

Notes of Key Decisions/ Action Points

Meeting: Council

Date: 27 February 2013

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Item 1 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2013 were agreed by the Members present and were then signed by the Mayor.
Item 2 Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.
Item 3 Public Participation	Question from Miss Helman to Councillor Griffiths What is the council going to do about housing for the homeless? (The full response is detailed in the minutes)
Item 4 Announcements	1. By the Mayor: The Mayor had no announcements. 2. By the Chief Executive: The Chief Executive drew members' attention to the forthcoming By-Election in the Adeyfield West ward on 21 March 2013. 3. By the Group Leaders: Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Anderson, Conway, N Hollinghurst, Organ and Ryan, 4. By the Leader and Members of the Cabinet: (Full details are in the minutes under Announcements of the Leader and Cabinet).
Item 5 Questions	None.
Item 6 Business from last Council	None.

<p>Item 7</p> <p>Referrals from Cabinet 22 January 2013</p>	<p><u>Resolved</u></p> <p>That the following be approved:</p> <p><u>22 January 2013</u></p> <p>7.1 <u>Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (CA/020/13)</u></p> <p>Adopt the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document upon adoption of the Dacorum Local Planning Framework Core Strategy with, for the avoidance of doubt, full Supplementary Planning Document Status.</p>
<p>12 February 2013</p>	<p><u>12 February 2013</u></p> <p><u>7.2 BUDGET 2013/13 (CA/032/13)</u></p> <p>1. That Council</p> <p><u>General Fund Revenue Estimate</u></p> <p>a) set a Dacorum Borough Council General Fund council tax requirement of £9.245m which equates to £9.845m for the combined Borough Council and Parish Councils' requirement for 2013/14 (inclusive of parish precepts of £600k);</p> <p>b) set a Dacorum Borough Council, 1.9% Council Tax increase for 2013/14;</p> <p>c) set a garage rent increase of £0.25 per week based on a chargeable 48 week year;</p> <p>d) approve the revised revenue estimate for 2012/13; original base estimate for 2013/14: and indicative budget forecasts for 2014/15 to 2016/17 as shown in Appendix A of the report;</p> <p>e) approve and adopt the Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy for 2013/14 provided at Appendix Di of the report, including the approval of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prudential Indicators in section 2 • Authorised Limits for external debt in section 3.2 • The borrowing strategy, indicators and limits contained in section 3.4 • The annual investment strategy, indicators and limits set out in section 4 • The use of the Investment Instruments listed in Appendix 5.3 of Appendix D of the report • Treasury Management Principles & Practices (Appendix Dii of the report)

- f) **approve increases in Fees and Charges for 2013/14 (in accordance with the Council's Fees and Charges Strategy) and as set out in Appendix E of the report; (please see the website for large print)**
- g) **approve the forecast balances of Revenue Reserves as shown in Appendix Aiii of the report;**
- h) **note that this budget paper, when approved by Council, will form part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.**

Capital Programme

- i) **approve the revised Capital Programme for 2012/13 and Programme for 2013/14 to 2017/18 detailed in Appendix B of the report;**
- j) **authorise the funding proposals subject to an annual review of the financing options by the Corporate Director of Finance and Governance, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, during the preparation of the Statement of Accounts to optimise the use of Council resources.**

Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

- k) **set dwelling rent increases in accordance with Government guideline rent increase and rent convergence principles. Rent increase for properties not at convergence level, September RPI (2.6%) + 0.5% plus £2 per week and for properties at convergence level, September RPI (2.6%) + 0.5%. Resulting in an average increase of 4.85% (a maximum of £6.26) providing an average rent of £96.73 (based on 52 weeks);**
- l) **approve the HRA revised estimate for 2012/13 and base estimate for 2013/14 as shown in Appendix C of the report.**

2. That Council

- 1) **Council set a Dacorum Borough Council General Fund Council Tax requirement of £9.245m which equates to £9.845m for the combined Borough Council and Parish Council's requirement for 2013/14 (inclusive of parish precepts of £600k) for the reasons set out in paragraph 6 of the report to the Council.**
- 2) **It be noted that the Cabinet at its meeting on 8 January 2013, and at the meeting of 12 February 2013, calculated the following amounts for the year 2013/14 in accordance with regulations made under Section 31B (3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended), as inserted by Section 74 of the Localism Act 2011:-**

	<p>(a) 53,252.2 being the figure calculated by the Council in accordance with regulation 3 of The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 as its Council Tax base for the year;</p> <p>(b) the amounts in Table 1 of this report (Tax Base for each part of the Council's area to which one or more special items relate) being the amounts calculated by the Cabinet in accordance with regulation 6 The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in such parts.</p> <p>3) the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2013/14 in accordance with Sections 31A and 31B and Sections 34 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) (referred to as "the Act"):-</p> <p>(a) £164,376,524.18 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act, taking account of all precepts, and including the amount which the Council estimates as Council Tax deficit which will be transferred in the year from its General Fund to its Collection Fund;</p> <p>(b) £154,531,138.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act, including 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 ;</p> <p>(c) £9,845,386.18 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 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year;</p> <p>(d) £184.88 being the amount at 2)(c) above, divided by 1)(a) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B (1) of the Act as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year;</p> <p>(e) £600,271.74 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act;</p> <p>(f) £173.61 being the amount at 2)(d) above, less the result given by dividing the amount at 2)(e) above by the amount at 1)(a) above,</p>
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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 item relates;

(g) Part of the Council's Area	Band D Equivalent Combined £
Aldbury	184.74
Berkhamsted	192.79
Bovingdon	198.52
Chipperfield	207.79
Flamstead	220.02
Flauden	203.55
Great Gaddesden	191.76
Hemel Hempstead	173.61
Kings Langley	213.22
Little Gaddesden	198.70
Markyate	204.86
Nash Mills	197.41
Nettleden	195.62
Northchurch	184.40
Tring Rural	191.99
Tring Town	196.80
Wigginton	186.54

(Band D charge for Parish and District combined), being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2)(f) 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 dwellings in parts of its area to which special items relate;

- 4) it be noted that for the year 2013/14 Hertfordshire County Council have stated the 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 as set out below

Valuation Band

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
745.89	870.20	994.52	1,118.83	1,367.46	1,616.09	1,864.72	2,237.66

- 5) That it be noted that for the year 2013/14 the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire has stated the 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 as set out below

Valuation Band

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
98.55	114.97	131.40	147.82	180.67	213.52	246.37	295.64

- 6) That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2)(g), 3) and 4) above the Council in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby set the amounts set out in Table 3 of the report as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2013/14 for each part of the area and for each of the categories of dwellings shown;
- 7) It be noted that in setting the Council Tax for 2013/14 the Council is required to have taken account of the report of the Chief Financial Officer on the robustness of the budget.
- 8) The following determinations are made in relation to the prescribed classes of dwellings in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended). These determinations are to take effect from 1st April 2013 and to remain in effect until varied or revoked by determination.

Class A

Section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%

Class B

Section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%

Class C

1. For any day on or after 1 April 2013 where any dwelling meets the conditions of prescribed Class C and has done so for a continuous period of less than 3 calendar months immediately preceding the day in question: 100% discount
2. For any day on or after 1 April 2013 where any dwellings meets the conditions of prescribed Class C and has done so for a continuous period of 3 calendar months or more immediately preceding the day in question@ section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%.
3. In considering whether a dwelling has been vacant for any period, not exceeding six weeks, during which it was not vacant shall be disregarded.

	Class D
	1. For any day on or after 1 April 2013 where any dwellings meets the conditions of prescribed Class D and has done so for a continuous period of less than 3 calendar months immediately preceding the day in question: 100% discount
	2. For any day on or after 1 April 2013 where any dwelling meets the conditions of prescribed Class D and has done so for a continuous period of 3 calendar months or more immediately preceding the day in question: section 11(2) (a) (Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)) shall not apply and the discount shall be 0%.
	An amendment moved by Cllr Rance and seconded by Cllr Harris was defeated. Full details of the amendment and key points of the discussion and voting will be included in the full minutes.
Item 8 Overview & Scrutiny Committee Referrals	None
Item 9 Pay Policy	<u>Resolved:</u> The Senior Officer Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2013/14 be approved.
Item 10 Changes To Committee Dates	<u>Resolved:</u> That the following change to the 2012/13 Committee timetable be made: Development Control Committee 21 March 2013 moved to 27 March 2013

The meeting ended at 8.55 pm