

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

7th February 2017

At a Special Meeting of Rugby Borough Council held on 7th February 2017.

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Bragg), Councillors Mrs A'Barrow, Allen, Mrs Avis, Butlin, Brown, Cade, Mrs Crane, Cranham, Douglas, Miss Dumbleton, Ms Edwards, Ellis, Mrs Garcia, Gillias, Leigh Hunt, Keeling, Miss Lawrence, Lewis, Mahoney, Mistry, Mrs Nash, Mrs New, Mrs O'Rourke, Pacey-Day, Mrs Parker, Poole, Ms Robbins, Mrs Roberts, Roberts, Roodhouse, Mrs Roodhouse, Mrs Simpson-Vince, Sandison, Shera, Srivastava, Stokes, Mrs Timms, Ms Watson-Merret and Williams.

69. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 13th December 2016 were approved and signed by the Mayor.

70. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 6(3) of Part 1 - Coventry & Warwickshire Sustainability & Transformation Plan (STP) - Councillor Mrs O'Rourke (non - pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of her employment)

Item 1(a)(1) of Part 2 – Review of Terms & Conditions & Pay Benchmarking
The Executive Director declared an officer interest on behalf of all officers present.

71. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of Council, the Mayor thanked ex Councillors Ms Helen Taylor and Steve Birkett, who had recently retired from the Council, for their services.

The Mayor also informed Council that £2,500 had been raised at her recent Charity Event. She thanked all Members who had supported the event.

72. DRAFT HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL & REVENUE BUDGETS FOR 2017/18

Council considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning the Draft Housing Revenue Account Capital and Revenue Budgets for 2017/18.

Following discussion, the Mayor put the recommendation to the vote and it was

RESOLVED THAT -

(1) the proposed revenue and capital budget estimates for 2017/18 at Appendices A and B inclusive of a 1% reduction in rents be approved; and

(2) service charges be amended as outlined in the report.

73. REPORT OF CABINET – 6th FEBRUARY 2017

On item (2) World Rugby Hall of Fame, Councillor Ms Edwards moved and Councillor Mrs O'Rourke seconded the following :-

“Charging Option E (new)

Charge all visitors to the Hall of Fame in line with the charging schedule set out in appendix 1 to the report but offer an additional series of community free days across the year, ie free entry to all Rugby residents and children from outside the Borough”

Following discussion the Mayor put the amendment to the vote and by a show of hands of 16 for the amendment and 23 abstentions declared the amendment carried.

RESOLVED THAT – subject to the amendment to item (2) the report of Cabinet be confirmed and adopted.

74. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

(a) Redesign of Waste Services

Council considered the report of the Executive Director concerning the redesign of Waste Services.

Councillor Roodhouse moved and Councillor Sandison seconded the following amendment:-

“Delete numbers 1,2,3,4,

Replace with

(1) Move to an edge of Highway collection point for all properties as soon as possible in order to save £170,000.

(2) request that the Waste Disposal Authority increases the refund on recycling credits to this Borough by at least £100,000 in 2017/18.

(3) the Council conducts a community engagement and education programme across the Borough in regard to recycling and waste reduction.

(4) a contribution from General Fund Balances of at least £130,000 is made in 2017/18 in order to achieve a balanced budget.

Keep recommendation 5 and amend recommendation 6 to include;

(6) The Council continues to work with partners within the Warwickshire Waste Partnership (and others) to explore options to reduce waste costs that include extracting higher value recyclable materials.”

After discussion the Mayor put the proposal to the vote.

Three members then demanded, pursuant to Standing Order 15.4, that the names of members voting be recorded in the minutes.

For the motion - Councillors Douglas, Miss Dumbleton, Keeling, Lewis, Mrs Nash, Mrs New, Roodhouse, Mrs Roodhouse and Sandison.

9 votes

Against the motion - Councillors Mrs A'Barrow, Allen, Avis, Mrs Bragg, Brown, Butlin, Cade, Mrs Crane, Cranham, Ms Edwards, Ellis, Mrs Garcia, Gillias, Leigh Hunt, Miss Lawrence, Mahoney, Mistry, Mrs O'Rourke, Pacey-Day, Mrs Parker, Poole, Ms Robbins, Mrs Roberts, Roberts, Dr Shera, Mrs Simpson-Vince, Srivastava, Stokes, Mrs Timms, Ms Watson-Merret and Dr Williams.

31 votes

The Mayor declared the motion lost.

The Mayor then put the substantive motion to the vote and declared it carried.

RESOLVED THAT -

- (1) a chargeable garden waste service be introduced to replace the current green bin service with effect from Monday 3rd April 2017;
- (2) the financial implications from recommendation 1 above be included in the Council's budgets for 2017/2018 and future years;
- (3) the Terms and Conditions for a charged for garden waste service detailed in appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (4) the price point for the service subscription be set at £40 for 2017/18;
- (5) the cross party working party continues to monitor this scheme and investigate other opportunities for changing how we deliver waste services; and
- (6) the Council continues to work with partners within the Warwickshire Waste Partnership (and others) to explore options to reduce waste service costs.

75. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED THAT - under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of information as defined in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

76. PRIVATE REPORT OF CABINET

RESOLVED THAT - the report be confirmed and adopted.

MAYOR