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NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

23rd February, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor Shepherd (in the Chair)
Councillors Barber, Barfield, Beasant, Bolton, Bramley, Brookes, Brown, Burton, Cairns, Chase, Colquhoun, Cracknell, De Freitas, Dickerson, Fenty, Goodwin, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hyldon-King, Jackson, James, Lindley, Mickleburgh, Parkinson, Patrick, Pettigrew, Rogers, Rudd, Shreeve, Stinson, Stockton, Sutton, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson.

OFFICERS:	Rob Walsh	Chief Executive
	Sharon Wroot	Director of Finance, Resources and Operations
	Simon Jones	Deputy Monitoring Officer
	Paul Windley	Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager
	Paul Wisken	Civic and Mayoral Officer

There were 18 members of the public and 2 members of the press in attendance.

NEL.151 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillors Darby, McGilligan-Fell and Oxby.

NEL.152 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Walker declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item NEL.157 as a trustee of Lincs Inspire Limited.

Councillor Stockton declared a personal interest in any matters relating to his role as the vice-chairman of Centre 4.

NEL.153 **OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK, COMMISSIONING PLAN AND BUDGET 2017/18 – 2019/20**

The Council received a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Inclusion setting out the Council's Budget, Outcome Framework and Commissioning Plan for 2017/18 – 2019/20. This report had been considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 15th February, 2017 and the minutes of that meeting were circulated for members' reference.

Councillor Patrick, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Inclusion moved the recommendations as set out in the minutes of the Cabinet meeting.

Councillor Patrick highlighted the many challenges faced in setting the budget and the resulting unstinting focus on growth to achieve the best we can for the people and place of North East Lincolnshire. The budget was based on achieving growth in the council tax by developing housing, growth in the business rates by encouraging and developing our economy, and growth in community capacity by empowering our residents. Councillor Patrick provided examples of the Council's ambitions such as the SHIP programme and stressed the importance of taking a long term view of financial planning and moving to an outcomes focus, working closely with partners. He reported on the plan for a creation of a community capacity fund, which would merge all ward funding into one single pot of monies, that all Councillors might apply to, with a specific aim of developing real community capacity. In support of community organisations such as In Bloom, he also reported that there would be an extra £30k added this year to the fund, which all community groups could bid for against a criteria of social return and capacity building. Councillor Patrick acknowledged the efforts of a local community group to keep the ice rink at the Grimsby Leisure Centre open and informed Council that funding would be made available to keep the ice rink open for a period of no less than six months and that support would be offered if a community asset transfer was sought by the group.

Councillor Watson, the Deputy Leader, seconded the budget proposals, noting the need to achieve sustainability through a budget built on growth.

Councillor Jackson, Leader of the Conservative Group, voiced his intent to oppose the budget. He supported the social care precept but not the remaining 1.98% increase as he felt that the administration had not driven change quickly enough nor maximised income opportunities through, for example, effective enforcement activities.

All Members had the opportunity to take part in the ensuing debate. Following the debate, the Mayor invited the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Inclusion to exercise his right of reply. The Mayor then put the budget recommendations to a recorded vote in accordance with the Constitution. The votes cast were recorded as follows:

For the Motion

Councillors Barber, Bolton, Bramley, Brown, Burton, Cairns, Chase, Goodwin, Hyldon-King, James, Mickleburgh, Patrick, Rogers, Stockton, Sutton, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson (20 votes).

Against the Motion

Councillors Barfield, Beasant, Brookes, Colquhoun, Cracknell, De Freitas, Dickerson, Fenty, Harness, Hasthorpe, Jackson, Lindley, Parkinson, Pettigrew, Rudd, Shepherd, Shreeve and Stinson (18 votes).

The motion was therefore declared carried and it was

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the 2017/18 Revenue Budget and summary Medium Term Financial Plan ('MTFP') for the period 2018/19 – 2019/20 contained within Appendix 1 and Annex 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.
- (2) That the creation of a £1m "Stronger Economies" capacity fund to enable economic growth for the period 2017/18 – 2018/19 be approved.
- (3) That the support for the Council's Outcomes Framework be reaffirmed.
- (4) That the Key Commissioning priorities and Commissioning briefs at Appendix 1 and Annex 2 within the report now supported, be approved.
- (5) That the additions to the 2017/18 - 2019/20 capital programme as set out in Annex 3 of the report now submitted, be approved.
- (6) That the use of reserves as set out in Annex 4 of the report now submitted, be approved.
- (7) That the uncertainty and increasing risk around the MTFP be noted and that the Director of Finance, Operations and Resources be requested to report back to Cabinet in respect of any material or significant variances against planning assumptions.
- (8) That the proposed 1.98% increase in Council Tax, be approved.

- (9) That the additional flexibility offered by DCLG relating to the Adult Social Care precept be noted and the increases re-phased to the precept as follows; 2017/18 – 3%, 2018/19 – 3%, 2019/20 – 0%.
- (10) That the delay in the publication of the final 2017/18 Local Government Finance Settlement be noted and request the Director of Finance, Operations and Resources to report back to Cabinet in respect of any material or significant variances against the assumptions contained within this report.
- (11) That a stronger communities capacity fund of £75k be established to replace the ward funding scheme and to include the opportunity for community groups to bid for capacity funding, subject to governance arrangements to be finalised by the Director of Finance, Operations and Resources, in consultation with the Leaders of the political groups and the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Inclusion.

There was a brief adjournment at this point to allow the final Council Tax resolution to be circulated.

NEL.154 **COUNCIL TAX 2017/2018**

Following the setting of the Revenue Budget for 2017/18, the Council considered the fixing of the Council Tax for the 2017/2018 financial year.

A recorded vote was taken in accordance with the Constitution and the votes cast were recorded as follows:

For the Motion

Councillors Barber, Bolton, Bramley, Brown, Burton, Cairns, Chase, Goodwin, Hyldon-King, James, Mickleburgh, Patrick, Rogers, Stockton, Sutton, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson (20 votes).

Against the Motion

Councillors Brookes, Colquhoun, Cracknell, Dickerson, Fenty, Harness, Hasthorpe, Jackson, Lindley, Parkinson, Pettigrew, Shepherd, Shreeve and Stinson (14 votes).

Abstained

Councillors Barfield, Beasant, De Freitas and Rudd (4 votes).

The motion was therefore declared carried and it was

RESOLVED –

- (1) That it be noted that on 21st December 2016 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base for 2017/2018:
- (a) for the whole Council area as 41,890.36 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B 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 detailed below and in the attached Appendix A.

<u>Part of the Council's Area</u>	
Parish of Ashby-cum-Fenby	120.01
Parish of Barnoldby-Le-Beck	151.81
Parish of Bradley	61.06
Parish of Brigsley	153.39
Parish of Great Coates	467.18
Parish of Habrough	197.17
Parish of Healing	1,051.91
Parish of Humberston	2,052.16
Town of Immingham	2,402.50
Parish of Irby upon Humber	57.54
Parish of Laceby	1,027.81
Parish of New Waltham	1,772.01
Parish of Stallingborough	414.63
Parish of Waltham	2,115.14
Grimsby	20,695.46
Cleethorpes	8,909.23
TOTAL	41,649.01

Note- The Council tax base total for areas to which no special items relate is **241.35**

- (2) That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2017/18 (excluding Parish precepts) is £59,285,711.
- (3) That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2017/18 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
- (a) £262,850,432 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 issued to it by Parish Councils.
- (b) (£202,909,902) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

- (c) £59,940,530 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) £1,430.89 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 (including Parish precepts).
- (e) £691,643.48 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix A) and Charter Trustees.
- (f) £1,414.38 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.
- (g) £1.24 Grimsby and Cleethorpes Special Expense area £36,823.93
- being the amounts to be added to the amount at 3(f) above being the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Councils 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 those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(h) Part of the Council's Area

	Valuation Bands							
	A £ . p	B £ . p	C £ . p	D £ . p	E £ . p	F £ . p	G £ . p	H £ . p
Parish of Ashby-cum-Fenby	959.92	1,119.91	1,279.89	1,439.88	1,759.85	2,079.83	2,399.80	2,879.76
Parish of Barnoldby-le-Beck	953.40	1,112.30	1,271.20	1,430.10	1,747.90	2,065.70	2,383.50	2,860.20
Parish of Bradley	960.28	1,120.33	1,280.37	1,440.42	1,760.51	2,080.61	2,400.70	2,880.84
Parish of Brigsley	955.19	1,114.39	1,273.59	1,432.79	1,751.19	2,069.59	2,387.98	2,865.58
Parish of Great Coates	1,003.23	1,170.43	1,337.64	1,504.84	1,839.25	2,173.66	2,508.07	3,009.68
Parish of Habrough	954.75	1,113.88	1,273.00	1,432.13	1,750.38	2,068.63	2,386.88	2,864.26
Parish of Healing	967.00	1,128.17	1,289.33	1,450.50	1,772.83	2,095.17	2,417.50	2,901.00
Parish of Humberston	965.66	1,126.60	1,287.55	1,448.49	1,770.38	2,092.26	2,414.15	2,896.98
Town of Immingham	1,026.43	1,197.50	1,368.57	1,539.64	1,881.78	2,223.92	2,566.07	3,079.28
Parish of Irby	964.47	1,125.22	1,285.96	1,446.71	1,768.20	2,089.69	2,411.18	2,893.42
Parish of Laceby	967.57	1,128.83	1,290.09	1,451.35	1,773.87	2,096.39	2,418.92	2,902.70
Parish of New Waltham	956.02	1,115.36	1,274.69	1,434.03	1,752.70	2,071.38	2,390.05	2,868.06
Parish of Stallingborough	981.51	1,145.09	1,308.68	1,472.26	1,799.43	2,126.60	2,453.77	2,944.52
Parish of Waltham	956.97	1,116.46	1,275.96	1,435.45	1,754.44	2,073.43	2,392.42	2,870.90
Grimsby	944.71	1,102.17	1,259.62	1,417.07	1,731.97	2,046.88	2,361.78	2,834.14
Cleethorpes	945.02	1,102.52	1,260.03	1,417.53	1,732.54	2,047.54	2,362.55	2,835.06
All other parts of the Council's area	942.92	1,100.07	1,257.23	1,414.38	1,728.69	2,042.99	2,357.30	2,828.76

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(f) and 3(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- (4) That it be noted that for the year 2017/18 the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside and the Humberside Fire Authority 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							
	A £ . p	B £ . p	C £ . p	D £ . p	E £ . p	F £ . p	G £ . p	H £ . p
Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside	124.89	145.70	166.52	187.33	228.96	270.59	312.22	374.66
Humberside Fire Authority	53.43	62.34	71.24	80.15	97.96	115.77	133.58	160.30
TOTAL	178.32	208.04	237.76	267.48	326.92	386.36	445.80	534.96

- (5) That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(h) and 4 above, 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 below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2017/18 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

	Valuation Bands							
	A £ . p	B £ . p	C £ . p	D £ . p	E £ . p	F £ . p	G £ . p	H £ . p
Parish of Ashby-cum-Fenby	1,138.24	1,327.95	1,517.65	1,707.36	2,086.77	2,466.19	2,845.60	3,414.72
Parish of Barnoldby-le-Beck	1,131.72	1,320.34	1,508.96	1,697.58	2,074.82	2,452.06	2,829.30	3,395.16
Parish of Bradley	1,138.60	1,328.37	1,518.13	1,707.90	2,087.43	2,466.97	2,846.50	3,415.80
Parish of Brigsley	1,133.51	1,322.43	1,511.35	1,700.27	2,078.11	2,455.95	2,833.78	3,400.54
Parish of Great Coates	1,181.55	1,378.47	1,575.40	1,772.32	2,166.17	2,560.02	2,953.87	3,544.64
Parish of Habrough	1,133.07	1,321.92	1,510.76	1,699.61	2,077.30	2,454.99	2,832.68	3,399.22
Parish of Healing	1,145.32	1,336.21	1,527.09	1,717.98	2,099.75	2,481.53	2,863.30	3,435.96
Parish of Humberston	1,143.98	1,334.64	1,525.31	1,715.97	2,097.30	2,478.62	2,859.95	3,431.94
Town of Immingham	1,204.75	1,405.54	1,606.33	1,807.12	2,208.70	2,610.28	3,011.87	3,614.24
Parish of Irby	1,142.79	1,333.26	1,523.72	1,714.19	2,095.12	2,476.05	2,856.98	3,428.38
Parish of Laceby	1,145.89	1,336.87	1,527.85	1,718.83	2,100.79	2,482.75	2,864.72	3,437.66
Parish of New Waltham	1,134.34	1,323.40	1,512.45	1,701.51	2,079.62	2,457.74	2,835.85	3,403.02
Parish of Stallingborough	1,159.83	1,353.13	1,546.44	1,739.74	2,126.35	2,512.96	2,899.57	3,479.48
Parish of Waltham	1,135.29	1,324.50	1,513.72	1,702.93	2,081.36	2,459.79	2,838.22	3,405.86
Grimsby	1,123.03	1,310.21	1,497.38	1,684.55	2,058.89	2,433.24	2,807.58	3,369.10
Cleethorpes	1,123.34	1,310.56	1,497.79	1,685.01	2,059.46	2,433.90	2,808.35	3,370.02
All other parts of the Council's area	1,121.24	1,308.11	1,494.99	1,681.86	2,055.61	2,429.35	2,803.10	3,363.72

- (6) That the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2017/18 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992.

APPENDIX A**PRECEPTS 2017/18**

The following precepts have been levied on North East Lincolnshire (comparable figures are shown for 2016/17) :-

	2016/17	2017/18	2017/18 Council Tax @ Band D Equivalent
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u> <u>p</u>
Ashby-cum-Fenby	2,971.00	3,060.13	25.50
Barnoldby-le-Beck	2,349.00	2,386.00	15.72
Bradley	1,561.00	1,590.00	26.04
Brigsley	2,742.00	2,824.42	18.41
Great Coates	40,000.00	42,262.00	90.46
Habrough	3,500.00	3,500.00	17.75
Healing	38,000.00	38,000.00	36.12
Humberston	70,000.00	70,000.00	34.11
Immingham	283,960.00	300,947.00	125.26
Irby	1,275.00	1,860.00	32.33
Laceby	38,000.00	38,000.00	36.97
New Waltham	33,550.00	34,824.00	19.65
Stallingborough	24,000.00	24,000.00	57.88
Waltham	44,348.00	44,566.00	21.07
Grimsby - Charter Trustees	30,000.00	30,000.00	1.45
Cleethorpes - Charter Trustees	17,000.00	17,000.00	1.91
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NEL.155 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

The Council considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Inclusion presenting the restated Treasury Policy Statement and the Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Treasury Management Policy Statement at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.
- (2) That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators for 2017/18 at Appendix 2 of the report now submitted, be approved.
- (3) That the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement at Annex 2 in Appendix 2 of the report now submitted, be approved.

NEL.156 **PAY POLICY STATEMENT**

The Council considered a report from the Leader of the Council seeking approval of the Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18.

RESOLVED - That the pay policy statement for the period 2017/18 be approved.

NEL.157 **CALL IN - GRIMSBY ICE RINK**

The Council considered a formal request from Members to call in a decision taken at Cabinet on 21st December, 2016 regarding the ice rink at Grimsby Leisure Centre. This matter was considered by the Tourism, Leisure and Culture Scrutiny Panel at its meeting on 25th January, 2017, and was referred to Council for further consideration of the proposed closure of the ice rink.

Councillor Hyldon-King, Portfolio Holder for Health and Well Being advised Council on the decision taken by Cabinet. She commented on the background to the decision and welcomed the pledge to allow the ice rink to remain open provided that all involved worked in partnership to resolve the issue. She emphasised the importance of getting the finances right.

Councillor Brookes, one of the members who had called in the decision, addressed Council. He welcomed the earlier pledge but moved an amendment that it be recommended to Cabinet that the ice rink be kept open until the community asset transfer had concluded. This was seconded by Councillor Jackson, who had also called the matter in.

Following a debate, the amendment was put to the vote. A recorded vote was requested, in accordance with the Constitution. The votes cast were recorded as follows:

For the Amendment

Councillors Barfield, Beasant, Bramley, Brookes, Cairns, Colquhoun, Cracknell, De Freitas, Dickerson, Fenty, Harness, Hasthorpe, Jackson, Lindley, Parkinson, Pettigrew, Rudd, Shepherd, Shreeve, Stinson and Stockton (21 votes).

Against the Motion

Councillors Barber, Bolton, Brown, Burton, Chase, Goodwin, Hyldon-King, James, Mickleburgh, Rogers, Sutton, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson (14 votes).

Abstained

Councillors Patrick and Wilson (2 votes).

The amended Motion, being the new substantive Motion, was then put to the vote by the Mayor. Upon a show of hands this was carried.

RESOLVED – That it be recommended to Cabinet that the ice rink at Grimsby Leisure Centre be kept open until the community asset transfer process had concluded.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.