

Notes of Key Decisions/ Action Points

Meeting: Council

Date: 25 February 2015

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Item 1 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2015 were agreed by the Members present subject to an amendment by Councillor Fantham and were then signed by the Mayor.
Item 2 Declarations of Interest	Councillors Adshead, Anderson, Collins, Doole, Guest, Hearn, Marshall and Taylor submitted declarations of interest for item 7.6 (Budget 2015/16). Full details can be found in the full minutes
Item 3 Public Participation	None.
Item 4 Announcements	<p>1. <u>By the Mayor:</u></p> <p>The Mayor announced RAF Halton will exercise their right to Freedom of Entry to the Borough on 17 May 2015. Further details to follow.</p> <p>2. <u>By the Chief Executive:</u></p> <p>The Chief Executive announced the appointment of James Dean to the post of Corporate Director of Finance and Operations and congratulated him, wishing him well for the future.</p> <p>Following her marriage last Friday, the Chief Executive announced that she will continue to be known as Sally Marshall professionally but personally she will be known as Sally Marshall-Mills.</p> <p>3. <u>By the Group Leaders:</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors G Chapman, Clark, Conway, Flint, Macdonald, McLean.</p> <p>Councillors Organ, Wixted and Wood were absent.</p> <p>4. <u>By the Leader and Members of the Cabinet:</u></p> <p>(Full details are in the minutes under Announcements of the Leader and Cabinet Members).</p>
Item 5 Questions	None.
Item 6 Business from last Council	None.

Item 7

Referrals from
Cabinet 20 January
2015.

Resolved

That the following be approved:

20 January 2015

7.1 ADOPTION OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (CA/008/15)

- (a) The adoption of the Council's revised 'Anti-social Behaviour Policy', the 'Policy for Dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour Affecting Tenants and Leaseholders' and the 'Anti-social Behaviour Procedures' as attached to the report.
- (b) The revised scheme of delegation to officers as set out in paragraph 11 of the agenda report.

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7.2 SENIOR OFFICER PAY POLICY (CA/018/15)

The adoption of the Pay Policy for 2015/16 as set out in appendix 1 to the agenda report.

7.3 HEMEL EVOLUTION: BUS INTERCHANGE AND MARKET SQUARE (CA/019/15)

£1million additional capital budget for expenditure during 2015/16 for the delivery of the Bus Interchange project.

7.4 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) – ADOPTION OF THE CHARGING SCHEDULE AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS (CA/021/15)

- 1. The CIL Charging Schedule is adopted in accordance with Regulation 25 of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended).
- 2. The Regulation 123 list is adopted alongside the Charging Schedule as the basis for allocating CIL funding and as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.
- 3. The CIL policies on Exceptional Circumstances Relief, Discretionary Charitable Relief, Instalments and Payments in Kind are adopted.
- 4. The Planning Obligations SPD is un-adopted by the Council on the 1st July 2015.
- 5. Progress towards the implementation of CIL is noted.
- 6. The implementation date for CIL is delayed until the 1st July

2015.

7. Decisions over the spending of CIL receipts are taken by Council based on recommendations of an Infrastructure Advisory Group comprising officers and members.
8. Authority be delegated to the Assistant Director Chief Executives Unit to amend the Constitution to allocate specific operational functions required to facilitate the day to day operation of CIL.

7.5 NAMING THE PUBLIC SERVICE QUARTER (CA/023/15)

The Public Service Quarter officially named 'The Forum'.

7.6 BUDGET 2015/16 (CA/024/15)

General Fund Revenue Estimate

- a) Set a Dacorum Borough Council General Fund Council Tax requirement of £9.826m, and of £10.467m for the combined Borough Council and Parish Councils' requirement for 2015/16;
- b) An increase of 1.8% in Council Tax for Dacorum Borough Council;
- c) The base estimates for 2015/16, as shown in Appendix A of the agenda report, and the indicative budget forecasts for 2016/17 – 2018/19, as shown in Appendix J of the agenda report;
- d) The forecast balances of Revenue Reserves as shown in Appendix H of the agenda report, and approve paragraphs 14 – 31 of the agenda report as the updated Reserves Strategy;
- e) Increase in Fees and Charges for 2015/16 as set out in Appendix I of the agenda report;
- f) The Treasury Management Strategy be adopted for 2015/16, as attached at Appendix K of the agenda report;
- g) The Treasury Management Principles and Practices for 2015/16 be adopted as attached at Appendix L of the agenda report;
- h) This budget paper, when approved by Council, will form part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Capital Programme

	<p>i) The revised Capital Programme for 2014/15, and for 2015/16 to 2019/20, as detailed in Appendix G of the agenda report;</p> <p>j) The financing proposals in Appendix G of the report, be authorised subject to an annual review of the financing options by the Corporate Director Finance and Operations, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, during the preparation of the Statement of Accounts.</p> <p>Housing Revenue Account (HRA)</p> <p>k) set dwelling rent increases in accordance with the proposed policy to retain existing rent policy for those tenants below Target Rent, but to implement CPI-linked rental increases for those tenants who are at Target Rent. This results in an average increase of 3.71% which makes the average rent £106.02 per week (based on 52 weeks);</p> <p>l) The HRA estimate for 2015/16 be approved as shown in Appendix F of the agenda report.</p> <p>Terms and Conditions</p> <p>m) The continued application of a living wage supplement for all affected employees, be approved in accordance with the Living Wage, for 2015/16; to be reviewed annually thereafter.</p> <p>Statement by Chief Finance Officer</p> <p>n) The statement by the Chief Finance Officer regarding the robustness of the budget estimates and level of reserves as set out in Appendix M of the agenda report be approved.</p> <p>An amendment made by the Liberal Democrat Group for additions to the expenditure budget (to be funded from the Dacorum Development Reserve) was moved by Cllr Harris and seconded by Cllr Tindall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £30k for the supply and installation of 51 extra dual litter and recycling bins Defeated. <p>Full details of the amendment and key points of the discussion and voting will be included in the full minutes.</p>
<p>Council Tax Declaration 2015/16</p>	<p>That Council note and agrees the following:</p> <p>1) It be noted that the Cabinet, at its meeting on 16 December 2014, calculated the following amounts for the year 2015/16 in accordance with regulations made under Section 31B (3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended), as inserted</p>

by Section 74 of the Localism Act 2011:-

- (a) 54,637.7 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;
- (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;

2) the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2015/16 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"):

- (a) £148,770,444.44 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;
- (b) £138,303,485.00 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 ;
- (c) £10,466,959.44 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;
- (d) £191.57 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;
- (e) £641,461.85 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act;

(f) £179.83

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, 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
£**

Hemel Hempstead	179.83
Aldbury	192.36
Berkhamsted	199.01
Bovingdon	205.74
Chipperfield	214.88
Flamstead	231.82
Flaunden	209.77
Great Gaddesden	198.60
Kings Langley	220.54
Little Gaddesden	205.44
Markyate	216.57
Nash Mills	203.67
Nettleden	204.69
Northchurch	191.05
Tring Rural	200.62
Tring Town	204.50
Wigginton	193.32

(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;

- 3) it be noted that for the year 2015/16 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 in table 3(a);
- 4) That it be noted that for the year 2015/16 Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner 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 in table 3(a);
- 5) That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the

	<p>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 3b of the report as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2015/16 for each part of the area and for each of the categories of dwellings shown;</p> <p>6) It be noted that in setting the Council Tax for 2015/16 the Council is required to have taken account of the report of the Chief Financial Officer on the robustness of the budget.</p>
Item 8 Overview & Scrutiny Committee Referrals	None.
Item 9 Changes to Committee Dates	<p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>That the Group Meeting date be changed from 18 May 2016 to 17 May 2016.</p> <p>That the Annual Council Meeting date be changed from 19 May 2016 to 18 May 2016</p>
Item 10 Changes in Membership	None.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm