

BTC/07/21

Minutes of the Precept meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on Monday 17th January 2022 at 7pm in Buckingham Community Centre, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham MK18 1RP.

Present:

Cllr. R. Ahmed
Cllr. M. Cole JP
Cllr. G. Collins
Cllr. F. Davies
Cllr. M. Gateley
Cllr. J. Harvey
Cllr. S. Hetherington
Cllr. A. Mahi
Cllr. H. Mordue
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue
Cllr. A. Osibogun
Cllr. A. Ralph
Cllr. A. Schaefer
Cllr. R. Stuchbury
Cllr. W. Whyte

In attendance: Mr. P. Hodson
Mrs. N. Stockill

Town Clerk
Committee Clerk (Via Zoom)

NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDED AND SO THERE WAS NO PUBLIC SESSION**590/21 Apologies for Absence**

Members received and accepted apologies from Cllr. Try.

591/21 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. O'Donoghue as employee of the Youth Centre – Precept Item

592/21 Background to the Precept

Members received a report from the Town Clerk.

593/21 Budgets 2022/23

Members discussed the proposed Town Council budgets for the financial year 2022/23.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury and seconded by Cllr. Mordue to accept the Town Clerk's report recommendations.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr. Osibogun and seconded by Cllr. Whyte to accept option 4.1 of the Town Clerk's budget report, as follows:

Maintain the current charge of £173.27 per band D property and reduce the precept through reducing budgets. This would lead to the total precept proposed being reduced by £13,233 – i.e. from £942,773 to £929,540. Savings were identified within a document circulated to Full Council from Cllr. Osibogun in advance of the meeting.

A discussion was held on the amendment. A vote was taken and the results were:
In favour: 2
Against: 11
The amendment fell.

A further amendment was proposed by Cllr. Whyte and seconded by Cllr. Osibogun to accept option 4.2 of the Town Clerk's budget report, as follows:

Maintain the current charge of £173.27 per band D property and reduce the precept through using the General Reserve. This would lead to the total precept being reduced by £13,158 – i.e. from £942,773 to £929,540, by using £13,233 from the General Reserve to fund the remaining costs. This would decrease the forecast general reserve figure from £420,025 to £406,792 or from 37.9% to 36.7% of the proposed total budget for the year.

*Cllr. Davies entered the Chamber at this point in the agenda 19.26
Cllr. G. Collins entered the Chamber at this point in the agenda 19.28*

Proposed by Cllr. Harvey and seconded by Cllr. Mahi to move to the vote on the amended proposal, the results of the vote were:
In favour: 11
Against: 2
Abstentions: 2

A vote was taken on Cllr. Whyte's amendment and the results were:
In favour: 3
Against: 11
The amendment fell.

Full Council moved to the vote on Cllr. Stuchbury's original proposal to accept the Town Clerk's report recommendations as follows:

To adopt the budgets attached and increase the precept from £903,930 to £942,773, at a cost of £175.74 per Band D household, an increase of £38,843, or £2.47 from the current level of £173.27, i.e. 1.43% per year, being less than 5p per week;

To agree the ear-marked reserves proposed;

To agree that the total funding requirement for 2022/23 to be levied on Buckinghamshire Council be set at £942,773;

To agree that the Council adopts the five-year budget attached for budgetary planning purposes, noting that the Precept Meeting each year will decide the actual budget and precept for the following year;

To agree that the Council's Reserves Policy is to hold between four and five months' Net Revenue Expenditure as a General Reserve.

Totals for Recommended Option

	2020 / 2021		2021/22		2022/23
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Forecast	Proposed Budget
Resources	364,815	308,835	365,805	343,033	379,395
Environment	396,429	390,269	366,896	334,892	380,935
TC & E	133,418	85,261	131,488	112,202	142,189
Planning	41,365	36,451	39,741	36,909	40,255
TOTAL	936,027	820,816	903,930	827,036	942,773

A recorded vote was taken and the results were:

In favour: Cllrs. Gateley, Mordue, Stuchbury, Mahi, Ralph, Ahmed, Hetherington, Harvey, Davies, Schaefer, Cole and O'Donoghue

Against: Cllrs. Osibogun, Whyte and Collins

Motion carried

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Members **RESOLVED** to adopt the budgets attached and raise a precept of £942,773, at a cost of £175.74 per Band D household, an increase of £38,843, or £2.47 from the current level of £173.27, i.e. 1.43% per year, being less than 5p per week.

A vote was taken and the results were:

In favour: Cllrs. Gateley, Mordue, Stuchbury, Mahi, Ralph, Ahmed, Hetherington, Harvey, Davies, Schaefer, Cole and O'Donoghue.

Against: Cllrs Osibogun, Whyte and Collins

595/21 Chair's Announcements

There were none.

596/21 Date of the next meeting:

Interim Council (preceded by an informal meeting) – Monday 7th March 2022

Full Council - Monday 7th February 2022

Meeting closed at: 19.37

Signed Date

Town Mayor