

COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2022 at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillor Jason Savage (Chair); Councillors Albon, Ara, Ashbee, Austin, Bambridge, J Bayford, R Bayford, Boyd, Braidwood, Coleman-Cooke, Crittenden, Currie, Dennis, Dexter, Duckworth, Everitt, Fellows, Garner, Gregory, Hart, Hopkinson, Huxley, Keen, Kup, Leys, Paul Moore, Ovenden, Parsons, L Piper, Rev. S Piper, Rattigan, Rawf, Rogers, Rusiecki, D Saunders, M Saunders, Scobie, Scott, Shonk, Shrubbs, Smith, Tomlinson, Towning, Wallin, Whitehead, Wing, Wright and Yates

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailey, Day, Farrance, Potts and Pugh.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT, MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR 2022-23

It was proposed by Councillor D Saunders, seconded by the Leader and Members agreed that the recommendations set out in the report be agreed, namely:

“That Council approves;

- a. The Capital Plans, Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2022-23 to 2024-25, including the Authorised Limit Prudential Indicator;
- b. The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy;
- c. The Treasury Management Strategy for 2022-23 to 2024-25 and the Treasury Indicators;
- d. The Investment Strategy for 2022-23 contained in the Treasury Management Strategy, including the detailed criteria;
- e. The Capital Strategy for 2022-23;
- f. The Non-Treasury Investments Report for 2022-23.”

5. HRA BUDGET 2022-23

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 D Saunders and seconded by the Leader, that the recommendations set out in the report be agreed, namely:

“That Council approves:

1. 1. That the revised HRA budget estimates for 2022-23 are approved;
2. 2. That the revised Housing Revenue Account capital programmes (Annex 1) for 2022-26 are approved;
4. 3. That the HRA business plan is noted.
5. 4. That the cap on leasehold insurance at £100 per annum is removed.”

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

49 Members voted in favour of the motion: Councillors Albon, Ara, Ashbee, Austin, Bambridge, J. Bayford, R. Bayford, Boyd, Braidwood, Coleman-Cooke, Crittenden, Currie, Dennis, Dexter, Duckworth, Everitt, Fellows, Garner, Gregory, Hart, Hopkinson, Huxley, Keen, Kup, Leys, Paul Moore, Ovenden, Parsons, L. Piper, S. Piper, Rattigan, Rawf, Rogers, Rusiecki, D. Saunders, M. Saunders, Savage, Scobie, Scott, Shonk, Shrubbs, Smith, Tomlinson, Towing, Wallin, Whitehead, Wing, Wright, and Yates.

No Members voted against the motion.

No Members abstained from voting.

The Motion was carried.

6. BUDGET 2022-23 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2022-26

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 D Saunders and seconded by the Leader, that the recommendations set out in the report be agreed, namely:

“That Council approves:

1. The 2022-23 General Fund revenue budget.
2. The 2022-26 General Fund capital programme.”

Councillor Albon proposed and Councillor Everitt seconded the following amendment to the motion:

“The Conservative budget proposes to use the £549,000 to pay off debt, the Labour Group proposes to amend this budget allocation.

Instead, we propose to allocate up to £230,000 from the New Homes Bonus allocation for the capital works required to the Ramsgate Eastcliff and Viking Bay coastal lifts to ensure they are in full working order for the foreseeable future.”

Following debate, the Deputy Monitoring Officer conducted a recorded vote on the amendment to the motion as follows:

19 Members voted in favour of the amendment: Councillors Albon, Ara, Austin, Crittenden, Currie, Duckworth, Everitt, Garner, Gregory, Hopkinson, Huxley, Keen, Ovenden, Rawf, Scobie, Smith, Whitehead, Wing and Yates.

30 Members voted against the amendment: Councillors Ashbee, Bambridge, J. Bayford, R. Bayford, Boyd, Braidwood, Coleman-Cooke, Dennis, Dexter, Fellows, Hart, Kup, Leys, Paul Moore, Parsons, L. Piper, S. Piper, Rattigan, Rogers, Rusiecki, D. Saunders, M. Saunders, Savage, Scott, Shonk, Shrubbs, Tomlinson, Towing, Wallin and Wright.

No Members abstained from voting.

The amendment was lost.

Councillor Whitehead proposed and Councillor Rawf seconded the following amendment to the motion:

“The Conservative budget proposes to use the £549,000 to pay off debt, the Labour Group proposes to amend this budget allocation.

We propose to set aside the balance of the New Homes Bonus as allocation to part fund the provision of an additional in-house temporary accommodation.”

Following debate, the Deputy Monitoring Officer conducted a recorded vote on the amendment to the motion as follows:

20 Members voted in favour of the amendment: Councillors Albon, Ara, Austin, Braidwood, Crittenden, Currie, Duckworth, Everitt, Garner, Gregory, Hopkinson, Huxley, Keen, Ovenden, Rawf, Scobie, Smith, Whitehead, Wing and Yates.

29 Members voted against the amendment: Councillors Ashbee, Bambridge, J. Bayford, R. Bayford, Boyd, Coleman-Cooke, Dennis, Dexter, Fellows, Hart, Kup, Leys, Paul Moore, Parsons, L. Piper, S. Piper, Rattigan, Rogers, Rusiecki, D. Saunders, M. Saunders, Savage, Scott, Shonk, Shrubbs, Tomlinson, Towing, Wallin and Wright.

No Members abstained from voting.

The amendment was lost.

The Deputy Monitoring Officer conducted a recorded vote on the substantive motion as put by Councillor D Saunders, the result was as follows:

49 Members voted in favour of the motion: Councillors Albon, Ara, Ashbee, Austin, Bambridge, J. Bayford, R. Bayford, Boyd, Braidwood, Coleman-Cooke, Crittenden, Currie, Dennis, Dexter, Duckworth, Everitt, Fellows, Garner, Gregory, Hart, Hopkinson, Huxley, Keen, Kup, Leys, Paul Moore, Ovenden, Parsons, L. Piper, S. Piper, Rattigan, Rawf, Rogers, Rusiecki, D. Saunders, M. Saunders, Savage, Scobie, Scott, Shonk, Shrubb, Smith, Tomlinson, Towning, Wallin, Whitehead, Wing, Wright, and Yates.

No Members voted against the motion.

No Members abstained from voting.

The Motion was carried.

Meeting concluded : 8.10 pm