

COUNCIL

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON THURSDAY 3RD MARCH, 2016**

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Kermode) in the Chair
The Deputy Chair (Councillor Cluskey) Vice Chair

Councillors Atkinson, Ball, David Barton, Jo Barton, Maria Bennett, Bliss, Booth, Brodie - Browne, Burns, Byrom, Carr, Carragher, Cummins, Dams, Dodd, Dowd, Dutton, Fairclough, Maureen Fearn, Lord Fearn, Friel, Gatherer, Grace, Hale, Hands, Hardy, Jamieson, Jones, Keith, John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly, Kerrigan, Killen, Lappin, Dan T. Lewis, Maher, McGinnity, McGuire, McKinley, Moncur, Murphy, O'Brien, Owens, Page, Preece, Robinson, Roche, Sayers, Shaw, Spencer, Thompson, Tweed, Veidman, Webster and Welsh

86. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ashton, Veronica Bennett, Bradshaw, Brennan, Dawson, Hartill, Daniel Lewis, Mahon and Weavers.

87. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interest were received.

88. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 January 2016 be approved as a correct record.

89. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Death of Former Councillor David Rimmer

The Mayor reported on the sad death of former Councillor David Rimmer on 3 February 2016. David had represented the Meols Ward from May 2004 to May 2014.

The Mayor indicated that he had attended David's funeral along with a number of Councillors and Officers and he extended his sincere condolences to the family and friends of David.

Councillors McGuire, Cummins and Brodie-Browne paid tribute to the work which David Rimmer had undertaken for the Borough.

The Council then stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect for David Rimmer.

Mayoral Charity Cabaret Dinner – 2 April 2016

The Mayor reminded Members that the Mayoral Charity Cabaret Dinner would be held on Saturday 2 April 2016 at the Formby Hall Golf Resort and Spa and the proceeds from the event would be distributed to Mayoral Charities. Tickets and further details of the event were available from the Mayoral and Civic Services Officer in Bootle Town Hall.

Councillor Peter Dowd, MP

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Maher) indicated that this would be the last Council meeting that Councillor Peter Dowd MP, would be attending before he stepped down as a Councillor prior to the Council Elections in May 2016 and paid tribute to the service that Councillor Dowd had given to the Borough as a Councillor for the Derby Ward from December 1991 to May 2003 and for the St. Oswald Ward from May 2003 to date and as the Leader of the Council from May 2011 to May 2015. He extended best wishes to Councillor Dowd in his political career as the Member of Parliament for the Bootle Constituency.

Councillor Dowd thanked the Leader of the Council for his kind remarks.

90. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

The Mayor reported that no matters had been raised by Members of the Public.

91. QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council considered a schedule setting out the written question submitted by Councillor Hands to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Maher) together with the response given.

92. TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY 2016/17

Further to Minute No. 105 of the Cabinet meeting held on 18 February 2016, the Council considered the report of the Chief Finance Officer which provided details of the proposed procedures and strategy to be adopted in respect of the Council's Treasury Management Function in 2016/17.

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED: That approval be given to:

- (1) the Treasury Management Policy Document for 2016/17 as set out in Annexe A of the report;
- (2) the Treasury Management Strategy Document for 2016/17 as set out in Annexe B of the report; and
- (3) the option set out in Paragraph 4 of the report being used as the basis for the calculation of the Minimum Revenue Provision for Debt Repayment in 2015/16.

93. THE PRUDENTIAL CODE FOR CAPITAL FINANCE IN LOCAL AUTHORITIES - PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

Further to Minute No. 106 of the Cabinet meeting held on 18 February 2016, the Council considered the report of the Chief Finance Officer on proposals to establish the Prudential Indicators required under the Prudential Code of Capital Finance in Local Authorities. This would enable the Council to effectively manage its Capital Finance Activities and comply with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy Prudential Code of Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED: That:

- (1) the Prudential Indicators as detailed in the report, and summarised in Annexe A of the report, be approved as the basis for compliance with The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities;
- (2) approval be given to the relevant Prudential Indicators being amended, should any changes to unsupported borrowing be approved as part of the 2016/17 Revenue Budget;
- (3) it be noted that estimates of capital expenditure may change as grant allocations are received, as indicated in paragraph 2.2 of the report; and
- (4) the Chief Finance Officer be granted delegated authority to manage the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for external debt as detailed in Section 5 of the report.

94. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003 - CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REQUIREMENTS - ROBUSTNESS REPORT

Further to Minute No. 108 of the Cabinet meeting held on 18 February 2016, the Council considered the report of the Chief Finance Officer which provided an assessment of the robustness of the estimates and the tax setting calculations, the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves and the production of longer term revenue and capital plans, based on the

proposals set out in the report on the Revenue Budget 2016/17 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 - 2019/20 (Minute No. 95 below refers).

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

95. REVENUE BUDGET 2016/17 (AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2017/18 - 2019/20)

The Council considered the report of the Chief Finance Officer which provided details of the recommendations of the Cabinet on 14 January and 18 February 2016 (Minute Nos. 88 and 109) to arrive at a balanced budget for 2016/17; a summary of the draft budget for 2016/17; a summary of the budget changes included in the draft budget; recommendations on the allocation of specific grants; and an update on the funding of schools agreed by the Schools' Forum.

The report indicated that on 5 March 2015, the Council had agreed a two year financial plan for the period 2015/16 to 2016/17 and that the service changes required to achieve the plan had largely been put in place but the Comprehensive Spending Review and the Local Government Finance Settlement announced by the Government had resulted in a significant increase in the Council's budget gap for 2016/17, as well as introducing further savings targets for the three years 2017/18 to 2019/20.

The following appendices were appended to the report:

- Appendix 1 – List of Budget Proposals for 2016/17
- Appendix 2 – Individual School Budgets 2016/17
- Appendix 3 – Draft Council Budget 2016/17
- Appendix 4 – Fees and Charges 2016/17

The Council also considered the draft Council Tax resolution for 2016/17 which had been prepared by the Chief Finance Officer and circulated to Members of the Council in the supplementary agenda.

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough:

“That:

- (1) it be noted that the Cabinet at meetings held on 14 January 2016 and 18 February 2016 had:
 - (i) noted the changes to Council resource following the announcement of the Final Local Government Finance Settlement for 2016/17;

- (ii) recommended that the budget adjustments for 2016/17 set out in Paragraph 3.5 of the report be implemented;
 - (iii) recommended the use of the Social Care Council Tax Precept, use of the Better Care Fund and the revised use of one-off reserves in order to balance the budget; and
 - (iv) indicated that the use of one-off resources was not sustainable in future years and savings would need to be found from 2017/18 to replace the use of one-off resources in 2016/17.
- (2) the fees and charges as proposed in the draft Council budget and set out Appendix 4 of the report, be noted;
 - (3) approval be given to the Council Budget for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix 3 of the report and officers be authorised to undertake the necessary actions relating to all other relevant implementation associated with the Council resolutions;
 - (4) approval be given to the use of one off resources of £6.553m in 2016/17 as set out in Paragraph 5 of the report;
 - (5) approval be given to a Council Tax increase of 1.99% as set out in Paragraph 6.1 of the report;
 - (6) approval be given to a Social Care Council Tax Precept of 2% as set out in Paragraph 6.1 of the report;
 - (7) approval be given to an overall increase in Council Tax for Sefton Council of 3.99% as set out in Paragraph 6.1 of the report;
 - (8) approval be given to the allocation of specific grants as detailed in Paragraphs 7 and 8 of the report;
 - (9) the Schools' Forum decisions on the Dedicated Schools Grant and Individual School Budgets, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report be noted;
 - (10) subject to the above, the overall Council Tax resolution including a Social Care precept, Police & Fire and Parish Precepts, as set out in the supplementary agenda be approved;
 - (11) the forecasted additional budget savings requirement for 2017/18 – 2019/20, as outlined in Paragraph 11.1 of the report be noted; and
 - (12) approval be given to the preparation of a new financial plan to cover the period of the Government Comprehensive Spending

Review 2017/18 – 2019/20 as set out in Paragraph 11.9 of the report.”

Following debate and in accordance with Rule 95 of Chapter 4 in the Constitution, the voting on the Motion was recorded and the Members of the Councillor present at the time, voted as follows:

FOR THE MOTION:

Councillors Atkinson, Burns, Byrom, Carr, Carragher, Cluskey, Cummins, Dams, Dowd, Fairclough, Friel, Gatherer, Grace, Hale, Hardy, John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly, Kerrigan, Killen, Lappin, Dan T. Lewis, Maher, McGinnity, McKinley, Moncur, Murphy, O'Brien, Owens, Page, Robinson, Roche, Sayers, Spencer, Thompson, Tweed, Veidman, Webster and The Mayor (Councillor Kermode).

AGAINST THE MOTION:

Councillors Ball, Jo Barton, Maria Bennett, Bliss, Booth, Brodie-Browne, Dodd, Dutton, Lord Fearn, Maureen Fearn, Hands, Jamieson, Jones, Keith, McGuire, Preece, Shaw and Welsh.

The Mayor declared that the Motion was carried by 38 votes to 18 and it was

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- (9) the Schools' Forum decisions on the Dedicated Schools Grant and Individual School Budgets, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report be noted;
- (10) it be noted that at its meeting on 28 January 2016, the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2016/17 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 1992 (as amended):
 - (a) 80,806.50 Band D equivalent properties, for the whole area [item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended]; and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as shown in the table below:

Parish	<u>Council Tax Base</u> (Band D Equivalent Properties)
Aintree Village	1,995.69
Formby	8,985.26
Hightown	849.17
Ince Blundell	157.28
Little Altcar	304.75
Lydiate	2,013.34
Maghull	6,477.75
Melling	967.26
Sefton	232.02
Thornton	759.30

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- (11) the Council calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2016/2017 (excluding Parish Precepts) is £110,718,642.
- (12) the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2016/2017 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a)	£589,967,896	Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.																				
(b)	£478,324,395	Being the aggregate amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.																				
(c)	£111,643,501	Being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).																				
(d)	£1,381.62	Being the amount at 3(c) above (item R), divided by the amount at 1(a) above (item T), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).																				
(e)	£924,859	Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.																				
(f)	£1,370.17	Being the amount at 3(d) above, less the amount given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by the amount at 1(a) above (item T), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.																				
(g)	<p>The amounts below, being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act as basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which special items relate.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Parish</th> <th>£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Aintree Village</td> <td>1,425.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Formby</td> <td>1,377.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hightown</td> <td>1,375.61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ince Blundell</td> <td>1,382.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Little Altcar</td> <td>1,378.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lydiate</td> <td>1,438.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maghull</td> <td>1,459.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Melling</td> <td>1,390.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sefton</td> <td>1,383.96</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Parish	£	Aintree Village	1,425.29	Formby	1,377.40	Hightown	1,375.61	Ince Blundell	1,382.25	Little Altcar	1,378.37	Lydiate	1,438.51	Maghull	1,459.02	Melling	1,390.85	Sefton	1,383.96
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(h)	The amounts below being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(f) and 3(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.							
	Property Valuation Band							
Proportion of Band D	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 9/9	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Parish</u>								
Aintree Village	950.19	1,108.56	1,266.92	1,425.29	1,742.02	2,058.75	2,375.48	2,850.58
Formby	918.27	1,071.31	1,224.36	1,377.40	1,683.49	1,989.58	2,295.67	2,754.80
Hightown	917.07	1,069.92	1,222.76	1,375.61	1,681.30	1,986.99	2,292.68	2,751.22
Ince Blundell	921.50	1,075.08	1,228.67	1,382.25	1,689.42	1,996.58	2,303.75	2,764.50
Little Altcar	918.91	1,072.07	1,225.22	1,378.37	1,684.67	1,990.98	2,297.28	2,756.74
Lydiate	959.01	1,118.84	1,278.68	1,438.51	1,758.18	2,077.85	2,397.52	2,877.02
Maghull	972.68	1,134.79	1,296.91	1,459.02	1,783.25	2,107.47	2,431.70	2,918.04
Melling	927.23	1,081.77	1,236.31	1,390.85	1,699.93	2,009.01	2,318.08	2,781.70
Sefton	922.64	1,076.41	1,230.19	1,383.96	1,691.51	1,999.05	2,306.60	2,767.92
Thornton	917.40	1,070.30	1,223.20	1,376.10	1,681.90	1,987.70	2,293.50	2,752.20
<u>All Other Parts of the Council's Area</u>	913.45	1,065.69	1,217.93	1,370.17	1,674.65	1,979.13	2,283.62	2,740.34

- (13) it be noted that for the year 2016/2017 the Police and Crime Commissioner and Fire and Rescue Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

	Property Valuation Band							
Proportion of Band D	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 9/9	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Precepting Authority</u>								
Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority	48.59	56.69	64.79	72.89	89.09	105.29	121.48	145.78

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Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner	108.53	126.62	144.71	162.80	198.98	235.16	271.33	325.60
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- (14) the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2016/2017 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Proportion of Band D	Property Valuation Band							
	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 9/9	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Parish</u>								
Aintree Village	1,107.31	1,291.87	1,476.42	1,660.98	2,030.09	2,399.20	2,768.29	3,321.96
Formby	1,075.39	1,254.62	1,433.86	1,613.09	1,971.56	2,330.03	2,688.48	3,226.18
Hightown	1,074.19	1,253.23	1,432.26	1,611.30	1,969.37	2,327.44	2,685.49	3,222.60
Ince Blundell	1,078.62	1,258.39	1,438.17	1,617.94	1,977.49	2,337.03	2,696.56	3,235.88
Little Altcar	1,076.03	1,255.38	1,434.72	1,614.06	1,972.74	2,331.43	2,690.09	3,228.12
Lydiate	1,116.13	1,302.15	1,488.18	1,674.20	2,046.25	2,418.30	2,790.33	3,348.40
Maghull	1,129.80	1,318.10	1,506.41	1,694.71	2,071.32	2,447.92	2,824.51	3,389.42
Melling	1,084.35	1,265.08	1,445.81	1,626.54	1,988.00	2,349.46	2,710.89	3,253.08
Sefton	1,079.76	1,259.72	1,439.69	1,619.65	1,979.58	2,339.50	2,699.41	3,239.30
Thornton	1,074.52	1,253.61	1,432.70	1,611.79	1,969.97	2,328.15	2,686.31	3,223.58
<u>All Other Parts of the Council's Area</u>	1,070.57	1,249.00	1,427.43	1,605.86	1,962.72	2,319.58	2,676.43	3,211.72

- (15) the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2016/2017 is not deemed to be excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (16) the forecasted additional budget savings requirement for 2017/18 – 2019/20, as outlined in Paragraph 11.1 of the report be noted; and
- (17) approval be given to the preparation of a new financial plan to cover the period of the Government Comprehensive Spending Review 2017/18 – 2019/20 as set out in Paragraph 11.9 of the report.

96. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - PROPOSAL TO EXTEND MEMBERSHIP

Further to Minute No. 94 of the Cabinet meeting held on 4 February 2016, the Council considered the report of the Director of Social Care and Health on a proposal to extend the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board in order to progress integration in Sefton.

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED:

That the changes to the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board as detailed in Paragraph 2.1 of the report be approved.

97. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2015/16

Councillor Keith proposed the following changes:

- Councillor Weavers to replace Councillor Daniel Lewis as the Substitute Member for Councillor Ashton on the Audit and Governance Committee.
- Councillor Daniel Lewis to replace Councillor Weavers as the Substitute Member for Councillor Shaw on the Audit and Governance Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the changes to the membership of the Committee be approved.