

**COUNCIL MEETING****23 February 2017****7.00 pm – 8.40 pm****Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud****3****Minutes****Membership:**

Martin Baxendale	P	Nick Hurst	P	Skeena Rathor	A
Dorcas Binns	P	Julie Job	A	Sue Reed	P
Catherine Braun	P	Haydn Jones	P	Mark Reeves	P
Chris Brine	P	John Jones	P	Steve Robinson	P
George Butcher	P	Norman Kay	P	Mattie Ross	P
Miranda Clifton	P	Stephen Lydon	P	Tom Skinner	P
Nigel Cooper	P	John Marjoram	P	Nigel Studdert-Kennedy	P
Doina Cornell	P	Phil McAsey	A	Haydn Sutton	P
Gordon Craig	P	Karen McKeown	P	Brian Tipper	P
Rachel Curley	P	Jenny Miles	P	Chas Townley	P
Stephen Davies	P	Dave Mossman	P	Jessica Tomblin	P
Paul Denney	P	Gill Oxley	P	Ken Tucker	P
Jim Dewey	P	Keith Pearson	P	Martin Whiteside	P
Jonathan Edmunds	P	Elizabeth Peters	P	Tim Williams	A
Chas Fellows	A	Simon Pickering	P	Tom Williams	P
Colin Fryer	P	Gary Powell	P	Penny Wride	P
Alison Hayward	P	Nigel Prenter	P	Debbie Young	P

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

**Officers Present:**

Chief Executive

Democratic Services Officer

Legal Services Manager &amp; Monitoring Officer

**PRESENTATION TO SANDRA COWLEY**

The Chair, Leader of Council and the Chief Executive made a presentation to Sandra, who had recently retired as Strategic Head (Finance and Business Services). They and other members thanked her for her service and leadership to the Council.

**CL.035      APOLOGIES**

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Chas Fellows, Julie Job, Phil McAsey, Skeena Rathor and Tim Williams.

**CL.036**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**CL.037**      **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meetings held on 27 October 2016 and 9 February 2017 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**CL.038**      **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair stated that his consultation with Members about re-establishing links with Kreis Gottingen had not produced sufficient interest.

**CL.039**      **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

**CL.040**      **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL FROM AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 7 FEBRUARY 2017**

**Treasury Management Strategy, Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2017/18**

Councillor Studdert-Kennedy, Chair of Committee outlined the above report. Upon the vote the motion was CARRIED.

- RESOLVED**
1. To adopt the prudential indicators and limits for 2017/18 to 2019/20;
  2. To approve the treasury management strategy 2017/18, and the treasury prudential indicators;
  3. To approve the investment strategy 2017/18, and the detailed criteria for specified and non-specified investments; and
  4. To approve the Minimum Revenue Policy Statement 2017/18.

Councillor Liz Peters left the meeting at 7.55 pm prior to the following item being discussed.

**CL.041**      **SETTING THE AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX FOR 2017/18**

Councillor Steve Lydon outlined the above report and gave an explanation on the budget in relation to the Council tax.

In accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 a recorded vote was taken, the results of which can be viewed at the following link: [Item 7 – Results](#)

- RESOLVED**
1. It be noted that the Council has calculated:
    - (a) the Council Tax Base 2017/18 for the whole Council area as 42,699.32 [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 Appendix A to the report (column 2);
2. The Council Tax requirement for the for the Council's own purposes for 2017/18 (excluding Parish precepts) is £8,354,121.
  3. The following amounts are calculated for the year 2017/18 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Act:
    - (a) £79,968,466 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) £68,283,390 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) £11,685,076 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) £273.66 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) £3,330,955 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per Appendix A to the report);
    - (f) £195.65 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. It be noted that for the year 2017/18 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 Act for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands*	Gloucestershire County Council	The Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire
DisrA**	£655.14	£119.16
A	£786.17	£142.99
B	£917.20	£166.83
C	£1,048.23	£190.66
D	£1,179.26	£214.49
E	£1,441.32	£262.15
F	£1,703.37	£309.82
G	£1,965.43	£357.48
H	£2,358.52	£428.98

\* 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. 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 Act, hereby sets the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2017/18 for each of the categories of dwellings shown in Appendix C to this report.
6. Delegated authority be given to the Council's Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Chair of Strategy and Resources committee, to amend the level of Reserve funding utilised to support the Council's MTFP ('Utilisation of Reserves') as necessary should the level of funding in the final local government finance settlement differ from the provisional settlement.

## **CL.042 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Member questions and supplementary questions were asked by Councillors Tom Skinner and Debbie Young. To view the questions and answers please view at [Agenda Item 8](#) on the Council's website and the [webcast](#) of the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.40 pm.

Chair