

At a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber - Allerdale House, Workington on Wednesday 17 January 2018 at 7.30 pm

## **Members**

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| Councillor Mary Bainbridge (Chair) | Councillor Carole Armstrong      |
| Councillor Tony Annison            | Councillor Barbara Cannon        |
| Councillor Peter Bales             | Councillor John Cook             |
| Councillor John Colhoun            | Councillor Joan Ellis            |
| Councillor Len Davies              | Councillor Marion Fitzgerald     |
| Councillor Janet Farebrother       | Councillor Malcolm Grainger      |
| Councillor Mark Fryer              | Councillor Hilary Harrington     |
| Councillor Konrad Hansen           | Councillor Alan Hedworth         |
| Councillor Michael Heaslip         | Councillor William Jefferson     |
| Councillor Joe Holliday            | Councillor Jim Lister            |
| Councillor Frank Johnston          | Councillor Louise Maguire        |
| Councillor Tony Lywood             | Councillor Carni McCarron-Holmes |
| Councillor Anthony Markley         | Councillor Jacqueline Mounsey    |
| Councillor Billy Miskelly          | Councillor Alan Pitcher          |
| Councillor Jim Osborn              | Councillor Joe Sandwith          |
| Councillor Martin Pugmire          | Councillor Alan Smith            |
| Councillor Neil Schofield          | Councillor Stephen Stoddart      |
| Councillor Christine Smith         | Councillor Philip Tibble         |
| Councillor Celia Tibble            | Councillor Janice Wood           |
| Councillor David Wilson            |                                  |
| Councillor Martin Wood             |                                  |

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Crouch, Councillor Nicky Cockburn, Councillor Joseph Cowell, Councillor Adrian Davis-Johnston, Councillor Duncan Fairbairn, Councillor Bill Finlay, Councillor Vaughan Hodgson, Councillor Mark Jenkinson, Councillor Angela Kendall, Councillor Peter Kendall, Councillor Patricia Macdonald, Councillor Ron Munby, Councillor Eric Nicholson, Councillor Bill Pegram, Councillor Denis Robertson and Councillor Lee Williamson

## **Staff Present**

B Carlin, D Devine, I Frost, A Gilbert, N Hardy, C Holmes, K Kerrigan, K Magnay, C Nicholson, A Seekings, E Thompson, L Tomlinson, R Wilkinson, G Wilson and P Wood

### **291. Minutes of meeting Wednesday 15 November 2017 of Council**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2017 were signed as a correct record.

### **292. Declaration of Interests**

None declared.

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

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

### **294. Questions and Petitions**

None received.

### **295. Notices of Motion**

Councillor L Davies moved the following:

Recent media announcements have reported an alarming and worsening shortage of nurses and associated health professionals in the NHS.

I ask that this Council agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Health urging the reinstatement of bursaries for student nurses and associated health professionals to be implemented with immediate effect in order to encourage those who wish to study for service in the NHS – thus helping to alleviate the chronic understaffing in our hospitals.

I also ask that Council agrees to invite the following, to add their signatures to the intended letter to underline our joint clear message regarding the legitimate concerns, that there are distinct and dire consequences to our National Health Service provision if prompt action is not taken:-

- Cumbria County Council
- North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust
- Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- Royal College of Nursing
- Unison
- GMB
- All MP's who represent the people of Cumbria

Councillor J Cook seconded the motion.

Councillor A Smith moved that the motion be amended to read as follows:

Recent media announcements have reported an alarming and worsening crisis facing the NHS this winter. Despite the efforts of our fantastic NHS staff, Government underfunding to the NHS and Adult Social Care has left our health service more vulnerable than ever before.

A & E performance was the worst on record, across England over 300,000 patients waited longer than four hours in A & E, almost 70,000 had to wait longer than four hours on a trolley for a hospital bed and so far this winter more than 92,000 patients have been stuck in the back of ambulances outside hospitals. The latest figures also show 1 in 4 people wait a week or more to speak to a GP or nurse, or don't get an appointment at all.

Demand for NHS Services is up somewhere between 10% and 20%. Unfortunately, the number of nurses has started falling and the number of vacant posts are rising. The severe cuts to the NHS are having a detrimental impact on the retention of nursing staff especially among the under 40's age group. 33,000 nurses quit the NHS last year which equates to approximately 10% of the nursing workforce. The vote on Brexit has also had an impact. In 2014/15 and 2015/16 for example 6,000 additional nurses per year came to work in the NHS. Last year only 2,900 arrived whilst 4000 left the UK.

It is clear that the Government is letting patients down in Allerdale and across the country.

We ask that this council agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Health (& Social Care) asking for a reversal of the savage cuts made to both the NHS and Adult Social Care which have led to this crisis.

In addition we ask that he also comes up with a longer-term plan to make the NHS sustainable including:

- a) The reinstatement of bursaries for student nurses and associated health professionals to be implemented with immediate effect in order to encourage those who wish to study for service in the NHS – thus helping to alleviate the chronic understaffing in our hospitals.
- b) Put safe staffing levels into law.
- c) Halt closure plans to hospitals or wards and especially plans in which affect patients in West Cumbria.
- d) Join up services from home to hospital with a properly integrated health and social care service at the earliest opportunity.

The amendment to the motion was seconded by Councillor C McCarron-Holmes.

A vote was taken on the amendment – 30 voted in favour, 10 against. The amendment was carried and became the substantive motion on the floor.

A vote was taken on the substantive motion – 31 voted in favour, 0 against and 9 abstained from voting. The motion was carried.

### **Resolved**

That the Council agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Health (& Social Care) asking for a reversal of the savage cuts made to both the NHS and Adult Social Care.

In addition the Council asks that he also comes up with a longer-term plan to make the NHS sustainable including:

- a) The reinstatement of bursaries for student nurses and associated health professionals to be implemented with immediate effect in order to encourage those who wish to study for service in the NHS – thus helping to alleviate the chronic understaffing in our hospitals.
- b) Put safe staffing levels into law.

- c) Halt closure plans to hospitals or wards and especially plans in which affect patients in West Cumbria.
- d) Join up services from home to hospital with a properly integrated health and social care service at the earliest opportunity.

**296. Councillor Speeches**

None received.

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

The Mayor made reference to the engagements she and the Deputy Mayor had undertaken since the last meeting.

**298. Portfolio Holder Updates**

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

Councillor T Markley raised concerns about coastal erosion along the road from Silloth to Maryport. He asked for support and awareness from Councillors with regard to the issue.

Councillor A Smith assured Councillors that he made sure relevant parties were aware of such issues when attending meetings of the Industrial Communities Alliance, Northern Powerhouse All Party Parliamentary Group, Joint Districts and the Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership. He expected that members of Cumbria County Council were also raising awareness of such issues.

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

Councillor J Lister left the meeting.

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

Councillor T Annison asked for information on how to apply for street lights at Eaglesfield Paddle CE Primary Academy car park, on behalf of Blindbothel Parish Council. Councillor M Heaslip replied that if the Parish Council were to write to the Council with regard to this it could be looked into.

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

Councillor J Lister returned to the meeting.

Councillor L Maguire left the meeting.

Councillor L Maguire returned to the meeting.

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 A Pitcher raised concerns on behalf of Wigton Town Council and the Wigton Burial Joint Committee. The Town Council had been notified that it would no longer be receiving the Burial Support Grant. Councillor B Cannon said that she would look into this and provide a response.

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

Councillor L Davies left the meeting.

Councillor K Hansen, Portfolio Holder for Transformation presented his report.

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

Councillor A Pitcher, Co-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee presented the report.

Members noted the report.

**300. Reference from Audit Committee 27 November 2017 - Treasury Management Operations – Mid-year review 2017/18**

Councillor N Schofield, Chair of the Audit Committee moved the recommendation made by the Committee at its meeting on 27 November 2017. This was seconded by Councillor M Fryer.

Members noted the report.

**Resolved**

That the contents of the Treasury Management Operations – Mid-year review 2017/18 report be noted.

**301. Museums' Collections Disposals Policy**

Councillor C McCarron-Holmes left the meeting.

Councillor W Jefferson moved the recommendations set out in the report. Councillor M Fryer seconded the motion.

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

Councillor C McCarron-Holmes returned to the meeting.

Councillor N Schofield left the meeting.

## **Resolved**

That the Council agrees the revised versions of the policies and specifically, in terms of financially motivated disposal, selects option A; the Council will not undertake disposal motivated principally by financial gain to be included in the policy going forward.

### **302. Calculation of Council Tax Base 2018/19**

Councillor B Cannon moved the recommendations set out in the report.  
Councillor M Fryer seconded the motion.

Councillor N Schofield returned to the meeting.

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

## **Resolved**

1. That the report for the calculation of the council's tax base for the year 2018-19 as set out in the Appendices, be approved.
2. That pursuant to the report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Allerdale Borough Council as its tax base for the whole area for 2018-19 shall be 30,359.94.
3. That the major precepting authorities (Cumbria County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria) be notified for the purpose of calculating the basic amount of its council tax.
4. That the tax bases be used by Allerdale Borough Council for calculating the basic amount of council tax as required by the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended.

**The meeting closed at 8.48 pm**