

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD BY REMOTE VIDEO
CONFERENCE THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2021 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM

PRESENT (BY REMOTE LINK)

Mrs L Eaton JP	Mayor
Mrs L Kaufman	Deputy Mayor



COUNCILLORS

Mrs R H Adams	
N Alam	
L A Bentley	
G A Boulter	
J W Boyce	Leader of the Council
Mrs L M Broadley	
F S Broadley	
D M Carter	
M H Charlesworth	Deputy Leader of the Council
M L Darr	
R F Eaton	
D A Gamble	
F S Ghattoraya	Deputy Leader of the Opposition
Mrs S Z Haq	
Miss P V Joshi	Leader of the Opposition
J Kaufman	
Miss A Kaur	
C D Kozlowski	
K J Loydall	
D W Loydall	
Mrs S B Morris	
Dr I K Ridley	

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE (BY REMOTE LINK)

S J Ball	Trainee Solicitor (acting as the Democratic Services Officer)
C Campbell	Head of Finance / Deputy Section 151 Officer
Mrs A E Court	Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service
Mrs P Fisher	Head of Customer Service & Transformation
D M Gill	Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer
Ms V Hewitt	People Manager
S Hinds	Deputy Chief Executive / Section 151 Officer
A Thorpe	Head of Built Environment
S Tucker	Democratic & Electoral Services Manager / Deputy Monitoring Officer

37. CALLING TO ORDER OF THE MEETING

The meeting of the Council was called to order to receive Her Worship The Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

A minute's silence was observed in memory of both the late former Councillor Jim Allen who passed away on 21 January 2021, and the late former Officer Jez Crooks who passed away on 16 January 2021.

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs H E Loydall and R E R Morris.

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

40. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 December 2020 be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

41. ACTION LIST ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There was no Action list arising from previous meeting held on 15 December 2020.

42. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

None.

43. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

None.

44. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

44a. LIST OF OFFICIAL MAYORAL / DEPUTY MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

By affirmation of the meeting, it was:

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The continued suspension of all civic engagements undertaken by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic be noted.

In accordance with Rule 6.3 of Part 4 of the Constitution, the Mayor moved for the order of business to be altered and taken in the order as reflected in the minutes.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The order of business be altered and taken accordingly.

45. COUNCIL TAX SETTING (2021/22)

The Council gave consideration to the report (as set out at pages 10 - 15 of the agenda reports pack) which asked it set and approve the amount of Council Tax for the Borough of Oadby and Wigston for 2021/22 in accordance with section 30(2) of the Local Government

Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011.

It was moved by the Leader of the Council and seconded by Councillor D A Gamble that the recommendations be put to the vote en bloc and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

- A. It be noted that under powers delegated to the Chief Finance Officer, the Council has calculated the amount of 17,558.7 as its Council Tax base for the financial year 2021/22 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012.**
- B. It be noted that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2021/22 is £4,117,515.**
- C. The following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2021/22 in accordance with sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended):**
- (i) £34,464,259 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31A(2) of the Act.**
- (ii) £30,346,744 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31A(3) of the Act.**
- (iii) £4,117,515 being the amount by which the aggregate at C(i) above exceeds the aggregate at C(ii) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 31 A (4) of the Act, as its Council Tax Requirement for the year.**
- (iv) £234.50 being the amount at C(iii) divided by the amount at A above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 3 B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.**
- (v) Valuation Bands**

Oadby and Wigston Borough Council Base Element of the 2021/22 Council Tax			
A	B	C	D
£	£	£	£
156.33	182.39	208.44	234.50
E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£
286.61	338.72	390.83	469.00

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at C(iv) 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 amount to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- D. It is noted that for the year 2021/22, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester/shire, and the Leicester/shire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories shown below and that Leicestershire County Council have indicated that their provisional precept will be confirmed on 17 February 2021.

Precepting Authorities - Valuation Bands

Leicestershire County Council			
A	B	C	D
£	£	£	£
940.52	1,097.28	1,254.03	1,410.78
E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£
1,724.29	2,037.80	2,351.30	2,821.56

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester and Leicestershire			
A	B	C	D
£	£	£	£
165.49	193.07	220.65	248.23
E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£
303.39	358.55	413.72	496.46

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority			
A	B	C	D
£	£	£	£

46.19	53.89	61.59	69.29
E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£
84.69	100.09	115.48	138.58

- E. That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at C(v) and D above, the Council, in accordance with section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, set the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2021/22 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.**

Valuation Bands

Total Council Tax Payable by - Oadby and Wigston Borough Council Residents			
A	B	C	D
£	£	£	£
1,308.53	1,526.63	1,744.71	1,962.80
E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£
2,398.98	2,835.16	3,271.33	3,925.60

In accordance with Rule 18.3.2 of Part 4 of the Constitution, as required by Regulation 4 and Part 3 of Schedule 2 of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 (as amended), the names of the Members who casted a vote for the motion or against the motion or who abstained from voting were recorded as follows:

Votes For (24)	Votes Against (0)	Abstentions (0)
Mrs R H Adams		
N Alam		
L A Bentley		
G A Boulter		
J W Boyce		
Mrs L M Broadley		
F S Broadley		
D M Carter		
M H Charlesworth		
M L Darr		
R F Eaton		

Mrs L Eaton JP		
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J Kaufman		
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Miss A Kaur		
C D Kozlowski		
K J Loydall		
D W Loydall		
Mrs S B Morris		
Dr I K Ridley		

46. BUDGET AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (2021/22)

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 16 - 66 of the agenda reports pack) which asked it to approve the projected General Fund base budget position for 2021/22 based upon the Local Government Finance Settlement and consider the Capital Programme for 2021/22 (excluding carry forwards from 2020/21).

The report was commended by the Chair of the Policy, Finance and Development Committee, Councillor D A Gamble, and with reference to a presentation which provided Members with a number of headline budget statistics (as set out at slide 1). A written copy of the Chair's statement and the presentation is filed with these minutes.

It was moved by Councillor D A Gamble and seconded by Councillor Dr I K Ridley that the recommendations, as amended as proposed by Councillor Mrs S B Morris and seconded by Councillor Mrs L M Broadley, be put to the vote en bloc and

RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy for 2021/2022 (as set out in the report and at Appendix 1) be approved;**
- B. Council approves the levels of reserves (as set out at paragraph 5 of the report);**
- C. The Capital Programme (as set out at Appendix 2) be approved;**
- D. The Housing Revenue Account estimates for 2021/22 (as set out at Appendix 3) be approved;**
- E. The Scale of Fees & Charges for 2021/22 (as set out at Appendix 4) be approved;**
- F. Consultations be held involving all staff, inviting participation in shaping the future of the Council, through putting ideas forward on income**

generation and providing services differently and cost effectively;

- G. A report on the details of the proposed commercial charging regime for the Council's car parks and review of the refuse and recycling service be bought back to the next or subsequent meeting of the Full Council for consideration, approval or otherwise before any actions or decisions in relation to same are taken or implemented; and**
- H. A report in relation to staff long-term sickness be bought back to the next or subsequent meeting of either the Policy, Finance and Development Committee or the People Committee.**

Votes For	21
Votes Against	0
Abstentions	3

47. PAY POLICY STATEMENT (2021/22)

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 67 - 77 of the agenda reports pack) which asked it to approve the Council's Pay Policy Statement and its continued commitment to paying the Real Living Wage for 2021/22.

It was moved by Councillor Mrs L M Broadley, seconded by Councillor K J Loydall and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Pay Policy Statement for 2021/22 (as set out in Appendix 1) be approved; and**
- B. The continued commitment to paying the Real Living Wage for 2021/22 be approved.**

48. LEADER'S STATEMENT

The Leader of the Council presented a Statement outlining his recent work, the administration's plans, an overview of recent decisions taken since the previous meeting of the Council and an overview of the decisions likely to be taken in the future.

This included his summation of the current commentary surrounding the future of local government financial settlement, the need for income generation and cost controls, on service delivery, on staff resources, on the Customer Service Centre and the recent Customer Service Excellence Award, on future sustainability initiatives, on assets to generate income, on growth and development, on private/public sector opportunities and on the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

A written copy of the Leader's Statement is filed with these minutes.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.41 PM



Chair

Tuesday, 30 March 2021

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