

Council

A meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, 27th February 2008.

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Cllr Bill Noble), Cllr Hilary Aggio, Cllr Mrs Lynne Apedaile, Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Mrs Jennie Beaumont, Cllr Phillip Broughton, Cllr Mrs Ann Cains, Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr David Coleman, Cllr Robert Cook, Cllr Mrs Eileen Craggs, Cllr Alex Cunningham, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Jackie Earl, Cllr Mick Eddy, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr John Fletcher, Cllr Maurice Frankland, Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Robert Gibson, Cllr David Harrington, Cllr Miss Barbara Inman, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Terry Laing, Cllr Miss Tina Large, Cllr Colin Leckonby, Cllr Alan Lewis, Cllr Ken Lupton, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Cllr Lee Narroway, Cllr Mrs Kath Nelson, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Mrs Liz Nesbitt, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Ross Patterson, Cllr Mrs Maureen Rigg, Cllr Roy Rix, Cllr Fred Salt, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Michael Smith, Cllr Mick Stoker, Cllr Mrs Allison Trainer, Cllr Steve Walmsley, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Mrs Mary Womphrey, Cllr Mick Womphrey, Cllr Bill Woodhead and Cllr Barry Woodhouse.

Officers: G Garlick (CE); D E Bond, P K Bell (LD); M Batty, S Daniels (DNS); A Baxter (CESC); J Danks, P Saunders (R).

Also in attendance: No other persons were present.

Apologies: Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Aidan Cockerill, Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Cllr Suzanne Fletcher, Cllr Andrew Larkin, Cllr Maurice Perry and Cllr Julia Roberts.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Nelson declared a personal prejudicial interest in respect of paragraph 31, Appendix L and recommendation 25, of the Budget report, which all related to the proposed Stock Rationalisation Programme, as he knew a person who lived in/owned one of the properties identified for demolition. Councillor Nelson left the meeting during the consideration of the Stock Rationalisation Programme and took no part in voting on recommendation 25.

Councillor Mrs Nelson declared a personal prejudicial interest in respect of paragraph 31, Appendix L and recommendation 25, of the Budget report, which all related to the proposed Stock Rationalisation Programme, as she knew a person who lived in/owned one of the properties identified for demolition. Councillor Mrs Nelson then left the meeting during the consideration of the Stock Rationalisation Programme and took no part in voting on recommendation 25.

Cabinet Minutes

Moved by Councillor Lupton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Beaumont and RESOLVED that the minutes of Cabinet held on 14th February 2008 (Minutes CAB 124/07 - CAB 139/07) be confirmed or received as appropriate.

Review of Medium Term Financial Plan and Budget 2008/09 Minutes of the special meeting of Cabinet held on 21st February 2008

Members considered a report, relating to the Council's Budget and Council Tax setting for 2008/09 that had been considered by Cabinet, at its special meeting held on 22nd February 2008. Members also considered the minutes of that meeting that contained Cabinet's recommendations to Council.

Moved by Councillor Lupton and seconded by Councillor Gibson that:-

1. in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003, Members note that the Section 151 Officer confirms that the following recommendations:-
 - a) represent a robust budget which has been prepared in line with best practice,
 - b) provide adequate working balances at 3% of general fund and net operating expenditure of HRA, and
 - c) that the controlled reserves and provisions are adequate for their purpose.

General Fund Budget

2. a 2008/09 budget for Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council of £140,545,187 be approved.
3. a 2008/09 budget for Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council inclusive of Parish Precepts (£562,225) of £141,107,412 be approved
4. the rebasing of the budget, and the revised method of allocating annual increases be approved
5. the allocation of £1m per year, ongoing from 2010/11, to the Building Schools for the Future project be approved
6. the proposed transitional utilisation of the Working Neighbourhoods Fund in 2008/09, and the subsequent use of headroom for Stockton Council managed schemes falling out of Neighbourhood Renewal Funding, from 2009/10 onwards be approved.
7. the funding of the unavoidable pressures from Children, Education and Social Care be approved.
8. the funding of a reserve to accommodate changes to Members' Allowances be approved. Variations to the reserved amount being dealt with via the mechanisms of the Medium Term Financial Plan.
9. the funding of the ongoing pressures nominated by Law & Democracy and Resources be approved.
10. the nominated list of schemes, detailed in paragraph 15, proposed to utilize the balance of available ongoing headroom be approved.
11. the revenue pressures nominated that will reduce one-off headroom by £1.959 million be approved.
12. the capital schemes nominated that will reduce one-off headroom and capital by £2.642 million be approved.
13. the reserving of the remaining £0.619m to pump-prime investment in future capital schemes be approved.

Taxation

SBC

14. the Council Tax for Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, prior to Parish, Fire and Police Precepts, be increased by 4.5% to a level of £1,148.21 at Band D (£765.47 Band A).

Fire, Police & Parish

15. the Fire Precept of £3,367,763 which equates to a Council Tax of £58.69 at Band D (£39.13 at Band A) be noted.
16. the Parish precepts as set out in paragraph 26, page 17 of the budget report be noted.
17. Council note that legislation requires the Council to approve the aggregate tax for the Borough. The Council has been notified that the Police Authority will now not be meeting to set their budget, precept and Council Tax until 28 February. Consequently an item will be placed on the agenda of the Council meeting on 5 March to set the aggregate Council Tax.

Capital

18. the utilization of capital allocations received from the Government, as set out in paragraph 30 (a), page 18 of the report be approved.
19. cost variations of £(51,000) and the carry forward of slippage into 2008/09 of £(5,311,000) be approved.
20. the Medium Term Capital Plan as set out in Appendix H of the report be approved.

Housing Revenue Account

21. the Housing Revenue Account as set out in Appendix J to the budget report be approved.

Treasury Management/Prudential Code

22. the Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Statement, Investment Strategy and Prudential Indicators for 2008/09 – 2010/11 as set out in Appendix K to the budget report be approved.

Council Tax - Statutory Requirements

23. the statutory requirements for Council Tax as shown in Appendix G to the budget report be noted.
24. Council note that as previously mentioned in the report this excludes the Precept and Council Tax in respect of Cleveland Police Authority. The aggregate tax for the Borough will be reported to the Council meeting held on 5 March for approval.
25. the proposed Stock Rationalisation Programme at Appendix L of 132 properties in 2008/09 be approved.

Moved by Councillor Narroway, seconded by Councillor Harrington that the motion be amended as follows:-

1. delete recommendation 13 of the budget report.
2. insert new recommendation 13 as follows:-

approve the use of £370,000 for the capital scheme at Romano Park, Ingleby Barwick and reserve the remaining resources to pump-prime investment in future capital schemes.
3. the authority has already approved an amount of £150,000 towards the funding of the park. External investment of £255,000 has been attracted. The project outline of the scheme is calculated as costing £775,000 in total. This will provide play areas, multi-use games area, landscaping, wheeled sports facility, BMX track and the necessary infrastructure. This bid is asking for an extra contribution of £370,000 towards the scheme, leaving a balance of £249,000 to be left for usage towards other Stockton Borough Council capital schemes as per the budget report.

It was noted that there was no impact on any further recommendations arising from this proposal.

A vote took place and the amendment was declared lost.

Moved by Councillor Walmsley and seconded by Councillor Leckonby that the motion be amended as follows:-

- 1) to delete the following from the proposed use of ongoing headroom as detailed in paragraph 15 of the budget report:-

	2008/09 £	2009/10 £	2010/11 £
Cemeteries	30,000	31,000	32,000

- 2) to delete the following from the proposed use of "one-off" headroom as set out in paragraph 16 of the budget report:-

	2008/09 £	2009/10 £	2010/11 £
Public Transport Information	100,000	102,000	104,000
Christmas Festival	150,000	200,000	200,000
Christmas Lights	50,000	51,000	52,000

- 3) To apply £271,000 of the remaining £619,000 one-off headroom as set out in paragraph 18 of the budget report, leaving a balance of £348,000 to be used for future Council schemes/initiatives.

The effect on the above proposals will be to produce funding of £1,373,000 to be used for the following works at Parkview Residential Care Home:-

Maintenance of Passenger Lift	£	75,000
Replacement of Boiler	£	50,000
DDA Related Work	£	35,000

Upgrade to Modern Care Standards	<u>£1,213,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>£1,373,000</u>

It is acknowledged that these proposals do not address the annual maintenance costs of £50,400 p.a. that will be required at Parkview. It is felt that these should be able to be accommodated from within existing budgets.

There is no impact on any further recommendations arising from this proposal.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.4 Councillor Walmsley requested that a recorded vote be taken; which was supported by at least a quarter of the members present.

For the amendment:-

Councillors Aggio, Apedaile, Mrs Craggs, Eddy, Faulks, Harrington, Large, Leckonby, Narroway, Patterson, Trainer, Walmsley and Mrs Walmsley.

Against the amendment:-

Councillors Beall, Mrs Beaumont, Broughton, Cains, Mrs Cains, Coleman, Cook, Cunningham, Earl, Frankland, Gardner, Gibson, Inman, Javed, Kirton, Laing, Lupton, Mrs McCoy, Nesbitt, Noble, Mrs O'Donnell, Rix, Salt, Sherris, Smith, Stoker, Mrs Womphrey, Womphrey, Woodhead, Woodhouse.

The following Members abstained from voting:-

Councillors Fletcher, Lewis and Mrs Rigg.

The amendment was declared lost.

RESOLVED that:-

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Council Tax - Statutory Requirements

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1. The Council calculated as its Council Tax Base for the year, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (the Regulations) made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act), and reported to the Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate & Social Inclusion on 7th December 2007.
 - a) the amount calculated by the Council in accordance with regulation 3 of the Regulations, as its Council Tax Base for the year : **57,382.23**
 - b) the amounts, calculated by the Council in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its areas to which one or more special items relate.

Tax Base approved under the Scheme of Delegation on the 7th December 2007.

Part of the Council's Area	Tax Base
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Aislaby & Newsham	96.24
Carlton	288.90
Castleavington / Kirklevington	493.14
Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe	3,013.50
Elton	140.04
Grindon	1,231.17
Hilton	215.01
Ingleby Barwick	6,338.74
Long Newton	337.32
Maltby	149.65
Preston	579.87
Redmarshall	148.27
Stillington & Whitton	326.63
Thornaby	6,367.45
Wolviston	390.14
Yarm	3,246.54
Billingham	10,190.14

2. The amounts for the year that were approved by the Council on **21st February 2008** in accordance with Section 32 of the Act :
 - a) The aggregate amount that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2) (a) to (e) of the Act : **£425,548,000**
 - b) The aggregate amount that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3) (a) to (c) of the Act : **£285,002,813**
 - c) The amount by which the aggregate at 2 a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2 b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year : **£140,545,187**
- B. Members are **Recommended** to approve the following amounts now calculated by the Council for the year in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Act :
3. The aggregate of the sums that the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant and surplus on the Collection Fund :

The Council's total expenditure for the year including Parish Precepts.

The total income to be raised by the Council in the year plus movement on revenue balances.

The Council's Budget Requirement for the year.

Government contribution towards General Fund

£74,658,337

4. The basic amount of Council Tax for the year, being the amount at 2.c) above less the amount at 3. Above, divided by the amount at 1.a) above, calculated in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act : **£1,158.01**
5. The aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act : **£562,225**
6. The basic amount of Council Tax for those parts of the area to which no special items relate: **£1,148.21**
- C. Members are invited to **Note**
7. Parish Precepts are:

Part of the Council's Area	2008/2009	Band D
	Precept	Equivalent
	£	£
Aislaby & Newsham	0	0.00
Carlton	4,350	15.06
Castleavington / Kirklevingt	15,400	31.23
Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe	79,164	26.27
Elton	860	6.14
Grindon	6,700	5.44
Hilton	1,400	6.51
Ingleby Barwick	120,725	19.05
Long Newton	6,000	17.79
Maltby	2,000	13.36
Preston	5,500	9.48
Redmarshall	3,000	20.23
Stillington & Whitton	6,500	19.90
Thornaby	139,700	21.94
Wolviston	9,785	25.08
Yarm	78,000	24.03
Billingham	83,141	8.16
	562,225	

7. Cleveland Police Authority has stated the sum of **£???????** in a precept issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Act; this translates into the following sums for each Council Tax Band :

expenditure, adjusted for Collection Fund balances

The average Tax at Band D, including the Parish precepts.

The total of all Parish precepts.

Stockton-on-Tees Borough's Basic Tax

Cleveland Police Authority Tax.

Band	Sum £
A	0.00
B	0.00
C	0.00
D	0.00
E	0.00
F	0.00
G	0.00
H	0.00

8. Cleveland Fire Authority has stated the sum of **£3,367,763** in a precept issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Act: this translates into the following sums for each Council Tax Band:

*Cleveland Fire
Authority Tax*

Band	Sum £
A	39.13
B	45.65
C	52.17
D	58.69
E	71.73
F	84.77
G	97.82
H	117.38

- D. Members are **Recommended** to set amounts of Council Tax for the year, being the aggregate of items 6, 7 and 8 above in accordance with Section 32(2) of the Act, for each category of dwelling in each area as shown as shown at **Appendix G(1),G(2),G(3)**.

*Total Council Tax bill
levels, including
Borough, Police
Authority, Fire
Authority and Parish
elements.*

Appendix G (1)

Council Tax - Parish Demands
2008/2009

Item	Parish	Band							
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1	Aislaby and Newsham	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Carlton	10.04	11.71	13.39	15.06	18.41	21.75	25.10	30.12
3	Castleavington / Kirklevington	20.82	24.29	27.76	31.23	38.17	45.11	52.05	62.46
4	Egglescliffe	17.51	20.43	23.35	26.27	32.11	37.95	43.78	52.54
5	Elton	4.09	4.78	5.46	6.14	7.50	8.87	10.23	12.28
6	Grindon	3.63	4.23	4.84	5.44	6.65	7.86	9.07	10.88
7	Hilton	4.34	5.06	5.79	6.51	7.96	9.40	10.85	13.02
8	Ingleby Barwick	12.70	14.82	16.93	19.05	23.28	27.52	31.75	38.10
9	Long Newton	11.86	13.84	15.81	17.79	21.74	25.70	29.65	35.58
10	Maltby	8.91	10.39	11.88	13.36	16.33	19.30	22.27	26.72
11	Preston	6.32	7.37	8.43	9.48	11.59	13.69	15.80	18.96
12	Redmarshall	13.49	15.73	17.98	20.23	24.73	29.22	33.72	40.46
13	Stillington & Whitton	13.27	15.48	17.69	19.90	24.32	28.74	33.17	39.80
14	Thornaby	14.63	17.06	19.50	21.94	26.82	31.69	36.57	43.88
15	Wolviston	16.72	19.51	22.29	25.08	30.65	36.23	41.80	50.16
16	Yarm	16.02	18.69	21.36	24.03	29.37	34.71	40.05	48.06
17	Billingham	5.44	6.35	7.25	8.16	9.97	11.79	13.60	16.32

Appendix G (2)

**Council Tax - Borough and Parish Demands
2008/2009**

Item	Parish	Band							
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	Factor	6	7	8	9	11	13	15	18
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1	Aislaby and Newsham	765.47	893.05	1,020.63	1,148.21	1,403.37	1,658.53	1,913.68	2,296.42
2	Carlton	775.51	904.76	1,034.02	1,163.27	1,421.78	1,680.28	1,938.78	2,326.54
3	Castleavington / Kirklevington	786.29	917.34	1,048.39	1,179.44	1,441.54	1,703.64	1,965.73	2,358.88
4	Egglescliffe	782.98	913.48	1,043.98	1,174.48	1,435.48	1,696.48	1,957.46	2,348.96
5	Elton	769.56	897.83	1,026.09	1,154.35	1,410.87	1,667.40	1,923.91	2,308.70
6	Grindon	769.10	897.28	1,025.47	1,153.65	1,410.02	1,666.39	1,922.75	2,307.30
7	Hilton	769.81	898.11	1,026.42	1,154.72	1,411.33	1,667.93	1,924.53	2,309.44
8	Ingleby Barwick	778.17	907.87	1,037.56	1,167.26	1,426.65	1,686.05	1,945.43	2,334.52
9	Long Newton	777.33	906.89	1,036.44	1,166.00	1,425.11	1,684.23	1,943.33	2,332.00
10	Maltby	774.38	903.44	1,032.51	1,161.57	1,419.70	1,677.83	1,935.95	2,323.14
11	Preston	771.79	900.42	1,029.06	1,157.69	1,414.96	1,672.22	1,929.48	2,315.38
12	Redmarshall	778.96	908.78	1,038.61	1,168.44	1,428.10	1,687.75	1,947.40	2,336.88
13	Stillington & Whitton	778.74	908.53	1,038.32	1,168.11	1,427.69	1,687.27	1,946.85	2,336.22
14	Thornaby	780.10	910.11	1,040.13	1,170.15	1,430.19	1,690.22	1,950.25	2,340.30
15	Wolviston	782.19	912.56	1,042.92	1,173.29	1,434.02	1,694.76	1,955.48	2,346.58
16	Yarm	781.49	911.74	1,041.99	1,172.24	1,432.74	1,693.24	1,953.73	2,344.48
17	Billingham	770.91	899.40	1,027.88	1,156.37	1,413.34	1,670.32	1,927.28	2,312.74
18	Areas without Parish Councils	765.47	893.05	1,020.63	1,148.21	1,403.37	1,658.53	1,913.68	2,296.42

Appendix G (3)

**Council Tax - Total Demand (Borough, Parishes, Police and Fire)
2008/2009**

Item	Parish	Band							
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1	Aislaby and Newsham	804.60	938.70	1,072.80	1,206.90	1,475.10	1,743.30	2,011.50	2,413.80
2	Carlton	814.64	950.41	1,086.19	1,221.96	1,493.51	1,765.05	2,036.60	2,443.92
3	Castleavington / Kirklevington	825.42	962.99	1,100.56	1,238.13	1,513.27	1,788.41	2,063.55	2,476.26
4	Egglescliffe	822.11	959.13	1,096.15	1,233.17	1,507.21	1,781.25	2,055.28	2,466.34
5	Elton	808.69	943.48	1,078.26	1,213.04	1,482.60	1,752.17	2,021.73	2,426.08
6	Grindon	808.23	942.93	1,077.64	1,212.34	1,481.75	1,751.16	2,020.57	2,424.68
7	Hilton	808.94	943.76	1,078.59	1,213.41	1,483.06	1,752.70	2,022.35	2,426.82
8	Ingleby Barwick	817.30	953.52	1,089.73	1,225.95	1,498.38	1,770.82	2,043.25	2,451.90
9	Long Newton	816.46	952.54	1,088.61	1,224.69	1,496.84	1,769.00	2,041.15	2,449.38
10	Maltby	813.51	949.09	1,084.68	1,220.26	1,491.43	1,762.60	2,033.77	2,440.52
11	Preston	810.92	946.07	1,081.23	1,216.38	1,486.69	1,756.99	2,027.30	2,432.76
12	Redmarshall	818.09	954.43	1,090.78	1,227.13	1,499.83	1,772.52	2,045.22	2,454.26
13	Stillington & Whitton	817.87	954.18	1,090.49	1,226.80	1,499.42	1,772.04	2,044.67	2,453.60
14	Thornaby	819.23	955.76	1,092.30	1,228.84	1,501.92	1,774.99	2,048.07	2,457.68
15	Wolviston	821.32	958.21	1,095.09	1,231.98	1,505.75	1,779.53	2,053.30	2,463.96
16	Yarm	820.62	957.39	1,094.16	1,230.93	1,504.47	1,778.01	2,051.55	2,461.86
17	Billingham	810.04	945.05	1,080.05	1,215.06	1,485.07	1,755.09	2,025.10	2,430.12
18	Areas without Parish Councils	804.60	938.70	1,072.80	1,206.90	1,475.10	1,743.30	2,011.50	2,413.80
	Police Precept included - all areas	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Fire Precept Included - all areas	39.13	45.65	52.17	58.69	71.73	84.77	97.82	117.38

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