

At a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber - Allerdale House, Workington on Wednesday 6 March 2019 at 7.00 pm

## **Members**

Councillor John Crouch (Chair)	Councillor Neil Schofield (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Tony Annison	Councillor Carole Armstrong
Councillor Mary Bainbridge	Councillor Peter Bales
Councillor Barbara Cannon	Councillor Nicky Cockburn
Councillor John Colhoun	Councillor John Cook
Councillor Joseph Cowell	Councillor Adrian Davis-Johnston
Councillor Joan Ellis	Councillor Janet Farebrother
Councillor Marion Fitzgerald	Councillor Mark Fryer
Councillor Malcolm Grainger	Councillor Konrad Hansen
Councillor Hilary Harrington	Councillor Michael Heaslip
Councillor Alan Hedworth	Councillor William Jefferson
Councillor Mark Jenkinson	Councillor Frank Johnston
Councillor Angela Kendall	Councillor Peter Kendall
Councillor Jim Lister	Councillor Tony Lywood
Councillor Patricia Macdonald	Councillor Louise Maguire
Councillor Anthony Markley	Councillor Carni McCarron-Holmes
Councillor Billy Miskelly	Councillor Jacqueline Mounsey
Councillor Ron Munby MBE	Councillor Eric Nicholson
Councillor Jim Osborn	Councillor Bill Pegram
Councillor Alan Pitcher	Councillor Martin Pugmire
Councillor Joe Sandwith	Councillor Alan Smith
Councillor Christine Smith	Councillor Stephen Stoddart
Councillor Celia Tibble	Councillor Philip Tibble
Councillor Janice Wood	Councillor Martin Wood

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Len Davies, Councillor Bill Finlay, Councillor Vaughan Hodgson, Councillor Joe Holliday and Councillor David Wilson

## **Staff Present**

B Carlin, I Frost, A Gilbert, N Hardy, C Holmes, L Jardine, J Lord, C Nicholson, J Rae, G Roach, A Seekings, S Sewell, G Wilson and P Wood

### **400. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2019 were signed as a correct record.

### **401. Declaration of Interests**

None declared.

### **402. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There were no items on the agenda for which the press and public should be excluded.

#### **403. Questions and Petitions**

None received.

#### **404. Notices of Motion**

Councillor B Miskelly moved the following motion and requested a recorded vote –

‘I call upon Allerdale Borough Council to reaffirm and further develop its position of responsibility to provide an environment free from unfair treatment, harassment, bullying, victimisation or other forms of illegal discrimination against all disabled persons and to ensure that we treat disabled persons with the utmost dignity and respect’.

This was seconded by Councillor F Johnston.

A vote was taken on the request for a recorded vote which was approved.

Councillor T Annison said the motion had the full support of the Conservative Group.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion, viz. –

In favour:

Councillors T Annison, C Armstrong, M Bainbridge, P Bales, B Cannon, N Cockburn, J Colhoun, J Cook, J Cowell, J Crouch, A Davis-Johnston, J Ellis, J Farebrother, M Fitzgerald, M Fryer, M Grainger, K Hansen, H Harrington, M Heaslip, A Hedworth, W Jefferson, M Jenkinson, F Johnston, A Kendall, P Kendall, J Lister, T Lywood, P Macdonald, L Maguire, T Markley, C McCarron-Holmes, B Miskelly, J Mounsey, R Munby, E Nicholson, J Osborn, B Pegram, A Pitcher, M Pugmire, J Sandwith, N Schofield, A Smith, C Smith, S Stoddart, C Tibble, P Tibble, J Wood and M Wood.

None Against.

No Abstentions.

The vote was unanimous; the motion was carried.

#### **405. Councillor Speeches**

Councillor B Miskelly thanked officers and members of Council for the contribution they made to the success of his St Michaels, Workington Ward.

Councillor P Bales spoke on the achievements made in his Moorclose, Workington Ward during the last financial year.

#### **406. Announcements from the Mayor, Leader or Head of Paid Service**

The Mayor made reference to the engagements he had undertaken since the last meeting held on 30 January 2019.

As it was the last meeting of the present administration the Leader of the Council paid tribute to those Councillors who were retiring in May 2019 and thanked them for their long service.

#### **407. Portfolio Holder Reports**

Councillor A Smith, Leader of the Council presented his report.

Councillor M Fryer, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth presented his report.

Councillor M Heaslip, Portfolio Holder for Environmental Quality presented his report.

Councillor W Jefferson, Portfolio Holder for Tourism and Culture presented his report.

Councillor C McCarron-Holmes, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health and Wellbeing presented her report.

Councillor B Cannon, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources (Finance and Property) presented her report.

Councillor J Ellis, Portfolio Holder for Governance and People Resources presented her report.

Councillor K Hansen, Portfolio Holder for Transformation presented his report. Councillor Hansen took an opportunity to say his goodbyes and thanks as it was his last Council meeting.

#### **408. Executive Minutes**

Members noted the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 16 January 2019.

#### **409. Reference from Executive 25 February 2019 - Budget 2019-20 - Revenue and Capital**

The Head of Financial Services submitted a report to present the draft revenue and capital budget and formal advice on the robustness of the estimates included in the budget and the adequacy of the reserves which supported the Council's budgetary plans.

The report had been considered by Executive on 25 February 2019. Executive had recommended that Council be requested to approve the recommendations within the report.

Councillor B Cannon moved the recommendations within the report and thanked the Head of Finance and the Financial Services Team, the Senior Management Team and the Executive for their hard work and contribution in the preparation of the draft budgets.

Councillor A Smith seconded the motion.

Councillor T Annison moved an amendment that there be no increase to Council Tax and recommendations 1-3 be amended as follows;

1. The total planned revenue expenditure be £15,244,775 including parish precepts of £2,197,940
2. £14,849,323 be approved as the Council's net Budget requirement for 2019-20
3. No increase in Council Tax is approved

This was seconded by Councillor M Jenkinson. Councillor Jenkinson said he didn't see the benefit of rushing through a new community Stadium for Workington other than for the hosting of the RLWC 2021 and urged Council to take a step back. He said the moved amendment was to suggest a short hiatus.

A recorded vote was taken in respect of the amended motion, viz. –

In favour:

Councillors T Annison, N Cockburn, J Cook, J Cowell, A Davis-Johnston, M Grainger, H Harrington, A Hedworth, M Jenkinson, J Lister, P Macdonald, A Markley, J Mounsey, R Munby, E Nicholson, A Pitcher, J Sandwith and S Stoddart.

Against:

Councillors C Armstrong, M Bainbridge, P Bales, B Cannon, J Colhoun, J Crouch, J Ellis, J Farebrother, M Fitzgerald, M Fryer, K Hansen, M Heaslip, W Jefferson, F Johnston, A Kendall, P Kendall, T Lywood, L Maguire, C McCarron-Holmes, B Miskelly, J Osborn, B Pegram, M Pugmire, N Schofield, A Smith, C Smith, C Tibble, P Tibble, J Wood and M Wood.

No Abstentions.

The motion was lost – 18 votes in favour, 30 against and 0 abstentions.

Councillors J Lister and J Mounsey left the meeting.

A recorded vote was taken in respect of the original motion to agree the recommendations within the report, viz. –

In favour:

Councillors C Armstrong, M Bainbridge, P Bales, B Cannon, J Colhoun, J Crouch, J Ellis, J Farebrother, M Fitzgerald, M Fryer, K Hansen, M Heaslip, W Jefferson, F Johnston, A Kendall, P Kendall, T Lywood, L Maguire, C McCarron-Holmes, B Miskelly, J Osborn, B Pegram, M Pugmire, N Schofield, A Smith, C Smith, C Tibble, P Tibble, J Wood and M Wood.

Against:

Councillors T Annison, N Cockburn, J Cook, J Cowell, A Davis-Johnston, M Grainger, H Harrington, A Hedworth, M Jenkinson, P Macdonald, A Markley, R Munby, E Nicholson, A Pitcher, J Sandwith and S Stoddart.

No Abstentions.

The motion was carried – 30 votes in favour, 16 against and 0 abstentions.

### **Resolved**

That -

1. The total planned revenue expenditure be £15,398,082 including parish precepts of £2,197,940
2. £15,002,631 be approved as the Council's net Budget requirement for 2019-20
3. An increase in Council Tax of £5 on band D Properties, with proportionate increases being applied to properties, in other council tax bands be approved
4. No changes be made to the Council's Council Tax Reduction discount scheme and that the current scheme remains in place for 2019-20
5. The revenue estimates as approved be used in the calculation of the basic amount of tax under Section 31 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992
6. The minimum level of non-earmarked general fund balances be set at £2.7m and that no maximum level be set
7. The capital budget of £32,178,305 (comprising £9,928,305 in 2019-20, £21,180,000 in 2020-21 and £1,070,000 in 2021-22) be approved
8. The proposed capital budget for 2019-20 be financed as follows:
  - grants and contributions .....£3,045,919
  - borrowing.....£6,502,386
  - capital receipts .....£380,000

**The meeting adjourned for 10 minutes at 8.52pm. Councillors M Grainger, R Munby and B Pegram left the meeting.**

#### **410. Council Tax Resolution Report 2019/20**

The Head of Financial Services submitted a report which sought members to approve the necessary resolutions for Council Tax setting in accordance with Sections 31-36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Councillor B Cannon moved the recommendations within the report. Councillor M Fryer seconded the motion.

A recorded vote was taken in respect of the motion, viz. –

In favour:

Councillors C Armstrong, M Bainbridge, P Bales, B Cannon, N Cockburn, J Colhoun, J Crouch, J Ellis, J Farebrother, M Fitzgerald, M Fryer, K Hansen, M

Heaslip, W Jefferson, F Johnston, A Kendall, P Kendall, T Lywood, L Maguire, C McCarron-Holmes, B Miskelly, J Osborn, M Pugmire, N Schofield, A Smith, C Smith, C Tibble, P Tibble, J Wood and M Wood.

Against:

Councillors T Annison, J Cook, J Cowell, A Davis-Johnston, H Harrington, A Hedworth, M Jenkinson, P Macdonald, A Markley, E Nicholson, A Pitcher, J Sandwith and S Stoddart.

No Abstentions.

The motion was carried – 30 votes in favour, 13 against and 0 abstentions.

### **Resolved**

That –

- 1) It be noted that on 30 January 2018 the Council calculated:
  - a. the Council Tax base 2019-20 for the whole Council area as **30,662.47** (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the “Act”)) and;
  - b. the dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish Precept relates, as in the attached Appendix C.
- 2) The Council calculated that the Council Tax requirement for the Council’s own purposes for 2018-19 (excluding Parish precepts) be **£5,304,300.69**.
- 3) That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2019-20 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act.
  - a. **£46,529,479.00** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issues to it by Parish Council;
  - b. **£39,027,238.31** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act;
  - c. **£7,502,240.69** being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (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. **£244.67** being the amount at (c) above (Item R) 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 (including Parish Precepts); (as detailed in Appendix B1

parish only by valuation band and Appendix B2 parish and district by valuation band);

- e. **£2,197,940.00** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act. (as detailed in Appendix B1 parish only by valuation band and C Parish Precepts);
- f. **£172.99** being the amount at (d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (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.

- 4) To note that Cumbria County Council and The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

	Valuation Bands							
	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
Allerdale Borough Council	115.33	134.55	153.77	<b>172.99</b>	211.43	249.87	288.32	345.98
Cumbria County Council	923.52	1,077.44	1,231.36	<b>1,385.28</b>	1,693.12	2,000.96	2,308.80	2,770.56
Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria	171.12	199.64	228.16	<b>256.68</b>	313.72	370.76	427.80	513.36

- 5) The Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables detailed in Appendix B (1,2 and 3), as the amounts of Council Tax for 2019-20 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

**411. Reference from Audit Committee 25 February 2019 - Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2019-20**

The Financial Services Manager submitted a report which required the Council to approve the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement & Investment Strategy for 2019/20, the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and the prudential and treasury indicators - including the Council's Authorised Borrowing Limit, as was required by the provisions contained in the Local Government Act 2003, statutory guidance issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government and codes of practice issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

The report had been considered by Audit Committee on 25 February 2019. The Audit Committee had recommended that Council be requested to approve the recommendations within the report.

Councillor M Bainbridge moved the recommendations within the report.  
Councillor B Miskelly seconded the motion.

A vote was taken on the motion – the vote in favour was unanimous. The motion was carried.

### **Resolved**

That -

- a) The proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy for 2019-20, included in sections 2 and 3 of Appendix 1, be approved
- b) The MRP Policy Statement, set out in section 4 of Appendix 1, be approved
- c) The prudential and treasury indicators, including the Councils Authorised Borrowing Limit, set out in section 5 of Appendix 1, be approved.

#### **412. Pay Policy Statement 2019/2020**

The Chief Executive submitted a report which sought members to approve the Pay Policy Statement which set out the Council's approach to pay policy in accordance with the requirements of Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011.

Councillor J Ellis moved the recommendation within the report. Councillor A Smith seconded the motion.

A vote was taken on the motion – the vote in favour was unanimous. The motion was carried.

### **Resolved**

That the Pay Policy Statement 2019/20 be approved.

#### **413. Reference from Executive 25 February 2019 - Council Plan 2019-23**

The report had been considered by Executive on 25 February 2019. The Executive had recommended that Council be requested to approve the recommendation within the report.

Councillor A Smith moved the recommendation; this was seconded by Councillor M Fryer.

A vote was taken on the motion – 42 in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention. The motion was carried.

### **Resolved**



That the Council Plan 2019-2023 as attached at Appendix 1 of the report be endorsed.

**414. Update from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Councillor A Pitcher presented a summary report from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Council to note.

**Resolved** – That the report be noted.

**The meeting closed at 9.20 pm**