

COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2021 at 5.30 pm by Video conference.

Present: Councillor Jason Savage (Chairman); Councillors Albon, Ara, Ashbee, Bailey, Bambridge, J Bayford, R Bayford, Boyd, Coleman-Cooke, Crittenden, Currie, Day, Dennis, Dexter, Duckworth, Cllr Everitt, Fellows, Game, Garner, Green, Gregory, Hart, Hopkinson, Huxley, Kup, Pat Moore, Paul Moore, Ovenden, Parsons, L Piper, Cllr Rev. S Piper, Pugh, Rattigan, Rawf, Rogers, Roper, Rusiecki, D Saunders, M Saunders, Scobie, Shrubbs, Tomlinson, Towing, Whitehead, Wing, Wright and Yates

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Scott, Braidwood, Campbell, Keen, and Potts.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice Chairman and agreed, that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 10 December 2020 be approved.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2 (iv).

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2021-22

It was proposed by Councillor Yates, seconded by Councillor Albon and Members agreed that the recommendation set out in the report be agreed, namely:

“That Council approves this report and annexes”

6. 2021-22 BUDGET

It was noted that in accordance with council procedure rule 17.6, a recorded vote would be taken on the motion or any amendments and substantive motions.

It was proposed by Councillor Yates and seconded by Councillor Albon, that the recommendations set out in the report be agreed, namely:

“That Council approves:

1. The General Fund revenue budget estimates for 2021-22 are approved, assuming a £4.99 increase in the band D equivalent for Council Tax.
2. The HRA budget estimates for 2021-22 are approved, assuming a CPI+1% increase in social rents and a freeze in affordable rents.
3. The General Fund and Housing Revenue Account capital programmes for 2021-25 are approved.
4. The Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy for 2021-22 is approved.

5. The Section 151 Officer's Assurance Statement is noted."

The Deputy Monitoring Officer conducted a recorded vote on the motion as follows:

45 Members voted in favour the motion: Councillors Albon, Ara, Ashbee, Bailey, Bambridge, J. Bayford, R. Bayford, Boyd, Coleman-Cooke, Crittenden, Currie, Day, Dennis, Dexter, Duckworth, Everitt, Fellows, Game, Green, Gregory, Hart, Hopkinson, Huxley, Kup, Pat Moore, Paul Moore, Ovenden, Parsons, L. Piper, S. Piper, Pugh, Rattigan, Rawf, Rogers, Rusiecki, D. Saunders, M. Saunders, Savage, Scobie, Shrubb, Tomlinson, Towing, Whitehead, Wright, and Yates.

No Member voted against the motion.

Three Members abstained from voting on the motion: Councillors Garner, Roper and Wing.

The motion was carried.

7. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2021/22

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, and Members agreed the recommendation as shown in the report, namely:

"To adopt the proposed 2021/22 Members allowances scheme as set out at annex 1 to this report and to refer the scheme to EKJIRP for them to consider, with any amendments being reported back to Council."

8. CHANGES TO COMMITTEES, PANELS AND BOARDS - 2020/21

PROPORTIONALITY

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, and Members agreed the option detailed in paragraph 3.4.1 of the report, namely:

"That a seat on the Overview and Scrutiny Panel is removed and that the Thanet Independent Group representation on the Overview and Scrutiny is reduced from two seats to one seat."

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES

The Leader advised that Councillor Campbell would be replaced by Councillor Albon on the General Purposes Committee, Councillor Currie on the Overview and Scrutiny Panel and Councillor Scobie on the Standards Committee. There was not a replacement for Councillor Campbell as reserve on the Planning Committee at this time.

Councillor Rev Piper advised that Councillor Rusiecki would fill the currently vacant seat of former Councillor Taylor on the Planning Committee.

Members offered their best wishes to Councillor Campbell regarding his health, and offered thanks to former Councillor Taylor for his effort and dedication as a Thanet District Councillor.

Meeting concluded: 6.15pm