

**COUNCIL MEETING****26 February 2015****7.00 pm – 7.45 pm****Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud****3****Minutes****Membership:**

Liz Ashton	P	Paul Hemming	P	Lesley Reeves	P
Martin Baxendale	A	Nick Hurst	P	Steve Robinson	P
Dorcas Binns	P	Julie Job	A	Mattie Ross	P
Tim Boxall	P	Haydn Jones	P	Roger Sanders	P
Chris Brine	P	John Jones	P	Emma Sims	P
Miranda Clifton	P	Stephen Lydon	P	Paul Smith	P
Nigel Cooper	A	John Marjoram	P	Ken Stephens	P
June Cordwell	P	Russell Miles	P	Nigel Studdert-Kennedy	P
Doina Cornell	P	Caroline Molloy	P	Brian Tipper	P
Gordon Craig	P	Stephen Moore	P	Geoff Wheeler	P
Karon Cross	P	Dave Mossman	A	Martin Whiteside	P
Paul Denney	P	Keith Pearson	P	Rhiannon Wigzell	P
David Drew	A	Elizabeth Peters	P	Tim Williams	P
Julie Douglass	P	Simon Pickering	P	Tom Williams *	P
Jonathan Edmunds	P	Gary Powell	P	Penny Wride	P
Colin Fryer	P	Nigel Prenter	P	Debbie Young	P
Chas Fellows	A	Mark Rees **	P	1 vacancy	

\*\* = Chair of Council

\* = Vice Chair of Council P = Present A = Absent

**Officers Present**
 Chief Executive  
 Legal Services Manager and  
 Monitoring Officer  
 Finance Manager  
 Head of Asset Management

 Strategic Head (Finance & Business Services  
 Interim Multi Service Contracts Manager  
 Manager  
 Facilities Manager  
 Democratic Services Officer
**CL.041 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Martin Baxendale, Nigel Cooper, David Drew, Chas Fellows, Julie Job and Dave Mossman.

**CL.042 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

**CL.043      MINUTES**

The following amendments to the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2015 were moved by the Leader and seconded by Councillor Chris Brine.

“Minute CL.040(b), (c) and (d) the deletion of the words “On being put to the vote the Motion was unanimously carried.”

**RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 November 2014, Extraordinary Meeting held on 9 December 2014 and Budget Meeting held on 29 January 2015 are confirmed and signed as a correct record, with the above amendments.**

**CL.044      ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chief Executive confirmed the Council had been awarded its Public Service Network compliance certificate as a result of hard work by the in-house ICT team. The certificate is issued annually by the Cabinet Office to public service organisations that meet the high standards needed to consume and share government information and services.

**CL.045      PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

**CL.046      MULTI SERVICE CONTRACT – AQUISITION OF DEPOT**

The report had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting and was outlined by the Leader. He proposed an amendment to paragraph a) in the decision box, by adding the words “in consultation with the Chairs of Environment and Strategy and Resources Committees” which was seconded by Councillor Keith Pearson.

On being put to the vote, the amended Motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED a) To delegate to the Head of Asset Management the authority to complete negotiations, approve terms and complete the acquisition of the depot in consultation with the Chairs of Environment and Strategy and Resources Committees.**

**b) To delegate to the Strategic Head (Finance and Business Services) authority to amend the capital programme and the Capital Financing Requirement for 2015/16 as set out in the Treasury Management Strategy also being reported to this meeting, if necessary.**

**c) To delegate to the Strategic Head (Finance and Business Services) authority to borrow an amount equal to the cost of acquisition.**

**CL.047      SETTING THE AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX FOR 2015/16**

The Leader outlined the above report and appendices.

In accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 (amended 29 January 2014), a recorded vote was taken, the results of which are as follows:

<b>FOR:</b> <b>(42)</b>	<b><u>Councillors</u></b>		
	Liz Ashton	Nick Hurst	Mattie Ross
	Dorcas Binns	Haydn Jones	Roger Sanders
	Chris Brine	John Jones	Emma Sims
	Tim Boxall	Stephen Lydon	Paul Smith
	Miranda Clifton	John Marjoram	Ken Stephens
	June Cordwell	Russell Miles	Nigel Studdert-Kennedy
	Doina Cornell	Stephen Moore	Brian Tipper
	Gordon Craig	Keith Pearson	Geoff Wheeler
	Karon Cross	Elizabeth Peters	Martin Whiteside
	Paul Denney	Gary Powell	Rhiannon Wigzell
	Julie Douglass	Nigel Prenter	Tim Williams
	Jonathan Edmunds	Mark Rees	Tom Williams
	Colin Fryer	Lesley Reeves	Penny Wride
Paul Hemming	Steve Robinson	Debbie Young	

**AGAINST:**      **Councillors**  
**(0)**

**ABSTAIN:**      **Councillor**  
**(1)**                Caroline Molloy

**RESOLVED**

1. It be noted that on 29 January 2015 the Council calculated
  - (a) the Council Tax Base 2015/16 for the whole Council area as 41,428.97 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")] and,
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix A column 2.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the for the Council's own purposes for 2015/16 (excluding Parish precepts) is £7,744,317.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Act:
  - (a) £95,787,605 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) (a) to (f) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.

- (b) £85,168,777 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) (a) to (d) of the Act.
- (c) £10,618,828 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- (d) £256.31 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a)) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (Basic Band 'D' including Parish precepts).
- (e) £2,874,511 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix A).
- (f) £186.93 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (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 Parish precept relates. (Basic Band 'D' excluding Parish/Town Councils).
4. That it be noted that for the year 2015/16 Gloucestershire County Council and The Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire have 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 Bands*	Gloucestershire County Council	The Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire
DisrA**	£605.83	£115.41
A	£727.00	£138.49
B	£848.17	£161.57
C	£969.33	£184.65
D	£1,090.50	£207.73
E	£1,332.83	£253.89
F	£1,575.17	£300.05
G	£1,817.50	£346.22
H	£2,181.00	£415.46

\* Banding proportions are shown in paragraph 13 of the report.

\*\* Band DisrA provides for a discount for disabled people living in a band A property.

5. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(d) and 4 above, the Council in accordance with Section 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2015/16 for each of the categories of dwellings shown in Appendix C to this report.
6. That the revised Medium Term Financial Plan, adjusted for the final settlement figures and Business Rates income set out in Appendix D is approved.

**CL.048      RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2015**

**(a) Treasury Management Strategy, Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2015/16**

Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy outlined the purpose of the above report. It was clarified that in paragraph 4.22 the words “AAA-rated” should read “AAA – rated”; the hyphen being superfluous.

On being put to the vote the Motion was carried unanimously.

- RESOLVED**
1. To adopt the prudential indicators and limits for 2015/16 to 2017/18.
  2. To approve the treasury management strategy 2015/16, and the treasury prudential indicators.
  3. To approve the investment strategy 2015/16, and the detailed criteria for specified and non-specified investments.
  4. To approve the Minimum Revenue Policy Statement 2015/16.

**(b) Internal Audit and Risk Management Shared Service**

Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy outlined the above report. It was anticipated that savings would be in the region of £23,000.

The Leader proposed an amendment that Audit and Standards Committee “review the Service in 2016/17, making comparisons to other partnerships, performance and benefits to the Council from this arrangement”. The amendment was seconded by Councillor Steve Lydon.

On being put to the vote the amended Motion was carried unanimously.

- RESOLVED**
- i. **Have a Shared Internal Audit and Risk Management Service (“the Service”) with effect from 1 April 2015 (or such other date as is agreed between the Council, Gloucester City Council and Gloucestershire County Council) as outlined in the report, SUBJECT TO:**
    - a. **The entering into of an Administrative Collaboration Agreement for the Service with the partner authorities on terms approved by the Strategic Head (Finance and Business Services); and**

- b. The formation of an Internal Audit and Risk Management Shared Services Board involving the Section 151 Officers from each of the participating authorities, to oversee the implementation and ongoing monitoring of the Service.**
- ii. Delegate its Internal Audit Function to Gloucestershire County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972.**
- iii. To review the Service in 2016/17, making comparisons to other partnerships, performance and benefits to the Council from this arrangement.**

**CL.049      MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Chair of Council