

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the County Council held at County Hall, Hertford, on Tuesday, 23 February 2016

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

D Andrews	C M Hayward	S Quilty
D A Ashley	R J Henry	I M Reay
J R Barfoot	T C Heritage	L F Reefe
D J Barnard	D J Hewitt	R M Roberts
S A Batson	F R G Hill	P A Ruffles
S Bedford	N A Hollinghurst	R Sangster
R H Beeching	T W Hone	D T F Scudder
N Bell	T Hunter	A M R Searing
J Billing	T R Hutchings	R H Smith
M Bright	S L C Johnston	A Stevenson
F Button (Chairman)	A Joynes	J J Taylor
L A Chesterman	A King	S J Taylor
R F Cheswright	J G L King	R A C Thake
G R Churchard	P F J Knell	R G Tindall
C Clapper	D E Lloyd	A S B Walkington
M J Cook	J Lloyd	M A Watkin
M Cowan	P V Mason	J A West
H K Crofton	G McAndrew	C J White
T L F Douris	R Mills	A D Williams
D S Drury	M B J Mills-Bishop	J D Williams
S B A F H Giles-Medhurst	M D M Muir	C B Woodward
E M Gordon	R G Parker	C B Wyatt-Lowe
R I N Gordon	A Plancey	W J Wyatt-Lowe
D Hart	R G Prowse	P M Zukowskyj
K M Hastrick		

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Meeting of the County Council held on 23 February 2016, as circulated, action was taken or decisions were reached as follows:-

1. MINUTES

- 1.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 November 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

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2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Death of Former County Councillor Moyra O'Neill

The Chairman informed Council that she had received the sad news over the weekend that former County Councillor Moyra O'Neill had died.

Moyra O'Neill represented the Hoddesdon South Division from 1997 to 2001 and the Cheshunt Central Division from 2001 to 2005.

D J Hewitt spoke in tribute.

Council stood in silence in memory of Moyra O'Neill.

(b) 2016 New Year's Honours List

Council congratulated the many Hertfordshire residents recognised in the 2016 New Year's Honours List including:-

- Lynn Chesterman who was awarded an OBE for her services to Children and Families;
- Janet Bucknell, who worked for 17 years at the Lonsdale School in Stevenage until July 2015, who was awarded a British Empire Medal for her work with children with special educational needs and disabilities; and
- Ann Forbes, a science teacher with 28 years' service to Herts and Essex High School in Bishop's Stortford, who was awarded an MBE for her services to education in the UK and in Uganda.

(c) New County Councillor

Council welcomed Jane West who was elected to the County Council following the by-election on 21 January 2016; a Conservative Member Jane will be representing Bushey North until the County Council elections in May 2017.

(d) Director of Resources

Council welcomed Owen Mapley, the Council's new Director of Resources. Owen started in his new role with the Council on 8

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February and joined the Council from the Home Office where he was Director of Finance and Estates.

(e) LGC Awards 2016

Members were pleased to be advised that the County Council had been shortlisted for the prestigious LGC Award for 'Council of the Last 20 Years'. Lots of councils had entered so to be shortlisted and the only county council in the final six was a great achievement. The winner will be announced in March 2016.

(f) Recognising Hertfordshire

Council was informed that, since the last County Council meeting in November 2015, the Chairman had attended many events which recognised and celebrated the innovation and achievement of young people and the wider community in Hertfordshire.

These events included:

- Judging a School's competition in Hatfield about reducing the energy and water consumption in the school
- Presenting an award at Herts Service to Sports Awards at Hertfordshire University
- Presenting the Chairman's Award for Citizenship at the Herts Awards ceremony for care leavers and Children Looked after

The Chairman had also:

- attended two Citizenship ceremonies;
- represented the county council at three royal visits, one in my own Division, one at the opening of the new Post Polio Sufferers in Watford, and just yesterday at Save the Children in Tring with the Princess Royal;
- represented the County Council at the High Sheriffs Justice Service at St Albans Abbey;
- hosted a meeting here in County Hall with the Lord Lieutenant, the Vice Lord Lieutenant and the High Sheriff to start the ball rolling on how to help the Army engage more closely with local communities in Hertfordshire; and
- shown more Districts/Boroughs the ITCC and Archives. This means that councillors from five of our Districts and Boroughs had now all taken up the invitation to come and see a little of what we do here. More visits are planned.

CYCLING GOLD MEDAL FOR LAURA TROTT

- (g) Council congratulated former Hertfordshire resident Laura Trott, who claimed omnium gold in the UCI Track Cycling World Cup in Hong Kong.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – STANDING ORDER 8(10)

- 3.1 There were no public questions.

4. PUBLIC PETITIONS – STANDING ORDER 15

- 4A. 4.1 **M Jackson**, presented a petition with over 1,000 signatures in the following terms:-

“We the undersigned are appalled by the threat by the Conservative controlled Hertfordshire County Council to withdraw all funding for the well-used 142 and 258 bus routes from Watford to Brent Cross and to South Harrow respectively. These cuts would threaten the very existence of these services from March 2016. We call upon the County Council to withdraw the threat of cuts to these bus services and to reach an agreement with Transport for London to guarantee the continuation of these routes.”

- 4.1.1 **D A Ashley**, Executive Member for Environment, Planning and Transport, received the petition.

- 4.1.2 The following motion proposed by **D A Ashley** was duly seconded:-

“The County Council:-

- (a) notes that its contract with Transport for London (TfL) relating to these cross-border bus routes terminates on 31 March 2016;*
- (b) notes that the £390,000 annual subsidy paid by the County Council under the contract represents less than 4% of the total contract value;*
- (c) recognises the substantial reduction in the costs of bus operations resulting from the reduction in fuel costs;*
- (d) welcomes the statement by TfL that, notwithstanding the*

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cessation of the contract, it has “no plans at this stage to make any changes to any of the routes that run between London and Hertfordshire”; and

- (e) *should there be any subsequent plans by TfL affecting these routes requests the Administration to work with TfL to ensure that appropriate levels of service are maintained on these routes as part of TfL’s statutory cross-border responsibility.”*

4.1.3 The motion at 4.1.2 was then voted upon and CARRIED.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

At the invitation of the Chairman the Council agreed to vary the order of business and take the agenda item “Council Meeting – Executive Report” at this point in the meeting in the interests of the effective conduct of the business following.

(The Minutes of this business is set out below in original agenda order).

5. OFFICER REPORTS RELEVANT TO EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIOS

Note:

All Members of the Council in receipt of an allowance from the County Council, another local authority in Hertfordshire, or a body to whom they had been appointed by the County Council, who had applied, had received a dispensation to allow them to participate in and vote on the Integrated Plan and Member Allowances items (items 5A and 5B).

Specific dispensations granted to individual Members in respect of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests together with those who declared Declarable Interests under the County Council’s Code of Conduct for Members in Item 5A are set out below:-

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

D A Ashley - as he receives an allowance from the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority; the dispensation referred to above concerning members who have been appointed to bodies by the County Council applies.

J R Barfoot – by virtue of Copyzone Limited having a contract with the

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County Council for printing rights of way maps. He has been granted a dispensation by the Standards Committee to participate, debate and vote in business in which this Disclosable Pecuniary Interest is mentioned.

R I N Gordon - by virtue of his wife having a beneficial freehold interest in the premises of her former veterinary practice and contiguous land lying south of Tilekiln Farm, Standon Road, Little Hadham. He has been granted a dispensation by the Standards Committee to participate, debate and vote in business in which this Disclosable Pecuniary Interest is mentioned provided that the business to be considered does not directly affect his financial position or that of his wife; which, on this occasion, he judged that it did not.

R J Henry – by virtue his wife being employed by the Council. He has been granted a dispensation by the Standards Committee to participate, debate and vote in business in which this Disclosable Pecuniary Interest is mentioned provided that the business to be considered does not directly affect his financial position or that of his wife; which he considered it did not.

T R Hutchings - by virtue of his wife being employed by the Council. He has been granted a dispensation by the Standards Committee to participate, debate and vote in business in which this Disclosable Pecuniary Interest is mentioned provided that the business to be considered does not directly affect his financial position or that of his wife; which he considered it did not.

D E Lloyd - by virtue of his position as Police & Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire. He has been granted a dispensation by the Standards Committee to participate, debate and vote in business in which this Disclosable Pecuniary Interest is mentioned provided that the business to be considered does not directly affects his financial position; which he considered it did not.

M B J Mills–Bishop – by virtue of his wife being employed as a teacher in Hertfordshire. He has been granted a dispensation by the Standards Committee to participate, debate and vote in business in which this Disclosable Pecuniary Interest is mentioned provided that the business to be considered does not directly affect his financial position or that of his wife; which he considered it did not.

M A Watkin – by virtue of his wife being employed as a part-time teacher in the music service in Hertfordshire. He has been granted a dispensation by the Standards Committee to participate, debate and vote in business in which this Disclosable Pecuniary Interest is mentioned provided that the business to be considered does not

directly affect his financial position or that of his wife; which he considered it did not.

Declarable Interests

The following Members declared Declarable Interests under the County Council's Code of Conduct for Members:-

D A Ashley – as he is Chairman of Hitchin Educational Foundation, a charity which derives part of its income from leasing a property to the County Council.

M Cowan – as he is one of the County Council's representatives on the Lea Valley Regional Park Authority.

R I N Gordon – as he is one of the County Council's substitute representatives on the Lea Valley Regional Park Authority.

F R G Hill - as she is the County Councillor representative on the Management Committee of Royston Day Centre. She also declared that she is a member of Homestart. F R G Hill remained in the room but did not participate in the debate or vote on the Liberal Democrat amendment 1 (at paragraph 5.3.1) or Labour amendment (at paragraph (5.2) to the motion at item 5A.

G McAndrew – as he is one of East Herts District Council's representatives on the Lea Valley Regional Park Authority.

M B J Mills Bishop – as he is one of the County Council's substitute representatives on the Lea Valley Regional Park Authority.

I M Reay – as he is a County Council appointee on the Chiltern's Conservation Board which receives a grant from the Council.

A M R Searing – as he is a Member of Lee Valley Regional Park Authority and a Member of Herts Young Mariners Base.

D T F Scudder – as he is a Board Member of Watford Sheltered Workshop, many clients of which receive grants from the County Council.

R G Tindall – as he is a Trustee of Hertfordshire Domestic Abuse Helpline which receives a grant from the County Community Safety Unit

5.1 The following motion was proposed by **C M Hayward** and duly

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seconded:-

"That Council:-

- (a) approves the changes to the Integrated Plan [Parts A to D] as set out in sections 2.9 and 4.2 of the report; noting that amendments to the budget may be required once any outstanding grants have been announced by the Government;*
- (b) agrees the following policy choices from section 2.10 of the report, to meet the remaining budget gap of £8.332m in 2016/17:*
 - a) Reduce standard non pay inflation by £2.506m, to 0%;*
 - d) Release £0.385m of Highways Challenge Fund Reserve;*
 - f) Use £5.441m Collection Fund balance to support 2016/17 revenue budget;*
- (c) agrees to retain the Members' Locality Budget for 2016/17 in full (option c in section 2.10), with a requirement that £5,000 of each member's locality budget for 2016/17 be contributed to a central fund for additional 'housekeeping' works on the highway during 2016/17. Recognising that these contributions will not be sufficient to address all the highways housekeeping requirements, the Executive Member for Highways is asked to bring forward other options to fund priority works;*
- (d) agrees to the carry forward of any underspend of any member's locality budget for 2015/16 as a supplement to the element of their 2016/17 locality budget with discretion to spend on local priorities in their division.*
- (e) approves a change of purpose for the remaining £3.174m Highways Challenge fund, to be used for financing the capital programme; and*
- (f) agrees that the Integrated Plan for 2016/17 - 2019/20 (as amended above) be adopted, and specifically that:*

In respect of all Parts:

- (i) the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources & Performance, be authorised to make minor amendments to ensure the final plan is in line with decisions taken by the County Council before publication;*

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In respect of Parts A to D:

- (ii) a Revenue Budget of £821.797 million and a Council Tax Requirement of £508.923 million be agreed as per the updated Revenue Budget Statements included at Appendix 1 to 3 of the report.
- (iii) a Band D Council Tax of £1,163.80 plus a Band D Social Care precept of £22.82 be agreed for the County Council in 2016/17, and that the amount of tax calculated for all bands be as follows

Band	2015/16 Council Tax	1.99% Increase	Subtotal	2% Social Care Precept	2016/17 Council Tax
A	760.73	15.14	775.87	15.21	791.08
B	887.51	17.67	905.18	17.75	922.93
C	1,014.30	20.19	1,034.49	20.28	1,054.77
D	1,141.09	22.71	1,163.80	22.82	1,186.62
E	1,394.67	27.75	1,422.42	27.89	1,450.31
F	1,648.24	32.8	1,681.04	32.97	1,714.01
G	1,901.82	37.85	1,939.67	38.03	1,977.70
H	2,282.18	45.42	2,327.60	45.64	2,373.24

- (iv) the precept amount of **£508,923,174.58** be required from the district and borough councils as follows:

District	Precept Amount £
Borough of Broxbourne	40,372,846.91
Dacorum Borough Council	65,598,726.84
East Hertfordshire District Council	67,939,809.44
Hertsmere Borough Council	46,866,743.52
North Hertfordshire District Council	56,945,419.15
St Albans District Council	72,144,360.08
Stevenage Borough Council	30,719,811.87
Three Rivers District Council	44,340,785.53
Watford Borough Council	37,158,661.18
Welwyn Hatfield Council	46,836,010.06
TOTAL	508,923,174.58

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- (v) a capital programme be agreed and financed as set out below {Replaces TABLE 4a : Capital Programme Expenditure 2016/17 to 2018/19 by directorate – IP Page 11}

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Childrens Services	37.460	42.416	44.637	124.513
HCS	27.724	21.050	20.710	69.484
Community Protection	2.924	2.241	1.733	6.898
Resources and Performance	7.201	7.160	4.442	18.803
Public Health	1.200	0.200	0	1.400
Environment	85.748	114.044	103.662	303.454
Total	162.257	187.111	175.184	524.552

Replaces TABLE 4b: Financing of the Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2018/19- IP Page 11

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m
HCC Funding	59.144	69.304	63.067	191.515
Grant	67.038	58.950	46.164	172.152
Contributions	30.213	55.045	63.653	148.911
Reserves	5.850	3.800	2.300	11.950
Revenue	0.012	0.012	0	0.024
Total	162.257	187.111	175.184	524.552

- (vi) the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources and Performance and the Executive Members for the relevant service, be authorised to vary the capital programme during the year to include additional schemes that are wholly funded by grants or third party contributions and to vary existing schemes to match any changes in funding from grants or third party contributions;
- (vii) the schools budget be agreed at the level of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) plus use of carry forward DSG (this is currently estimated at £877.663 million less deductions in respect of academies and post 16 high needs places), and that the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Director of Children's Services, the relevant Executive Members and the Schools Forum, be authorised to amend the schools budget to match any changes to the Dedicated Schools Grant and the

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planned approach to balancing the schools budget in future years of the Plan;

- (viii) the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Director of Children's Services, the Executive Member for Resources & Performance and the Executive Member for Children's Services, be authorised to determine the allocation of budget from the £0.746m Special Education Needs Implementation grant in 2016/17;*
- (ix) the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to issue the Council Tax leaflet;*
- (x) that, in the light of the requirement for further savings in future years, Chief Officers be asked to work with Executive Members and their Cabinet Panels to develop options at the earliest possible opportunity for the delivery of substantial additional savings;*
- (xi) the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources & Performance, be authorised to continue work in the following proposed areas for exploration with Partners and/or across departments in order to deliver best use of the public pound, improve outcomes for citizens and drive out further efficiencies:*
 - Health and Social Care Integration*
 - Family Focused Working*
 - Adults with complex needs*
 - Asset Rationalisation/Shared Accommodation*
 - Hertfordshire Civil Service*
 - Skills, Jobs and Work Opportunities*
 - Enabling Citizens and Communities*
 - Enabling the Worker*
 - Selective Extension of Trading Activity*

In respect of Part E:

- (xii) the Minimum Revenue Provision policy and capital expenditure prudential indicators be approved (IP Part E, Section 2); and*
- (xiii) the Treasury Management Strategy, including the Borrowing, Lending and Financial Derivative policies, the introduction of the new financial instruments and the treasury management prudential indicators be approved (IP Part E, Sections 4-8)."*

5.2 The following amendment was proposed by **L F Reeve** and duly seconded:-

“That Council agrees:-

- 1) To use the identified revenue from the Council Tax Collection Fund surplus for 2016/17 and 2017/18 to fund the changes to the budget this year and for the following 3 years as per Tables A and B below;*
- 2) Any increased cost (we are advised would be minimal) to the Dial a Ride service also to be met from this reserve;*
- 3) To set up a new Reserve fund from revenue and capital as identified in Table B below, to begin a new review of flood defence, and commence any remedial work or extra defence against possible future flooding, and funded from this reserve. As a possible ongoing problem, future funding needs to be identified from future reserves or underspends;*
- 4) A commitment to identify £75 million of asset sales over the next 4 years and £10 million of that capital asset sale be reserved for project co-operation with our impending Development Company with a view to commencing and progressing new build housing for Social Rent;*
- 5) The total of all these proposals by leaving other commitments proposed in the budget as they are is £14.18 million. The £6 million for the new Flood Defence Reserve would be drawn from Revenue reserve, Waste PFI and Invest to Transform. The changes to services and thereby Revenue related will come from Revenue reserve and the increased income from the Collection Fund balance, a net amount of £5.46million. Not all of this will be needed.*

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Table A**Revenue Changes Proposed**

Source	Service	2016/17 £000s	2017/18 £000s	2018/19 £000s	2019/20 £000s
Revenue Reserve	<i>Taxi Passenger Assistants</i>	250	250	250	250
Funding & Extra Collection	<i>Statutory Buses Services</i>	1400	1400	1400	1400
2016/17	<i>Home Start</i>	395	395	395	395
& 2017/18	<i>Dial a Ride</i>	<i>None Identified</i>	<i>None Identified</i>	<i>None Identified</i>	<i>None Identified</i>

Table B**Capital Changes Proposed**

Source	Service	2016/17 £000s	2017/18 £000s	2018/19 £000s	2019/20 £000s
Revenue	<i>Flood Defence</i>	610	610		
PFI Waste	<i>Flood Defence</i>	1000	780		
Invest to Transform	<i>Flood Defence</i>	1500	1500		

- 6). *That the Members Locality Budget and the Highways Locality Budget be combined, reduced by 5% with the proviso that not less than £85,000 be spent on Highways projects and not more than £10,000 on community locality projects in each division."*

5.3 The following amendments were proposed by **P M Zukowskyj** and duly seconded:-

5.3.1 "1. Amend the revenue budget as follows: 2016/17

<i>Modification Description</i>		<i>£000</i>
<i>RS1</i>	<i>Increase Member Highway Locality Budget to £100k per member, including cost of a scheme for member discretionary reversal of Part-Night Lighting officers will be instructed to design</i>	<i>770</i>
<i>RS2</i>	<i>Ensure no withdrawal of support for TfL bus routes</i>	<i>380</i>

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RS3	Expand the county council's apprenticeships scheme	200
RS4	Restore cuts to HomeStart funding	395
RS5	Revert to pre 2012 policy on School Crossing Patrols and reinstate support where cut since 2012	70
RS6	Restore bus cuts and expand support for non-commercially viable but socially important buses	1,400
RS7	Extend the saver card for young people for an additional age year, including publicity for this	360
RS8	Ongoing revenue costs of flood relief investment programme (CS1)	200
RS9	School Uniform Subsidy for low income/FSM recipients	200
RS10	Living wage across HCC staff and support to renegotiate contracts for contracted staff	550
RS11	Fund property team expansion to deliver capital receipts enhanced target and deliver accelerated property development company	1000
RS12	Ongoing revenue costs of additional Highways Maintenance programme (CS2)	500
RS13	Raise all contracted staff towards the Living Wage level, including retained firefighters, HCL, HFL and support staff in schools	5,600
Total		£11,625

Funded from:

Saving Description		£000
RI1	Release of 'Invest to Transform' revenue through replacement from capital	5,000
RI2	Reduction in corporate publications, publicity and staff including cutting 'Horizons', replacing with bought space in lower tier local council publications	600
RI3	Reduce motor mileage costs	125
RI4	Reducing power spend on street lights on Trunk A and B roads where there are <u>no</u> pedestrian requirements.	250
RI5	Reduction in security costs for empty and unused buildings and facilities, alongside more effective use of HCC building stock	250
RI6	Use of Council Tax collection fund surplus	5,400
Total		£11,625

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Amend the 2015/16 capital budget as follows:

Additional expenditure:

CS1	<i>New Flood Relief Investment Programme – addressing failed and inadequate surface water flood management infrastructure, properly addressing our obligations as Lead Flood Authority (RS8)</i>	<i>2,000</i>
CS2	<i>Increase Highways investment and repairs to provide appropriate infrastructure for continued economic development. Programme should include enhanced spending on footways and improved cycle way maintenance, alongside roads investments. Programme also includes one off policy development costs of increase of HLB to £100,000 per member and Part-Night Lighting changes (RS1).</i>	<i>6,000</i>
CS3	<i>Use of capital to release revenue from the Invest to Transform fund</i>	<i>5,000</i>
CS5	<i>Schools Maintenance Investment Programme – addressing the gap between authorised repairs and funding – augmenting the Government grant.</i>	<i>2,000</i>
<i>Total</i>		<i>£15,000</i>

Funded From:

<i>Saving Description</i>		<i>£000</i>
CI1	<i>Increase target for property capital receipts from £20m to £35m initially for 2016/17 and initiate a target review of this for subsequent years, including acceleration of Property Development company</i>	<i>15,000</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>£15,000</i>

Reserves:

Increase General Fund Reserve by release, after review, of specific reserves. The requirement for continuing the £8m FOREX risk reserve for the Waste Management contract with Veolia is specifically identified as questionable.

- 5.3.2** “2. In (c) remove all of the first sentence after the word ‘full’, adding a clarification of the locality budget amount required and modifying the final sentence at ‘these contributions will not be’ to ‘current contributions are not’.

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Amended text to read:

- (c) *Agree to retain the Members' Locality Budget for 2016/17 in full (£10,000 per annum). Recognising that current contributions are not sufficient to address all the highways housekeeping requirements, the Executive Member for Highways is asked to bring forward other options to fund priority works;"*

5.4 The amendment at 5.2 was then voted upon and LOST, the recorded vote being:-

Those in favour of the amendment (28):-

S A Batson	K M Hastrick	R G Prowse
N Bell	R J Henry	L F Reeve
J Billing	N A Hollinghurst	D T F Scudder
L A Chesterman	A Joynes	S J Taylor
G R Churchard	A King	R G Tindall
M J Cook	J G L King	A S B Walkington
M Cowan	J Lloyd	M A Watkin
D S Drury	R Mills	C J White
S B A F H Giles-Medhurst	R G Parker	P M Zukowskyj
E M Gordon		

Those against the amendment (42):-

D Andrews	D J Hewitt	R M Roberts
D A Ashley	T W Hone	P A Ruffles
J R Barfoot	T Hunter	R Sangster
D J Barnard	T R Hutchings	A M R Searing
R H Beeching	S L C Johnston	R H Smith
M Bright	P F J Knell	A Stevenson
R F Cheswright	D E Lloyd	J J Taylor
C Clapper	P V Mason	R A C Thake
H K Crofton	G McAndrew	J A West
T L F Douris	M B J Mills-Bishop	A D Williams
R I N Gordon	M D M Muir	J D Williams
D Hart	A Plancey	C B Woodward
C M Hayward	S Quilty	C B Wyatt-Lowe
T C Heritage	I M Reay	W J Wyatt-Lowe

Those abstaining (2):-

F Button	F R G Hill
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5.5 The amendment at 5.3.1 was then voted upon and LOST, the recorded vote being:-

Those in favour of the amendment (15):-

S Bedford	K M Hastrick	R G Tindall
G R Churchard	N A Hollinghurst	ASB Walkington
M Cowan	R G Parker	M A Watkin
D S Drury	R G Prowse	C J White
S B A F H Giles-Medhurst	D T F Scudder	P M Zukowskyj

Those against the amendment (42):-

D Andrews	D J Hewitt	R M Roberts
D A Ashley	T W Hone	P A Ruffles
J R Barfoot	T Hunter	R Sangster
D J Barnard	T R Hutchings	A M R Searing
R H Beeching	S L C Johnston	R H Smith
M Bright	P F J Knell	A Stevenson
R F Cheswright	D E Lloyd	J J Taylor
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D Hart	A Plancey	C B Woodward
C M Hayward	S Quilty	C B Wyatt-Lowe
T C Heritage	I M Reay	W J Wyatt-Lowe

Those abstaining (16):-

S A Batson	E M Gordon	J G L King
N Bell	R J Henry	J Lloyd
J Billing	F R G Hill	R Mills
F Button	A Joynes	L F Reeve
L A Chesterman	A King	S J Taylor
M J Cook		

5.6 The amendment at 5.3.2 was then voted upon and LOST, the recorded vote being:-

Those in favour of the amendment (29):-

S A Batson	E M Gordon	R G Prowse
S Bedford	K M Hastrick	L F Reeve
N Bell	R J Henry	D T F Scudder
J Billing	N A Hollinghurst	S J Taylor

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L A Chesterman	A Joynes	R G Tindall
G R Churchard	A King	ASB Walkington
M J Cook	J G L King	M A Watkin
M Cowan	J Lloyd	C J White
D S Drury	R Mills	P M Zukowskyj
S B A F H Giles-Medhurst	R G Parker	

Those against the amendment (43):-

D Andrews	F R G Hill	R M Roberts
D A Ashley	T W Hone	P A Ruffles
J R Barfoot	T Hunter	R Sangster
D J Barnard	T R Hutchings	A M R Searing
R H Beeching	S L C Johnston	R H Smith
M Bright	P F J Knell	A Stevenson
R F Cheswright	D E Lloyd	J J Taylor
C Clapper	P V Mason	R A C Thake
H K Crofton	G McAndrew	J A West
T L F Douris	M B J Mills-Bishop	A D Williams
R I N Gordon	M D M Muir	J D Williams
D Hart	A Plancey	C B Woodward
C M Hayward	S Quilty	C B Wyatt-Lowe
T C Heritage	I M Reay	W J Wyatt-Lowe
D J Hewitt		

Those abstaining (1):-

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5.7 The substantive motion at 5.1 was then voted upon and CARRIED as follows:-

“That Council:-

- (a) *approves the changes to the Integrated Plan [Parts A to D] as set out in sections 2.9 and 4.2 of the report; noting that amendments to the budget may be required once any outstanding grants have been announced by the Government;*
- (b) *agrees the following policy choices from section 2.10 of the report, to meet the remaining budget gap of £8.332m in 2016/17:*
 - b) *Reduce standard non pay inflation by £2.506m, to 0%;*
 - d) *Release £0.385m of Highways Challenge Fund Reserve;*

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- f) *Use £5.441m Collection Fund balance to support 2016/17 revenue budget;*
- (c) *agrees to retain the Members' Locality Budget for 2016/17 in full (option c in section 2.10), with a requirement that £5,000 of each member's locality budget for 2016/17 be contributed to a central fund for additional 'housekeeping' works on the highway during 2016/17. Recognising that these contributions will not be sufficient to address all the highways housekeeping requirements, the Executive Member for Highways is asked to bring forward other options to fund priority works;*
- (d) *agrees to the carry forward of any underspend of any member's locality budget for 2015/16 as a supplement to the element of their 2016/17 locality budget with discretion to spend on local priorities in their division.*
- (e) *approves a change of purpose for the remaining £3.174m Highways Challenge fund, to be used for financing the capital programme; and*
- (f) *agrees that the Integrated Plan for 2016/17 - 2019/20 (as amended above) be adopted, and specifically that:*

In respect of all Parts:

- (i) *the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources & Performance, be authorised to make minor amendments to ensure the final plan is in line with decisions taken by the County Council before publication;*

In respect of Parts A to D:

- (ii) *a Revenue Budget of £821.797 million and a Council Tax Requirement of £508.923 million be agreed as per the updated Revenue Budget Statements included at Appendix 1 to 3 of the report.*
- (iii) *a Band D Council Tax of £1,163.80 plus a Band D Social Care precept of £22.82 be agreed for the County Council in 2016/17, and that the amount of tax calculated for all bands be as follows*

Band	2015/16 Council Tax	1.99% Increase	Subtotal	2% Social Care Precept	2016/17 Council Tax
A	760.73	15.14	775.87	15.21	791.08
B	887.51	17.67	905.18	17.75	922.93
C	1,014.30	20.19	1,034.49	20.28	1,054.77
D	1,141.09	22.71	1,163.80	22.82	1,186.62
E	1,394.67	27.75	1,422.42	27.89	1,450.31
F	1,648.24	32.8	1,681.04	32.97	1,714.01
G	1,901.82	37.85	1,939.67	38.03	1,977.70
H	2,282.18	45.42	2,327.60	45.64	2,373.24

- (iv) the precept amount of **£508,923,174.58** be required from the district and borough councils as follows:

District	Precept Amount £
Borough of Broxbourne	40,372,846.91
Dacorum Borough Council	65,598,726.84
East Hertfordshire District Council	67,939,809.44
Hertsmere Borough Council	46,866,743.52
North Hertfordshire District Council	56,945,419.15
St Albans District Council	72,144,360.08
Stevenage Borough Council	30,719,811.87
Three Rivers District Council	44,340,785.53
Watford Borough Council	37,158,661.18
Welwyn Hatfield Council	46,836,010.06
TOTAL	508,923,174.58

- (v) a capital programme be agreed and financed as set out below
 {Replaces TABLE 4a : Capital Programme Expenditure 2016/17
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	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m
<i>Childrens Services</i>	37.460	42.416	44.637	124.513
<i>HCS</i>	27.724	21.050	20.710	69.484
<i>Community Protection</i>	2.924	2.241	1.733	6.898
<i>Resources and Performance</i>	7.201	7.160	4.442	18.803
<i>Public Health</i>	1.200	0.200	0	1.400
<i>Environment</i>	85.748	114.044	103.662	303.454
<i>Total</i>	162.257	187.111	175.184	524.552

Replaces TABLE 4b: Financing of the Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2018/19- IP Page 11

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m
<i>HCC Funding</i>	59.144	69.304	63.067	191.515
<i>Grant</i>	67.038	58.950	46.164	172.152
<i>Contributions</i>	30.213	55.045	63.653	148.911
<i>Reserves</i>	5.850	3.800	2.300	11.950
<i>Revenue</i>	0.012	0.012	0	0.024
<i>Total</i>	162.257	187.111	175.184	524.552

- (vi) *the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources and Performance and the Executive Members for the relevant service, be authorised to vary the capital programme during the year to include additional schemes that are wholly funded by grants or third party contributions and to vary existing schemes to match any changes in funding from grants or third party contributions;*
- (vii) *the schools budget be agreed at the level of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) plus use of carry forward DSG (this is currently estimated at £877.663 million less deductions in respect of academies and post 16 high needs places), and that the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Director of Children's Services, the relevant Executive Members and the Schools Forum, be authorised to amend the schools budget to match any changes to the Dedicated Schools Grant and the planned approach to balancing the schools budget in future years of the Plan;*

- (viii) *the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Director of Children's Services, the Executive Member for Resources & Performance and the Executive Member for Children's Services, be authorised to determine the allocation of budget from the £0.746m Special Education Needs Implementation grant in 2016/17;*
- (ix) *the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to issue the Council Tax leaflet;*
- (x) *that, in the light of the requirement for further savings in future years, Chief Officers be asked to work with Executive Members and their Cabinet Panels to develop options at the earliest possible opportunity for the delivery of substantial additional savings;*
- (xi) *the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources & Performance, be authorised to continue work in the following proposed areas for exploration with Partners and/or across departments in order to deliver best use of the public pound, improve outcomes for citizens and drive out further efficiencies:*
 - *Health and Social Care Integration*
 - *Family Focused Working*
 - *Adults with complex needs*
 - *Asset Rationalisation/Shared Accommodation*
 - *Hertfordshire Civil Service*
 - *Skills, Jobs and Work Opportunities*
 - *Enabling Citizens and Communities*
 - *Enabling the Worker*
 - *Selective Extension of Trading Activity*

In respect of Part E:

- (xii) *the Minimum Revenue Provision policy and capital expenditure prudential indicators be approved (IP Part E, Section 2); and*
- (xiii) *the Treasury Management Strategy, including the Borrowing, Lending and Financial Derivative policies, the introduction of the new financial instruments and the treasury management prudential indicators be approved (IP Part E, Sections 4-8)."*

The recorded votes being as follows:

Those in favour of the motion (43) :-

D Andrews	F R G Hill	R M Roberts
D A Ashley	T W Hone	P A Ruffles
J R Barfoot	T Hunter	R Sangster
D J Barnard	T R Hutchings	A M R Searing
R H Beeching	S L C Johnston	R H Smith
M Bright	P F J Knell	A Stevenson
R F Cheswright	D E Lloyd	J J Taylor
C Clapper	P V Mason	R A C Thake
H K Crofton	G McAndrew	J A West
T L F Douris	M B J Mills-Bishop	A D Williams
R I N Gordon	M D M Muir	J D Williams
D Hart	A Plancey	C B Woodward
C M Hayward	S Quilty	C B Wyatt-Lowe
T C Heritage	I M Reay	W J Wyatt-Lowe
D J Hewitt		

Those against the motion (29) :-

S A Batson	E M Gordon	R G Prowse
S Bedford	K M Hastrick	L F Reeve
N Bell	R J Henry	D T F Scudder
J Billing	N A Hollinghurst	S J Taylor
L A Chesterman	A Joynes	R G Tindall
G R Churchard	A King	ASB Walkington
M J Cook	J G L King	M A Watkin
M Cowan	J Lloyd	C J White
D S Drury	R Mills	P M Zukowskyj
S B A F H Giles-Medhurst	R G Parker	

Those abstaining (1):-

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5B. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES 2016/17 – Report of the Independent Panel on Members’ Allowances

5.8 The following motion proposed by **R I N Gordon** and duly seconded was CARRIED:-

"(1.) That the Council approves a Scheme for Members’ Allowances for 2016/17 which adopts all the recommendations of the Independent Allowances Panel.

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- (2.) *That the Chief Legal Officer be authorised to make a Scheme in accordance with (1.) above to commence on 1 April 2016."*

5C. SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2017/18

- 5.9** The following motion proposed by J D Williams and duly seconded was CARRIED:-

"That Council agrees that:-

- (i) the County Council's existing "Relevant Areas" should be retained;*
- (ii) the County Council's existing admission arrangements and schemes of coordination are retained for 2017/18; and*
- (iii) current PANs (Published Admission Numbers) are retained for all schools except the following schools where the increases set out below are required to meet local demand:-*

*William Ransom, Hitchin - increase from 38 to 60
Tannery Drift, Royston - increase from 45 to 60
Roman Way, Royston - increase from 45 to 60
Forres, Hoddesdon - increase from 45 to 60
Prae Wood, St Albans - increase from 30 to 60
Giles Junior, Stevenage - increase from 60 to 90
Almond Hill Junior, Stevenage - increase from 60 to 90."*

6. THE EXECUTIVE REPORT

- 6.1** There was no Executive Report.

7. QUESTIONS TO EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

- 7.1** During the period for questions to Executive Members under SO(8)(7)(c) the following Members asked questions (and, where indicated, supplementary questions) of the Executive Member or their Deputy as stated [the audio recording of this item of business can be found here [Questions to Executive Members](#)].
[Questions are listed by portfolio].

Executive Member	Questioner	Subject
Leader of the Council	S B A F H Giles-Medhurst	Provision for returning Hertfordshire expats in the event of a 'no vote' in the forthcoming referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union ¹
	L F Reeve	Hertfordshire County Council's twitter feed ¹
	S Bedford	Adjustments to Councillor Bedford's seat in the Council Chamber in accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act ¹
	E M Gordon	Pay rates for carers in Hertfordshire ¹
Community Safety & Waste Management	N A Hollinghurst	Waste management in Hertfordshire and Veolia's revised project plan for an energy from waste site in Hoddesdon ¹
	R J Henry	Fly-tipping, litter and waste in Hertfordshire and changes to opening hours of household waste recycling centres ¹
	T R Hutchings	Timing of despatch of the panel report on Veolia's revised project plan for waste management in the County
	P M Zukowskyj	FOREX associated with the Council's waste management contract with Veolia
Enterprise, Education & Skills	S Bedford	Release of further information on government proposals to extend free nursery education provision for 3 and 4 year olds ^{1 2}
	J Billing	Timing of changes to the school admissions policy for the County's community schools ^{1 2}
Environment, Planning & Transport	M Cowan	Frequency of cancellation of trains on the Great Northern line ¹
	S J Taylor	Hertfordshire wide proposals for the planning for and provision of additional housing in Hertfordshire ¹
	W J Wyatt-Lowe	Hertfordshire County Council's

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Highways	S B A F H Giles-Medhurst	Agreed process and operational performance of Ringway in relation to the fixing of potholes ¹
	J G L King	Co-ordination of highways works in the Watford area
	H K Crofton	Large articulated lorries using country lanes unsuitable for HGVs
Public Health, Localism & Libraries	S Bedford	Public Health in-year cuts and removal of the ring fence on public health monies ^{1 2}
	R Mills	Health visitor caseloads and reductions in grant funding for the health visitor service ^{1 2}
Resources & Performance	C J White	Work with district and borough councils on Business Improvement Districts
	J Billing	Business Improvement District in Hitchin ¹
	T L F Douris	Incorporation of tax compliance questions in the County Council's procurement procedures
Adult Care & Health	R G Tindall	Private sector care providers and associated funding ¹
	E M Gordon	Differentials in pay rates for care workers and potential risks to recruitment and retention of care workers ¹
	C B Woodward	Usage of zero hour contracts for care workers
Children's Services	M A Watkin	Unaccompanied asylum seeking children in Hertfordshire ¹
	N Bell	Funding arrangements for unaccompanied asylum seeking children in Hertfordshire

* Questions answered by the Deputy Executive Member

Notes: 1 - denotes that a supplementary question was also asked

2 – denotes that a written reply will be given

7.2 Written questions to Executive Members – Standing Order 8(9)

There were no written questions.

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8. REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- 8.1** The following motion proposed by **T W Hone** and duly seconded was CARRIED:-

“That the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be received”

9. REPORT OF THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- 9.1** The following motion proposed by **S Quilty** and duly seconded was CARRIED:-

“That the report of the Health Scrutiny Committee be received.”

10. COUNCIL MEETING – EXECUTIVE REPORT

- 10.1** The following motion proposed by **R I N Gordon** and duly seconded, was CARRIED:-

“That Council agrees to vary the Standing Orders for the Council meetings on 23 February 2016 and 22 March 2016 so that no Executive Report be received at the February meeting and that the Executive Report presented to the March meeting shall cover the period commencing on 11 November 2015.”

11. CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL’S PETITIONS SCHEME

- 11.1** The motion for this item of business was not moved. The Leader of the Council advised Members that further revisions would be made to the Petitions Scheme prior to consideration by Council at its March 2016 meeting.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION – STANDING ORDER 9(6)

- 12.1** There were no notices of motions under Standing Order 9(6).

**KATHRYN PETTITT
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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