		X	
	Norman, Ann		X	
	Norman, Ken		X	
	Older		X	
	Oxley		X	
	Peltzer Dunn		X	
	Phillips	✓		
	Pidgeon		X	
	Randall	✓		
	Rufus	✓		
	Simpson		X	
	Simson		X	
	Smith		X	
	Steedman	✓		
	Theobald, Carol		X	
	Theobald, Geoffrey		X	
	Turton		X	
	Wakefield-Jarrett	✓		
	Watkins		X	
	Wells		X	
	West	✓		
	Wrighton	✓		
	Young		X	
	Total	13	39	

76.41 The motion was lost.

76.42 The Mayor then put the Green Group Amendment 2 to the vote:

“The following proposal will generate £1.100m in general fund revenue reserves for 2011/12:

- £1.100m by reversing the proposal set out in paragraph 3.11 on page 162 of the capital programme report to remove the cycle lanes in Grand Avenue and The Drive.

Switch the capital grant funding to other schemes in the capital programme funded by either general fund revenue contributions or reserves thereby releasing the equivalent amount into general fund revenue reserves.

To allocate £1.060m to the following:

- £0.040m for City Clean to update the work already undertaken on a future food waste collection service and develop detailed financial and operational proposals for a trial.
- £0.030m for Schools, Skills & Learning to maintain the co-ordinator for school's equality and anti-bullying work for one year prior to the transfer of this responsibility to schools. The savings proposal is part of the full year effect of in-year grant cuts shown on page 75 of the agenda.
- £0.500m to create a fund to support the installation of renewable energy generating technologies on council owned buildings in order to take advantage of the time limited feed in tariffs.
- £0.040m for Public Protection to provide transitional funding to support the changes outlined in the Public Protection saving proposals shown on page 85 of the agenda.
- £0.450m for a one-off risk provision in contingency to provide further cover for possible risks arising within Children's, Youth and Families and in the delivery units for Adult Assessment and Adult Provision.

The remaining £0.040m to be added to reserves."

	NAME	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Cllr	Alford		X	
	Allen		X	
	Barnett		X	
	Bennett	Absent		
	Brown		X	
	Carden		X	
	Caulfield		X	
	Cobb		X	
	Davey	✓		
	Davis		X	
	Deane	✓		
	Drake		X	
	Duncan	✓		
	Elgood	✓		
	Fallon-Khan		X	
	Fryer	✓		
	Hamilton		X	
	Harmer-Strange		X	
	Hawkes		X	
	Hyde		X	
	Janio		X	
	Kemble		X	
	Kennedy	✓		

	Kitcat	✓		
	Lepper		X	
	Marsh		X	
	McCaffery		X	
	Meadows		X	
	Mears		X	
	Mitchell		X	
	Morgan		X	
	Norman, Ann		X	
	Norman, Ken		X	
	Older		X	
	Oxley		X	
	Peltzer Dunn		X	
	Phillips	✓		
	Pidgeon		X	
	Randall	✓		
	Rufus	✓		
	Simpson		X	
	Simson		X	
	Smith		X	
	Steedman	✓		
	Theobald, Carol		X	
	Theobald, Geoffrey		X	
	Turton		X	
	Wakefield-Jarrett	✓		
	Watkins	✓		
	Wells		X	
	West	✓		
	Wrighton	✓		
	Young		X	
	Total	15	37	

76.43 **The motion was lost.**

76.44 The Mayor then called on Councillor Mears.

76.45 Councillor Mears asked for a short adjournment in light of the various amendments that had been carried so that the Groups could have time to consider the implications for the budget proposals and clarify any concerns with officers prior to the substantive votes being taken.

76.46 The Mayor stated that he was willing to grant the request and therefore adjourned the meeting at 9.35pm.

76.47 The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 10.10pm and stated that he intended to put each of the items to vote as outlined in the protocol.

76.48 The Mayor then put the substantive motions for the General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2011/12 together with the Supplementary Financial Information (Items 76(a) and 76(b)) as amended to the vote.

	NAME	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Cllr	Alford	✓		
	Allen			x
	Barnett	✓		
	Bennett	Absent		
	Brown	✓		
	Carden			x
	Caulfield	✓		
	Cobb	✓		
	Davey		x	
	Davis			x
	Deane		x	
	Drake	Absent		
	Duncan		x	
	Elgood		x	
	Fallon-Khan	✓		
	Fryer		x	
	Hamilton			x
	Harmer-Strange	✓		
	Hawkes			x
	Hyde	✓		
	Janio	✓		
	Kemble	✓		
	Kennedy		x	
	Kitcat		x	
	Lepper			x
	Marsh			x
	McCaffery			x
	Meadows			x
	Mears	✓		
	Mitchell			x
	Morgan			x
	Norman, Ann	✓		
	Norman, Ken	✓		
	Older	✓		
	Oxley	✓		
	Peltzer Dunn	✓		
	Phillips		x	
	Pidgeon	✓		
	Randall		x	
	Rufus		x	
	Simpson			x
	Simson	✓		
	Smith	✓		

	Steedman		X	
	Theobald, Carol	✓		
	Theobald, Geoffrey	✓		
	Turton			X
	Wakefield-Jarrett		X	
	Watkins		X	
	Wells	✓		
	West		X	
	Wrighton		X	
	Young	✓		
	Total	23	15	13

76.49 The Mayor noted that the motion had been carried.

76.50 RESOLVED –

- (1) That subject to (3) below, the 2011/12 General Fund Revenue Budget proposals as amended be approved including;
 - A freeze in the level of council tax;
 - The 2011/12 budget allocations to services as set out in revised appendix 1 attached to these minutes;
 - The council's net General Fund budget requirement for 2011/12 of £232.2m;
 - The commitments and reinvestments as set out in paragraph 3.48 of the report, as amended, including funding for free swimming for the under 11's;
 - The budget savings package as set out in appendix 10 to the report, as amended;
 - The value for money savings as set out in appendix 11 to the report;
 - The corporate budgets of £20.5m;
 - The contingency budget of £4.1m as set out in table 6 of the report, as amended;
 - The reserves allocations as set out in appendix 5 and paragraph 3.32 of the report, as amended;
 - The borrowing limit of £367m for the year commencing 1st April 2011;
 - The annual Minimum Revenue Provision statement as set out in appendix 8 to the report;
 - The prudential indicators as set out in appendix 9 to the report;
- (2) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) budget and resource projections for 2011/12 to 2014/15 as set out in appendix 6 to the report and amended as per the revised summary of MTFS projections attached to these minutes be noted;
- (3) That the supplementary information needed to set the overall council tax as detailed in paragraph 4.5 of the report (Item 76(b)) and the revised calculations required under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as shown below be noted;

**CALCULATION OF BRIGHTON AND HOVE'S BUDGET
REQUIREMENT AND COUNCIL TAX**

CALCULATIONS REQUIRED UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992

S32	Expenditure	£	£
	Gross Revenue expenditure on Brighton and Hove services	698,404,143	
	Contingency	4,126,000	
	Levies and "County-wide" services	139,377	
	Special levies	27,480	
	Parish precept	27,000	
			702,724,000
	Income		
	Fees, charges and specific Government Grants	465,413,000	
	Contribution from reserves	5,063,000	
			470,476,000
	Net Budget Requirement (R)		232,248,000

S33	R = Budget requirement		232,248,000
	P =		
	Revenue Support Grant	26,542,853	
	NNDR income	85,870,605	
	Previous year surplus/deficit	0	
	Total of P		112,413,458
	R - P (Total Council Tax required)		119,834,542
	T = Taxbase		94,897.89
	(R-P)/T =Basic Council Tax		1,262.77

S34	(i) S34 (2)	
	B = Section 33 Calculation	1,262.77
	A = Total of Special Items (as defined in S35)	54,480
	T = Taxbase	94,897.89
	B - (A / T) = Council Tax for areas with no special items	1,262.20
	(ii) S34 (3)	
	C = Section 34 (2) calculation	1,262.20
	S =	
	Rottingdean Parish special item	27,000
	Hanover Crescent Enclosure Committee special item	6,674
	Marine Square Enclosure Committee special item	15,251
	Royal Crescent Enclosure Committee special item	5,555
	TP =	
	Rottingdean Parish taxbase	1,540.33
	Hanover Crescent Enclosure Committee taxbase	39.59
	Marine Square Enclosure Committee taxbase	78.37
	Royal Crescent Enclosure Committee taxbase	30.40
	C + (S / TP) = Council Tax for areas with special items:-	
	Rottingdean Parish	1,279.73
	Hanover Crescent Enclosure Committee	1,430.78
	Marine Square Enclosure Committee	1,456.80
	Royal Crescent Enclosure Committee	1,444.93

- (4) That it be noted that at its meeting on the 20th January 2011 the Cabinet calculated the following amounts for the year 2011/2012 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

- (a) 94,897.89 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) Parts of the Council's Area
- | | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Rottingdean Parish – | 1,540.33 |
| Hanover Crescent Enclosure – | 39.59 |
| Marine Square Enclosure – | 78.37 |
| Royal Crescent Enclosure – | 30.40 |

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate;

- (5) That 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 Finance Act 1992 ("the Act"):-

£698,404,143 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 net of contingency, levies and "County-wide" services and special items:

Contingency – £4,126,000

Levies and "County-wide" services:-

£60,386 Environment Agency (Flood Defence)
£78,991 Sussex Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority

Special expenses:-

£27,000 Rottingdean Parish
£ 6,674 Hanover Crescent Enclosure Committee
£15,251 Marine Square Enclosure Committee
£ 5,555 Royal Crescent Enclosure Committee
£54,480 Total of special items

- (a) £702,724,000 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 including contingency and special items;

- (b) £465,413,000 Income from Fees, Charges and specific Government grants,
£5,063,000 Contribution from reserves,

£470,476,000 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) £232,248,000 being the amount by which the aggregate at 2(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act as its budget requirement for the year;
- (d) £112,413,458 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 and revenue support grant and decreased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its general fund to its collection fund in accordance with section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax surplus) and increased by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its collection fund to its general fund pursuant to directions under section 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Community Charge Surplus);
- (e) £1,262.77 being the amount at 2(c) above less the amount at 2(d) above, all divided by the amount at 1(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) £54,480 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act;
- (g) £1,262.20 being the amount at 2(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2(f) above by the amount at 1(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 items relates;
- (h) Parts of the Council's area

Rottingdean Parish -	£1,279.73
Hanover Crescent -	£1,430.78
Marine Square -	£1,456.80
Royal Crescent -	£1,444.93

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2(g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1(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 the dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate;

(i)

Valuation Band: Parts of the Council's area		A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rottingdean Parish		710.96	853.15	995.35	1,137.54	1,279.73	1,564.11	1,848.50	2,132.88	2,559.46
Hanover Crescent		794.88	953.85	1,112.83	1,271.80	1,430.78	1,748.73	2,066.68	2,384.63	2,861.56
Marine Square		809.33	971.20	1,133.07	1,294.93	1,456.80	1,780.53	2,104.27	2,428.00	2,913.60
Royal Crescent		802.74	963.29	1,123.83	1,284.38	1,444.93	1,766.03	2,087.12	2,408.22	2,889.86
All other parts of the councils area		701.22	841.47	981.71	1,121.96	1,262.20	1,542.69	1,823.18	2,103.67	2,524.40

*Entitled to disabled relief

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2(g) and 2(h) above by the number which, in the 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;

- (6) That it be noted that for the year 2011/2012 the Sussex Police Authority has stated 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 shown below:-

Valuation Band (£)								
A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
76.90	92.28	107.66	123.04	138.42	169.18	199.94	230.70	276.84

*Entitled to disabled relief

- (7) That it be noted that for the year 2011/2012 the East Sussex Fire Authority has stated 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 shown below:-

Valuation Band (£)								
A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
45.48	54.57	63.67	72.76	81.86	100.05	118.24	136.43	163.72

*Entitled to disabled relief

- (8) That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 5(i), 6 and 7 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts of council tax for the year 2011/2012 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Valuation Band: Parts of the Council's area	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rottingdean Parish	833.34	1,000.00	1,166.68	1,333.34	1,500.01	1,833.34	2,166.68	2,500.01	3,000.02
Hanover Crescent	917.26	1,100.70	1,284.16	1,467.60	1,651.06	2,017.96	2,384.86	2,751.76	3,302.12
Marine Square	931.71	1,118.05	1,304.40	1,490.73	1,677.08	2,049.76	2,422.45	2,795.13	3,354.16
Royal Crescent	925.12	1,110.14	1,295.16	1,480.18	1,665.21	2,035.26	2,405.30	2,775.30	3,330.42
All other parts of the councils area	823.60	988.32	1,153.04	1,317.76	1,482.48	1,811.92	2,141.36	2,470.80	2,964.96

*Entitled to disabled relief

76.51 The Mayor then put the substantive motions for the Capital Resources and Capital Investment Programme for 2011/12 (Item 76(c)) as amended to the vote.

	NAME	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Cllr	Alford	✓		
	Allen			X
	Barnett	✓		
	Bennett	Absent		
	Brown	✓		
	Carden			X
	Caulfield	✓		
	Cobb	✓		
	Davey		X	
	Davis			X
	Deane		X	
	Drake	Absent		
	Duncan		X	
	Elgood		X	
	Fallon-Khan	✓		
	Fryer		X	
	Hamilton			X
	Harmer-Strange	✓		
	Hawkes			X
	Hyde	✓		
	Janio	✓		
	Kemble	✓		
	Kennedy		X	
	Kitcat		X	
	Lepper			X
	Marsh			X
	McCaffery			X
	Meadows			X
	Mears	✓		
	Mitchell			X
	Morgan			X
	Norman, Ann	✓		
	Norman, Ken	✓		

	Older	✓		
	Oxley	✓		
	Peltzer Dunn	✓		
	Phillips		X	
	Pidgeon	✓		
	Randall		X	
	Rufus		X	
	Simpson			X
	Simson	✓		
	Smith	✓		
	Steedman		X	
	Theobald, Carol	✓		
	Theobald, Geoffrey	✓		
	Turton			X
	Wakefield-Jarrett		X	
	Watkins		X	
	Wells	✓		
	West		X	
	Wrighton		X	
	Young	✓		
	Total	23	15	13

76.52 The Mayor noted that the motion had been carried.

76.53 RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Capital Investment Programme for 2011/12 be approved and the estimated resources in future years as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, as amended, be noted;
- (2) That the allocation of £0.5m resources in 2011/12 for the Strategic Investment Fund for the purposes detailed in paragraph 3.26 of the report be agreed;
- (3) That the allocation of £0.5m for the ICT Fund be agreed;
- (4) That the allocation of £1.0m for the Asset Management Fund be agreed; and
- (5) That the potential use of council borrowing as set out in table 5 in the report be agreed.

76.54 The Mayor then put the substantive motions for the Housing Revenue Account Budget (Item 76 (d)) to the vote.

	NAME	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Cllr	Alford	✓		
	Allen			X
	Barnett	✓		
	Bennett	Absent		

	Brown	✓		
	Carden			X
	Caulfield	✓		
	Cobb	✓		
	Davey			X
	Davis			X
	Deane			X
	Drake	Absent		
	Duncan			X
	Elgood			X
	Fallon-Khan	✓		
	Fryer			X
	Hamilton			X
	Harmer-Strange	✓		
	Hawkes			X
	Hyde	✓		
	Janio	✓		
	Kemble	✓		
	Kennedy			X
	Kitcat			X
	Lepper			X
	Marsh			X
	McCaffery			X
	Meadows			X
	Mears	✓		
	Mitchell			X
	Morgan			X
	Norman, Ann	✓		
	Norman, Ken	✓		
	Older	✓		
	Oxley	✓		
	Peltzer Dunn	✓		
	Phillips			X
	Pidgeon	✓		
	Randall			X
	Rufus			X
	Simpson			X
	Simson	✓		
	Smith	✓		
	Steedman			X
	Theobald, Carol	✓		
	Theobald, Geoffrey	✓		
	Turton			X
	Wakefield-Jarrett			X
	Watkins			X
	Wells	✓		
	West			X
	Wrighton			X

	Young	✓		
	Total	23		28

76.55 The Mayor noted that the motion had been carried.

76.56 **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2011/12, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (2) That the individual rent increases and decreases in line with rent restructuring principles as determined by the Government be approved; and
- (3) That the changes to fees and charges as detailed in paragraphs 3.17 to 3.26 of the report be approved.

77. CLOSE OF MEETING

77.1 The Mayor thanked Members and closed the meeting at 10.25pm.

The meeting concluded at 10.25pm

Signed

Chairman

Dated this

day of

