

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the County Council held at County Hall, Hertford, on Tuesday, 21 February 2017

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Meeting of the County Council held on 21 February 2017, 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 15 November 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

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2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) DEATH OF SERVING AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL – SHERMA BATSON AND JOHN ROSE

John Rose

The Chairman advised Members that Council had received the sad news that former County Councillor John Rose passed away recently. John, who represented Hoddesdon North, had been elected to the County Council in 1981 and served until 1997. During that time he had served on several of the Council's committees including the Finance and Resources Committee, the Police Committee, the Cultural and Recreational Facilities Committee, the Personnel and Support Services Committee, the Fire and Public Protection Committee and the Education Committee on which he also served as Vice-Chairman.

John was awarded an OBE in the New Year's Honours List 1996.

T R Hutchings and C J White spoke in tribute.

Sherma Batson

The Chairman advised Council that she had received the sad news that Sherma Batson passed away suddenly over the weekend of 7 January 2017. Sherma had been first elected to the County Council in 2001 as the Labour representative for the Chells division in Stevenage before switching to represent the town's Broadwater division in 2005, which she represented until 2009. She had been re-elected to represent Broadwater again in 2013. During her time as a county councillor she sat on a number of committees and panels, most recently serving on the Public Health, Localism and Libraries Cabinet Panel and as Labour Group lead on the Health Scrutiny Committee. Sherma also served on the Hertfordshire Police Authority and served for a number of years as a Stevenage Borough councillor where she had also served as a former Mayor of the town.

Sherma was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2008 for services to local government and the community and had been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Hertfordshire the following year.

S J Taylor, R Parker, D E Lloyd, R M Roberts, M J Mills-Bishop and R J Henry spoke in tribute.

Council stood in memory of John Rose and Sherma Batson.

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(b) Recognising Hertfordshire

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

These functions included:

- the High Sheriff's Justice Service
- the Herts Awards Ceremony for our CHICS at Watford Colosseum
- carols by Candlelight in All Saints Church, Hertford in aid of the Alzheimers Society
- Hertfordshire's Fire and Rescue Service Carol Concert in Hertford
- Isabel Hospice Carol Concert at Haileybury College
- lighting a candle for Chanukah in Rickmansworth
- a very cold parade in Radlett, in recognition of Holocaust Memorial Day; and
- a reception at Northwood Command Centre
- meeting with HRH Prince Charles at his recent visit to Yavneh College
- Onslow St Audrey's School sixth form
- The High Sheriffs' Eastern Regional Meeting

The Chairman had also hosted events in County Hall, including:-

- several visits to our Archives and ITCC (Integrated Transport Control Centre) from District/Borough Councillors and Deputy Lieutenants; and
- a reception for Herts Music Services Forum Members:

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – STANDING ORDER 8(10)

3.1 There were no public questions.

4. PUBLIC PETITIONS – STANDING ORDER 15

4A. 4.1 There were no public petitions.

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 February 2017

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– Executive Report” at this point in the meeting in the interests of the effective conduct of the business following.

(The Minutes of this item of 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.

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

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

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.

T W Hone – as he is one of the County Council's substitute representatives on the Lea Valley Regional Park Authority.

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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; as an appointee he receives an allowance from the Board

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

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

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

5A. INTEGRATED PLAN 2017/18 – 2019/20 (incorporating Strategic Direction and Financial Consequences and the Treasury Management Strategy)

5.1 The following motions were proposed by **C M Hayward** and duly seconded:-

5.1.1 “1. *That Council:-*

(a) *recognises the extreme financial pressures on its Adult Care Services (and those nationwide) and concludes that it has no alternative but to accept the maximum Social Care Precept of 3% in 2017/18, and*

(b) *asks the Executive Members for Resources & Performance and for Adult Care & Health Services to impress the seriousness of the position on the government, seeking sustainable future funding for the service funded fairly across a wider range of national and local tax revenues.”*

5.1.2 “2. *That Council:-*

(a) *approves the changes to the Integrated Plan [Parts A to D] as set out in sections 2.13 and 4.2 of the report, including the transfer of £2.253 million additional revenue*

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funding to contingency in 2017/18 and the use of £3.577 million one-off funding for future capital financing; noting that amendments to the budget may be required once any outstanding grants have been announced by the Government; and

- (b) *Agrees the Integrated Plan for 2017/18 - 2019/20 (as amended above) be adopted, and specifically that:*

In respect of all Parts:

- (i) *The Director of Resources, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources & Performance, be authorised to make any necessary transfer to/from reserves required as a result of the Final Local Government Finance Settlement, to achieve a balanced budget for 2017/18*
- (ii) *the Director of Resources, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources & Performance, be authorised to make any necessary 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:

- (iii) *a Revenue Budget of £816.974 million and a Council Tax Requirement of £543.639 million be agreed as per the updated Revenue Budget Statements included at Appendix 1 to 3 of the report.*
- (iv) *a Band D Council Tax of £1,187.41 plus a Band D Social Care precept of £58.42 be agreed for the County Council in 2017/18, and that the amount of tax calculated for all bands be as follows*

Band	Band 'D' Multiplier	2016/17 Council Tax & Social Care Precept	General Expenditure 1.99% Increase	Adult Social Care Precept 3.00% Increase	2017/18 Council Tax & Social Care Precept
A	6/9	791.08	15.74	23.73	830.55
B	7/9	922.93	18.36	27.69	968.98
C	8/9	1,054.77	20.99	31.64	1,107.40
D	1	1,186.62	23.61	35.60	1,245.83
E	11/9	1,450.31	28.86	43.51	1,522.68
F	13/9	1,714.01	34.10	51.42	1,799.53
G	15/9	1,977.70	39.35	59.33	2,076.38
H	18/9	2,373.24	47.22	71.20	2,491.66

- (v) *the precept amount of £543,638,850.44 be required from the district and borough councils as follows:*

District	Precept Amount £
<i>Borough of Broxbourne</i>	<i>42,935,288.46</i>
<i>Dacorum Borough Council</i>	<i>70,283,997.78</i>
<i>East Hertfordshire District Council</i>	<i>73,097,829.42</i>
<i>Hertsmere Borough Council</i>	<i>49,957,783.00</i>
<i>North Hertfordshire District Council</i>	<i>60,608,009.92</i>
<i>St Albans District Council</i>	<i>76,209,912.76</i>
<i>Stevenage Borough Council</i>	<i>33,257,556.43</i>
<i>Three Rivers District Council</i>	<i>47,107,448.54</i>
<i>Watford Borough Council</i>	<i>39,943,926.04</i>
<i>Welwyn Hatfield Council</i>	<i>50,237,098.09</i>
TOTAL	543,638,850.44

- (vi) a capital programme be agreed and financed as set out below:

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{Replaces TABLE 4a: Capital Programme Expenditure
2017/18 to 2019/20 by portfolio – IP Page 14}

	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	Total £'000
Adult Care & Health	17,410	20,028	30,544	67,982
Children's Services	20,839	19,181	18,801	58,821
Community Safety & Waste Management	4,358	7,648	1,698	13,704
Enterprise, Education & Skills	53,177	39,378	37,315	129,870
Environment, Planning & Transport	39,119	23,350	11,450	73,919
Highways	70,938	98,537	71,279	240,754
Public Health, Localism & Libraries	2,304	2,719	1,896	6,919
Resources & Performance	14,713	4,701	4,132	23,546
Total	222,858	215,542	177,115	615,515

Replaces TABLE 4b: Financing of the Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2019/20 - IP Page 15

	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	Total £'000
Borrowing	75,448	71,463	61,216	208,127
Capital Receipts	10,000	10,000	10,000	30,000
Grant	98,537	74,219	60,555	233,311
Contributions	36,037	58,860	43,594	138,491
Reserves	2,836	1,000	1,750	5,586
Total	222,858	215,542	177,115	615,515

- (vii) *the Director of Resources, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources & 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;*

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- (viii) *the Director of Resources in consultation with the Executive Members for Resources & Performance and Highways and the Chief Executive and Director of Environment, be authorised to approve schemes to be met from the Highways Productivity Grant in 2017/18;*
- (ix) *that the repayment of advances of £10 million made under the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme during 2017/18 be set aside as a reserve for funding investment in the proposed Property Company or other Invest to Transform initiatives to enable future savings or revenue streams, as outlined in part F section 2.3;*
- (x) *that one off savings from the introduction of the revised policy for Minimum Revenue Provision (part D section 2.10b), estimated as £6.3 million in 2017/18, be set aside as a reserve to support capital financing and investment as outlined in part F section 2.3;*
- (xi) *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 £919 million less deductions in respect of academies and post 16 high needs places), and that the Director of Resources 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;*
- (xii) *the Director of Resources in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources & Performance, the Executive Member for Children’s Services and the Director of Children’s Services be authorised to determine the allocation of budget from the £0.564 million balance of Special Education Needs Implementation grant in 2017/18;*
- (xiii) *the Director of Resources, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources & Performance, the Executive Member for Children’s Services and the Director of Children’s Services, be authorised to determine the allocation of budget from the £0.842 million School Improvement Monitoring and Brokering Grant in 2017/18;*

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- (xiv) *the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to issue the Council Tax Information in accordance with demand notice regulations;*
- (xv) *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;*

In respect of Part D:

- (xvi) *the revised Minimum Revenue Provision policy and capital expenditure prudential indicators be approved (IP Part D, Section 2); and*
- (xvii) *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 D, Sections 4-8)."*

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

"That Council agrees the following-

Proposed Revenue Support for Services at Risk of Cuts

<i>Funding Sources</i>	<i>Total Funding Available £'000</i>	<i>Amount Required 17/18 £000s & source</i>	<i>Service to be Supported</i>	<i>2017/18 £000s</i>	<i>2018/19 £000s</i>	<i>2019/20 £000s</i>	<i>Combined Year Totals £000s</i>
<i>*Additional Backdated Provision For Existing Debt Revenue £19m Revenue</i>			<i>Adult Care</i>				
		<i>700</i>	<i>HES 20</i>	<i>700</i>	<i>700</i>	<i>700</i>	<i>2,100</i>
			<i>Child Serv</i>				
		<i>280</i>	<i>SSS02</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>840</i>
		<i>300</i>	<i>SSS06</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>900</i>
		<i>450</i>	<i>SSS07</i>	<i>450</i>	<i>450</i>	<i>450</i>	<i>1,350</i>
	<i>19,000</i>						

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<i>Additional Core Funding £1.982 Revenue</i>			<i>CS&WM</i>				
		125	<i>CP02</i>	125	125	125	375
	1,982						
<i>Council Tax Collection Fund Balance from Previous Years £3.577m Revenue</i>			<i>EE & Skills</i>				
		237	<i>EE114</i>	237	237	237	711
		374	<i>EE122</i>	374	374	374	1,122
	3,577	100	<i>Identified Rev Surplus</i>	100	100	100	300
<i>School Improve Monitoring and Brokering Grant £0.842 Revenue</i>			<i>E P & T</i>				
		390	<i>ENV05</i>	390	390	390	1,170
		100	<i>ENV119</i>	100	100	100	300
		1,500	<i>Statutory Bus Service Restoration</i>	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,500
	842 Not used						
			<i>Highways</i>				
<i>SEN Implementation Grant £0.835 Revenue</i>		500	<i>Cycle ways</i>	500	500	500	1,500
			<i>PHL&L</i>				
	835 Not used	500	<i>RES 17</i>	500	500	500	1,500
			<i>R&P</i>				
		56	<i>04Res</i>	56	87	87	230
Totals	26,236						
<i>Without SEN and school improvement</i>	24,559	5,612		5,612	5,643	5,643	16,998

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Proposed Capital Funding for Capital Projects

Funding Source	Amount Required 17/18 £000s & Source	Project to be Funded	17/18	18/19	19/20	Combined Year Totals £000s
Invest to Transform	7,500	Flood Defence	2,500	2,500	2,500	7,500
Totals			2,500	2,500	2,500	7,500

5.3 The following amendment was proposed by **P M Zukowskyj** and duly seconded:-

“Amend the revenue budget as follows:

<i>Additional expenditure:</i>		<i>£000</i>
<i>Modification Description</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>780</i>
<i>RS2</i>	<i>Provide support for non-commercially viable but socially required bus routes and increase promotion of bus use across Hertfordshire</i>	<i>2,000</i>
<i>RS3</i>	<i>Extend the saver card for young people for an additional age year, including publicity for this</i>	<i>350</i>
<i>RS4</i>	<i>Revenue costs of flood relief investment programme (CS1)</i>	<i>200</i>
<i>RS5</i>	<i>Restore Voluntary Sector</i>	<i>1,000</i>

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	<i>Support</i>	
<i>RS6</i>	<i>School Uniform Subsidy for low income/FSM recipients</i>	<i>200</i>
<i>RS7</i>	<i>Revenue costs of additional Highways Maintenance programme (CS2)</i>	<i>500</i>
<i>RS8</i>	<i>Increase gully checks and cleansing, on an asset management basis, to include at least an annual check of every gully</i>	<i>500</i>
<i>Total</i>		<i>£5,530</i>

<i>Funded from:</i>		<i>£000</i>
<i>Saving Description</i>		
<i>RI1</i>	<i>Partial redirection of saving from changed asset depreciation system</i>	<i>2,685</i>
<i>RI2</i>	<i>Reduction in corporate publications, publicity and staff including cutting 'Horizons', replacing with bought space in lower tier local council publications</i>	<i>500</i>
<i>RI3</i>	<i>Reduce energy cost for lighting streets through dimming on Trunk A and B roads where there are no pedestrian requirements.</i>	<i>250</i>
<i>RI4</i>	<i>Reduction in security costs for empty and unused buildings and facilities, alongside more effective use of HCC building stock</i>	<i>150</i>
<i>RI5</i>	<i>Council tax base increase</i>	<i>1,945</i>
<i>Total</i>		<i>£5,530</i>

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Amend the capital budget as follows:

<i>Additional expenditure:</i>		£000
<i>Modification Description</i>		
<i>CS1</i>	<i>New Flood Relief Investment Programme – addressing failed and inadequate surface water flood management infrastructure, properly addressing our obligations as Lead Flood Authority (RS4)</i>	<i>2,000</i>
<i>CS2</i>	<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 highway repairs. 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>5,192</i>
<i>Total</i>		£7,192

<i>Funded From:</i>		£000
<i>Saving Description</i>		
<i>CI1</i>	<i>Reorganisation of borrowing depreciation</i>	<i>3,615</i>
<i>CI2</i>	<i>2015/16 Council Tax Collection Surplus</i>	<i>3,577</i>
<i>Total</i>		£7,192

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5.4 The motion at 5.1.1 was then voted upon and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY as follows:-

“1. *That Council:-*

(a) recognises the extreme financial pressures on its Adult Care Services (and those nationwide) and concludes that it has no alternative but to accept the maximum Social Care Precept of 3% in 2017/18, and

(b) asks the Executive Members for Resources & Performance and for Adult Care & Health Services to impress the seriousness of the position on the government, seeking sustainable future funding for the service funded fairly across a wider range of national and local tax revenues.”

The recorded votes being:-

Those in favour of the motion (66) :-

D Andrews	R J Henry	I M Reay
D A Ashley	T C Heritage	L F Reeve
J R Barfoot	D J Hewitt	R M Roberts
D J Barnard	F R G Hill	P A Ruffles
R H Beeching	N A Hollinghurst	R Sangster
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5.5 The amendment at 5.2 was then voted upon and LOST, the recorded vote being:-

Those in favour of the amendment (25):-

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 Lloyd	A S B Walkington
M Cowan	R Mills	M A Watkin
D S Drury	R G Parker	C J White
S B A F H Giles-Medhurst	R G Prowse	P M Zukowskyj
E M Gordon		

Those against the amendment (40):-

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	D E Lloyd	A Stevenson
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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):-

F Button

5.6 The amendment at 5.3 was then voted upon and LOST, the recorded vote being:-

Those in favour of the amendment

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

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M J Cook
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A S B Walkington
M A Watkin
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P M Zukowskyj

Those against the amendment (40):-

D Andrews
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C M Hayward
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T R Hutchings
S L C Johnston
D E Lloyd
P V Mason
G McAndrew
M B J Mills-Bishop
M D M Muir
A Plancey
S Quilty
I M Reay

R M Roberts
P A Ruffles
R Sangster
A M R Searing
R H Smith
A Stevenson
R A C Thake
J A West
A D Williams
J D Williams
C B Woodward
C B Wyatt-Lowe
W J Wyatt-Lowe

Those abstaining (1):-

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5.7 The substantive motion at 5.1.2 was then voted upon and CARRIED as follows:-

"2. That Council:-

- (a) approves the changes to the Integrated Plan [Parts A to D] as set out in sections 2.13 and 4.2 of the report, including the transfer of £2.253 million additional revenue funding to contingency in 2017/18 and the use of £3.577 million one-off funding for future capital financing; noting that amendments to the budget may be required once any outstanding grants have been announced by the Government; and*
- (b) Agrees the Integrated Plan for 2017/18 - 2019/20 (as amended above) be adopted, and specifically that:*

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In respect of all Parts:

- (i) *The Director of Resources, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources & Performance, be authorised to make any necessary transfer to/from reserves required as a result of the Final Local Government Finance Settlement, to achieve a balanced budget for 2017/18*
- (ii) *the Director of Resources, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources & Performance, be authorised to make any necessary 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:

- (iii) *a Revenue Budget of £816.974 million and a Council Tax Requirement of £543.639 million be agreed as per the updated Revenue Budget Statements included at Appendix 1 to 3 of the report.*
- (iv) *a Band D Council Tax of £1,187.41 plus a Band D Social Care precept of £58.42 be agreed for the County Council in 2017/18, and that the amount of tax calculated for all bands be as follows*

Band	Band 'D' Multiplier	2016/17 Council Tax & Social Care Precept	General Expenditure 1.99% Increase	Adult Social Care Precept 3.00% Increase	2017/18 Council Tax & Social Care Precept
A	6/9	791.08	15.74	23.73	830.55
B	7/9	922.93	18.36	27.69	968.98
C	8/9	1,054.77	20.99	31.64	1,107.40
D	1	1,186.62	23.61	35.60	1,245.83
E	11/9	1,450.31	28.86	43.51	1,522.68
F	13/9	1,714.01	34.10	51.42	1,799.53
G	15/9	1,977.70	39.35	59.33	2,076.38
H	18/9	2,373.24	47.22	71.20	2,491.66

- (v) *the precept amount of £543,638,850.44 be required from the district and borough councils as follows:*

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District	Precept Amount £
<i>Borough of Broxbourne</i>	42,935,288.46
<i>Dacorum Borough Council</i>	70,283,997.78
<i>East Hertfordshire District Council</i>	73,097,829.42
<i>Hertsmere Borough Council</i>	49,957,783.00
<i>North Hertfordshire District Council</i>	60,608,009.92
<i>St Albans District Council</i>	76,209,912.76
<i>Stevenage Borough Council</i>	33,257,556.43
<i>Three Rivers District Council</i>	47,107,448.54
<i>Watford Borough Council</i>	39,943,926.04
<i>Welwyn Hatfield Council</i>	50,237,098.09
TOTAL	543,638,850.44

- (vi) a capital programme be agreed and financed as set out below:

{Replaces TABLE 4a: Capital Programme Expenditure
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	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	Total £'000
<i>Adult Care & Health</i>	17,410	20,028	30,544	67,982
<i>Children's Services</i>	20,839	19,181	18,801	58,821
<i>Community Safety & Waste Management</i>	4,358	7,648	1,698	13,704
<i>Enterprise, Education & Skills</i>	53,177	39,378	37,315	129,870
<i>Environment, Planning & Transport</i>	39,119	23,350	11,450	73,919
<i>Highways</i>	70,938	98,537	71,279	240,754
<i>Public Health, Localism & Libraries</i>	2,304	2,719	1,896	6,919
<i>Resources & Performance</i>	14,713	4,701	4,132	23,546
Total	222,858	215,542	177,115	615,515

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Replaces TABLE 4b: Financing of the Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2019/20 - IP Page 15

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Borrowing	75,448	71,463	61,216	208,127
Capital Receipts	10,000	10,000	10,000	30,000
Grant	98,537	74,219	60,555	233,311
Contributions	36,037	58,860	43,594	138,491
Reserves	2,836	1,000	1,750	5,586
Total	222,858	215,542	177,115	615,515

- (vii) *the Director of Resources, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources & 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;*
- (viii) *the Director of Resources in consultation with the Executive Members for Resources & Performance and Highways and the Chief Executive and Director of Environment, be authorised to approve schemes to be met from the Highways Productivity Grant in 2017/18;*
- (ix) *that the repayment of advances of £10 million made under the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme during 2017/18 be set aside as a reserve for funding investment in the proposed Property Company or other Invest to Transform initiatives to enable future savings or revenue streams, as outlined in part F section 2.3;*
- (x) *that one off savings from the introduction of the revised policy for Minimum Revenue Provision (part D section 2.10b), estimated as £6.3 million in 2017/18, be set aside as a reserve to support capital financing and investment as outlined in part F section 2.3;*
- (xi) *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 £919 million less deductions in respect of academies and post 16 high*

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needs places), and that the Director of Resources 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;

- (xii) the Director of Resources in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources & Performance, the Executive Member for Children's Services and the Director of Children's Services be authorised to determine the allocation of budget from the £0.564 million balance of Special Education Needs Implementation grant in 2017/18;*
- (xiii) the Director of Resources, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources & Performance, the Executive Member for Children's Services and the Director of Children's Services, be authorised to determine the allocation of budget from the £0.842 million School Improvement Monitoring and Brokering Grant in 2017/18;*
- (xiv) the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to issue the Council Tax Information in accordance with demand notice regulations;*
- (xv) 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;*

In respect of Part D:

- (xvi) the revised Minimum Revenue Provision policy and capital expenditure prudential indicators be approved (IP Part D, Section 2); and*
- (xvii) 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 D, Sections 4-8)."*

The recorded votes being as follows:

Those in favour of the motion (40) :-

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	D E Lloyd	A Stevenson
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 (25) :-

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 Lloyd	A S B Walkington
M Cowan	R Mills	M A Watkin
D S Drury	R G Parker	C J White
S B A F H Giles-Medhurst	R G Prowse	P M Zukowskyj
E M Gordon		

Those abstaining (1):-

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5B. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2017/18 – 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 2017/18 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 2017."*

5C. COUNTY COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN 2017 - 2021

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

"That Council:-

- 1. approves the draft Corporate Plan 2017 – 2021;*
- 2. authorises the Chief Executive and Director of Environment, in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, to make any minor changes as necessary; and*
- 3. agrees that the County Council's new Administration, following the local government elections in May 2017, be invited to endorse the new Corporate Plan at a future County Council meeting, should it wish to do so."*

5D. SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2018/19

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

"That

- (i) admission arrangements for primary and secondary schools, attached at Appendix A to the report, be agreed;*
- (ii) the published admission number at St. Paul's Walden Primary School is decreased to 15; and that*
- (iii) the published admission number at Ponsbourne St Mary's Primary School is increased to 13."*

6. THE EXECUTIVE REPORT

6.1 There was no Executive Report.

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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	C J White	Action taken by the Leader of the Council to secure improved funding (from central government) for adult care services and other services in Hertfordshire ¹
	L F Reeve	Council's position on unaccompanied refugee children in Hertfordshire ¹
	J Billing	Ensuring that Local Members noted on Cabinet Panel reports have been appropriately consulted with on the subject matter of the report
Public Health, Localism & Libraries	R G Tindall	Update on funding cuts on local community pharmacists ¹
	R Mills	Public Health funding cuts and availability of information regarding future service re-design to deliver against reducing budgets
Resources & Performance*	P M Zukowskyj	Action taken to ensure planning developers provide appropriate funding for infrastructure arrangements required as a result of their developments, particularly with regard to schools and school place provision. ¹
	L F Reeve	Progress and future focus of the County Council's property development company, specifically any role it might have in assisting in providing social rented housing ¹

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Adult Care & Health	A S B Walkington	Sustainability Transformation Plan for Hertfordshire; whether there are any planned cuts to A&E services and the consequential impact on adult care service provision
	E M Gordon	Effective performance and timing of the implementation of the joint County Council and District Councils Shared Home Improvement Agency Scheme ¹
Children's Services	M A Watkin	Circulation of a detailed briefing paper on unaccompanied refugee children coming into Hertfordshire to members of the Children's Services Cabinet Panel
	N Bell	Consultation and engagement on future Children Centres providers [current contract expires in April 2018] ¹
	T L F Douris	Visit from the Chief Social Worker for young people in England (Isabelle Trowler) and her comments on the children's services the Council provides
Community Safety & Waste Management	N A Hollinghurst	Number and operating hours of Household Waste Recycling Centres in the County; and plans for the modernisation and improvement of these facilities ¹
	R J Henry	Renegotiation of Household Waste Recycling Centre contracts and issues regarding the Household Waste Recycling Centre in his division ¹
	M J Mills-Bishop	Fly-tipping in the County and the responsibility of the public in this regard
	M Cowan	Recent decision of Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council to charge for the collection of brown bins but not collect food waste; and the timing of the review for the Alternative Financial Model ¹
Enterprise, Education & Skills	M A Watkin	Time taken for the finalisation of Education and Health Care

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		Plans ²
	J Billing	Plans to address the issue of teacher shortages in Hertfordshire schools ¹
Environment, Planning & Transport	C J White	Whether a visit from the Secretary of State to hear from the public their concerns about the train services operated by Govia is appropriate ¹
	L F Reefe	What plans are in place to provide satisfactory transport routes (rail and road) east to west across the County ¹
	I M Reay	Clause 21 of the Bus Services Bill which prohibits local authorities from establishing a company for the purposes of providing bus services for its local residents
	L F Reefe	Update on the development of Luton and Stansted Airports and the consequences for Hertfordshire residents
Highways	S B A F H Giles-Medhurst	County Council's budget cuts over the past six years for highways services ¹²
	L F Reefe	Current and developing technology relating to LED street lighting and potential that provides for reviewing Council's street lighting policy ¹
	J West	Positive speed of response from Ringway in relation to a highways problem in her division

* 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. HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: WHOLE COMMITTEE SCRUTINY OF HERTS VALLEYS CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP’S WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDING FOR CARE AND THE IMPACT ON HEALTH PROVISION IN WEST HERTFORDSHIRE

10.1 **S Quilty**, Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee, advised Council that a letter had been received from Herts Valley’s Clinical Commissioning Group (HVCCG’s) late on 20 February 2017 that the CCG had rescinded its decision to withdraw £8.5m of funding to the County Council for care with the intention of its Investment Committee re-considering that decision at a meeting on 2 March 2017. As such, the motion set out on the Council’s Order of Business sheet was not moved. [The letter received by the County Council from HVCCG was tabled and can be viewed here <http://cmis.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hertfordshire/Calendarofcouncilmeetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/512/Committee/4/Default.aspx>].

10.2 In accordance with Standing Order 9 (5) the Chairman advised that, with the agreement of the Leaders of all of the political groups on the Council, she determined that the substance of a new motion (set out at 10.3 below) was of such significance and topicality that the motion should be debated without notice having been given in accordance with Standing Orders 9 (3) and (4).

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

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“That Council:

- (1) Having noted the recommendation of the Special Meeting of Health Scrutiny Committee held on 8 February 2017;*
- (2) Having further noted the position as set out in the letter from Mr C Ward dated 20 February 2017 that the decision of the Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group (“HVCCG”) Investment Committee (“the Investment Committee”) of 1 December 2016 has been rescinded, and that the Investment Committee is to meet on 2 March 2017 to consider continued funding for care services for the financial year 2017/18 (“the Decision”);*
- (3) Requests Health Scrutiny Committee to convene a Special Meeting as soon as reasonably practicable after 2 March 2017 to consider the Decision and requires the Accountable Officer of HVCCG and relevant officers from the HVCCG attend the Special Meeting;*
- (4) Considers a recommendation from the Health Scrutiny Committee at the Council’s meeting on 21 March 2017 on whether Council should report to the Secretary of State in accordance with its powers under the Local Authority (Public Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 (“the Regulations”);*
- (5) Authorises the Chief Legal Officer to notify HVCCG, in accordance with the Regulations, that the Council proposes to decide whether to exercise its power to report to the Secretary of State at its meeting on 21 March 2017.”*

11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS 2018/19 AND BEYOND

11.1 The following motion proposed by **A Williams** and duly seconded was CARRIED:-

“That Council:

- (a) accepts Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited’s invitation to ‘opt in’ to the sector led option for the appointment of external auditors for five financial years commencing on 1 April 2018; and*
- (b) authorises the Director of Resources to sign the notice of acceptance of the invitation referred to in (a) above.”*

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12. COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 2017 – EXECUTIVE REPORT

12.1 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 meeting on 21 February 2017 so as to defer the presentation of the Executive Report that would otherwise have been presented to that meeting to the meeting of the Council on 21 March 2017.”

13. RETURNING OFFICER AND DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICERS – INDEMNITY

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

“That the Council:

- (a) Notes that Council agreed to grant an indemnity to the Chief Legal Officer for any personal liability arising from her appointment by the Council as Returning Officer for the County Council elections in 2013 and thereafter and that that indemnity is on going;*
- (b) Agrees to fully, promptly and effectively indemnify and keep indemnified Deputy Returning Officers appointed to act on each County Council election from and against all liabilities, losses, actions, proceedings, damages, costs, claims, demands and expenses brought or made against or suffered or incurred by the Deputy Returning Officers directly or indirectly arising out of or in connection with undertaking the role of Deputy Returning Officer in consequence of conducting the County Council election in May 2017 and any subsequent election to the County Council;*
- (c) The indemnity referred to in (b) above will not extend to loss caused by or arising from:-*
 - i) any criminal offence, fraud or other deliberate wrongdoing or recklessness on the part of the Deputy Returning Officer;*
 - ii) any act or omission of the Deputy Returning Officer otherwise than in the capacity as Deputy Returning Officer; and*
 - iii) insofar as any of the matters mentioned in (b) above are covered by insurance;*

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- (d) *Agrees that this indemnity will cover where the act or failure to act was outside the powers of the authority, or outside the powers of the Deputy Returning Officer, where the Deputy Returning Officer reasonably believed that the act or failure to act was within the powers of the authority and within the powers of the Deputy Returning Officer at the time that they acted or failed to act, as the case may be;*
- (e) *Agrees that this indemnity will not seek to recover from the Deputy Returning Officer any loss which it has suffered as a consequence of any act or omission by them in their capacity as Deputy Returning Officers, subject to the exceptions in (c) above and (f) below; and*
- (f) *Agrees that this indemnity may not apply if the Deputy Returning Officer, without the express permission of Hertfordshire County Council, admits liability or negotiates or attempts to negotiate a settlement of any claim falling within the scope of this indemnity.”*

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

14.1 There were no notices of motions under Standing Order 9(6).

**KATHRYN PETTITT
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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