

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**BUDGET COUNCIL**

**4.30pm 25 FEBRUARY 2016**

**SUSSEX COUNTY CRICKET GROUND,  
EATON ROAD, HOVE**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Hyde (Chair), West (Deputy Chair), Allen, Atkinson, Barford, Barnett, Barradell, Bell, Bennett, Bewick, Brown, Cattell, Chapman, Cobb, Daniel, Deane, Druitt, Gibson, Gilbey, Hamilton, Hill, Horan, Inkpin-Leissner, Janio, Knight, Lewry, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Marsh, Meadows, Mears, Miller, Mitchell, Moonan, Morgan, Morris, Nemeth, A Norman, K Norman, O'Quinn, Peltzer Dunn, Penn, Phillips, Robins, Simson, Sykes, Taylor, C Theobald, G Theobald, Wares, Wealls and Yates.

**PART ONE**

**84 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 84.1. The Mayor noted that the Monitoring Officer had written to all Members to enable them to apply for dispensation, which he was authorised to grant, in order that they could take part and vote on the budget matters. It was for each individual Member to decide whether or not to apply for such dispensation and she confirmed that applications had been made and duly authorised.
- 84.2. The Mayor stated that she had been made aware that a number of Members belonged to the Credit Union and therefore had a personal interest and had applied for and been granted dispensation in this respect. Rather than each Member having to declare the interest, with the agreement of the Monitoring Officer she confirmed that they were Councillors Cattell, Daniel, Hill, Morgan, Robins, Simson and Geoffrey Theobald and asked that they confirm this declaration by affirmation.
- 84.3. The Members mentioned by the Mayor confirmed their declarations in this regard.
- 84.4. The Mayor then reminded Members that the dispensation did not dispense with the need to declare a pecuniary or personal interest and therefore asked if any such declarations needed to be made.
- 84.5. Councillor Allen declared a personal and pecuniary interest in item 87, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2016/17, for which he had been granted dispensation, as he was the Chair of the Open Market Community of Interest Company, to which the

council had agreed to make a loan and had been granted dispensation to speak and vote.

- 84.6. Councillor Atkinson declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Item 87, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2016/17, for which he had been granted dispensation, as both he and his wife worked for the Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust. He also declared that he was a Branch Secretary for UNISON at the Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust but that was independent of the UNISON Branch at the City Council and he had not received any election expenses from his union for the last local elections. He had been granted dispensation to speak and vote.
- 84.7. Councillor Hill declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Item 87, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2016/17, as she was a Trustee of the Hollingdean Development Trust, for which she had been granted dispensation to speak and vote.
- 84.8. Councillor Robins declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Item 87, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2016/17, as he rented an allotment and had been granted dispensation to speak and vote.
- 84.9. Councillor Barradell declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Item 87, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2016/17, as she was a Trustee of the Crew Club and had been granted dispensation to speak and vote.
- 84.10. Councillor Morris declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Item 87, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2016/17, as he was also a member of the Board of the Brighton Dome and Festival limited and had been granted dispensation to speak and vote.
- 84.11. Councillor Janio declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Item 87, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2016/17, as his wife held a trader's permit; and he had been granted dispensation to speak and vote.
- 84.12. Councillor Simson declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Item 87, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2016/17, as she was a trustee of the Deans Youth Project which was in receipt of a three-year grant. She had been granted dispensation to speak and vote.
- 84.13. Councillor A. Norman declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Item 87, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2016/17, as she was a trustee of the Martlets Hospice and also of the Keep Archives, and had been granted dispensation to speak and vote.
- 84.14. Councillor C. Theobald declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Item 87, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2016/17, as she was the President of MENCAP Brighton & Hove and also a member of the Board of the Brighton Festival Ltd. She had been granted dispensation to speak and vote.
- 84.15. Councillor Wealls declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Item 87, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2016/17, as he was a trustee of Impact Initiatives

which ran the Hop 50 Club and Youth Collective. He had been granted dispensation to speak and vote.

- 84.16. Councillor Deane declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Item 87, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2016/17, as her partner worked for the Grace Eyre Foundation which benefitted from the grants process. She had been granted dispensation to speak and vote.
- 84.17. Councillor Druitt declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Item 87, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2016/17, as he was the Director and a shareholder of The Big Lemon bus company which provided services to the council. He had been granted dispensation to speak and vote.
- 84.18. Councillor Phillips declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Item 87, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2016/17, as her husband was a director and shareholder of The Big Lemon Bus Company. She had been granted dispensation to speak and vote.

She also noted that as she worked for the Terrence Higgins Trust that provided sexual health services to the council, she should have requested dispensation to speak and vote and had therefore emailed a request to the Monitoring Officer.

- 84.19. Councillor Mac Cafferty declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Item 87, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2016/17, as he was a member of the Credit Union, and would put that in writing to the Monitoring Officer.
- 84.20. Councillor Gibson declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Item 87, General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2016/17, as he was a member of the Credit Union, and would put that in writing to the Monitoring Officer.
- 84.21. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that applications for dispensation to speak and vote had been made by Members and granted, having consulted with the Independent Member of the Audit & Standards Committee. He also confirmed that he was able to grant dispensation to those Members who had not previously made a request but had declared it and put it in writing to him at the meeting prior to their taking part in the debate.
- 84.22. The Mayor noted that there were no other declarations of interests in matters appearing on the agenda.

## **85 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

- 85.1. The Mayor noted that Members were in a different set of surroundings for the Budget Council meeting and she hoped that it would not detract from the business that the council needed to complete. She also stated that she wished to thank the Democratic Services Team and officers from the Property Services Team and the Cricket Club on behalf of the council for their work in preparing the venue for today's meeting.

**86 ADOPTION OF SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR BUDGET COUNCIL**

- 86.1. The Mayor referred to the proposed special budget procedure rules that had been circulated and were detailed in the addendum, pages 1 – 6 and proposed that the Council procedure rules be suspended to the extent necessary to enable the meeting to be conducted under the rules as modified by the procedural note as circulated.
- 86.2. **RESOLVED:** That the special procedural rules as circulated be adopted for the meeting and that the Council Standing Orders be suspended to the extent that it enabled the meeting to be conducted under the rules agreed.

**87 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET & COUNCIL TAX 2016/17**

- 87.1. The Mayor noted that all three budget areas listed as Items 87, 89 and 90 would be debated together, along with Item 88 Supplementary Financial Information, once the proposed budget and the various amendments had been moved and seconded. She therefore invited Councillor Morgan to propose the budget for 2016/17.

Note:

- 87.2. Prior to Councillor Morgan introducing the Budget proposals, there was a short disturbance from Members of the public. The Mayor therefore called a short adjournment to allow those members of the public to have their say and for officers to reach an agreement with them on any future disturbances and to note that the Mayor would request the removal of any person causing a disturbance from the meeting.
- 87.3. The meeting was adjourned at 16.47 and reconvened at 16.55 and the Mayor invited Councillor Morgan to move the Budget for 2016/17.
- 87.4. Councillor Morgan stated that he wished to thank finance officers and all the officers across the council involved in the budget process and his colleagues in enabling the budget papers to be brought to the council meeting. He stated that it was an honour and privilege to be able to move the Labour & Co-operative Group's first budget. The Council faced unprecedented demands and pressures but he believed the Administration's budget proposals would allow the council to build a better future for the city. It was likely to be very different from that of 2010 by 2019 and he noted that a number of leading figures and organisations had expressed their concerns for the future of local government. He also noted that the Government had sought to help the shire counties at the expense of other authorities in more need and referred to Surrey County Council which had received £11m as opposed to the City Council's £30k in transitional funding. He acknowledged that local authorities would be able to retain their full receipts from Business Rates but noted that this would not come into effect until 2020 and therefore would not have any impact on the current financial situation faced by those authorities.
- 87.5. Councillor Morgan stated that it was the Administration's intention to work with colleagues from Health to improve people's quality of life and to make better use of resources and invest in areas so that homes could be provided and opportunities offered to the young people in the city. He also noted that the Council had an obligation to set a budget and not obstruct the process and therefore he hoped that

following the debate a budget could be set that would deliver the services for the residents of the city.

- 87.6. Councillor Hamilton formally seconded the Budget proposals and stated that he wished to add his thanks to the officers involved in addressing the predicted overspend and bringing forward a budget for 2016/17. He stated that no-one wanted to have to make cuts to services and areas but the reduction in government funding left no choice with the council facing a savings target of £68m by 2019. He believed the decision to adopt a four-year plan to meet these savings was the right approach and recommended the Budget for 2016/17 to the Council.
- 87.7. Councillor Wealls stated that he wished to move six amendments to the Budget for 2016/17 on behalf of the Conservative Group, five in relation to the General Fund and one in relation to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). He also wished to record his thanks to the finance officers who had been instrumental in enabling the Group to put forward the amendments and understand the overall budget position of the council. He acknowledged that the budget process had not been an easy task and that there were tremendous pressures in Adult Services and Children's Services as well as a high demand for housing within the city. There were tough choices to be made and the Conservative Group had sought to support those decisions where possible and had called for greater collaboration with other authorities in delivering services and to look at alternative models involving the community and voluntary sectors.
- 87.8. Councillor Wealls then outlined the various amendments and hoped that these would be supported and accepted as being fair and prudent. He also welcomed the four-year plan approach and noted that this had been taken into account in bringing forward the proposed amendments.
- 87.9. Councillor G. Theobald formally seconded the proposed amendments and noted that there were fantastic opportunities within the city that would benefit the council if certain projects were taken forward. He also wished to thank the finance officers for their help during the budget process and hoped that all Members would support the amendments that had been put forward. He also noted that the council's independent auditors had once again commented on the high cost of services within the authority and questioned when these would be addressed.
- 87.10. Councillor Mac Cafferty stated that he had been contacted by a number of residents in regard to the budget proposals and concerns over government cuts and their impact on services. The Green Group did not believe that services should be put against each other in regard to making cuts and as it stood the Group could not support a cuts budget that was going to drive up inequality and poverty in the city. There would be a loss of access to essential services such as meals on wheels and youth provision with the impact felt by the most vulnerable and poorest in the city. He also noted that over 360 staff had been involved in consultations over redundancies and many were choosing to leave the organisation before the impact of the cuts was felt. It meant that the council was likely to lose the experience and knowledge base that it needed to deliver services. He was concerned about the overall lack of consultation on the budget proposals and the opportunity to discuss options. It was therefore not possible for the Green Group to support the budget and it would endeavour to oppose as many cuts as possible.

87.11. The Mayor then opened the matter up to a general debate and the following Members of the Council spoke on the various amendments that had been put forward as well as the general prevailing budget proposals and position:

Councillors Robins, Barford, Miller, Barnett, Deane, Druitt, Bewick, Mears and Mitchell.

87.12. The Mayor noted that the meeting had been in session for two hours and stated that she intended to take a short adjournment for a refreshment break.

87.13. The meeting was then adjourned at 6.30pm.

87.14. The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7.00pm and reopened the general debate during which the following Members spoke on the amendments and budget proposals:

Councillors Brown, Meadows, K. Norman, Sykes, Barradell, Simson, Phillips, Daniel, C. Theobald, Littman, Yates, Janio, Gibson, Chapman, Nemeth, Hill, Wares, Penn, Moonan, Peltzer Dunn, Bell, Inkipin-Leissner, Taylor, Atkinson, Gilbey and Morris.

87.15. The Mayor congratulated Councillors Chapman and Penn on their maiden speeches on behalf of the Council.

87.16. The Mayor noted that all Members wishing to speak during the debate had done so. She then called on Councillor Hamilton to respond to the debate and the amendments.

87.17. Councillor Hamilton thanked the Mayor and stated that in giving consideration to the amendments moved he felt that the proposed changes to trade union facilities was something that needed to have been consulted on through an appropriate process rather than simply implemented. He recognised that there was room for change but could not support these amendments without having had any consultation. In regard to amendment number 6, as Chair of the Members Advisory Group on Grants he questioned the need to add an additional £145k into a budget that was already underspent and suggested that it would be better to leave it under the HRA budget. He could not see how a reduction of £68m over four years could be achieved without job losses and reconfiguration of services and would welcome any proposals that would prevent that. In the meantime he recommended the budget proposals as outlined to the council for approval.

87.18. The Mayor stated that Items 87 and 88 would be taken together. She intended to put each of the amendments to the vote, during which she would call on the Acting Director for Finance & Resources to confirm the budgetary position should any amendment be carried and have an impact on the overall budget. She would then put the substantive recommendations to the vote as outlined in the procedural rules.

87.19. The Mayor then asked for the electronic voting system to be activated and put the Conservative Group's amendments to the vote:

## Conservative Amendment No.1

		For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
1	<b>Allen</b>		X		<b>Mac Cafferty</b>		X	
2	<b>Atkinson</b>		X		<b>Marsh</b>		X	
3	<b>Barford</b>		X		<b>Meadows</b>		X	
4	<b>Barnett</b>	✓			<b>Mears</b>	✓		
5	<b>Barradell</b>		X		<b>Miller</b>	✓		
6	<b>Bell</b>	✓			<b>Mitchell</b>		X	
7	<b>Bennett</b>	✓			<b>Moonan</b>		X	
8	<b>Bewick</b>		X		<b>Morgan</b>		X	
9	<b>Brown</b>	✓			<b>Morris</b>		X	
10	<b>Cattell</b>		X		<b>Nemeth</b>	✓		
11	<b>Chapman</b>		X		<b>Norman A</b>	✓		
12	<b>Cobb</b>	✓			<b>Norman K</b>	✓		
13	<b>Daniel</b>		X		<b>O'Quinn</b>		X	
14	<b>Deane</b>		X		<b>Page</b>	<i>Apologies</i>		
15	<b>Druitt</b>		X		<b>Peltzer Dunn</b>	✓		
16	<b>Gibson</b>		X		<b>Penn</b>		X	
17	<b>Gilbey</b>		X		<b>Phillips</b>		X	
18	<b>Greenbaum</b>	<i>Apologies</i>			<b>Robins</b>		X	
19	<b>Hamilton</b>		X		<b>Simson</b>	✓		
20	<b>Hill</b>		X		<b>Sykes</b>		X	
21	<b>Horan</b>		X		<b>Taylor</b>	✓		
22	<b>Hyde</b>	✓			<b>Theobald C</b>	✓		
23	<b>Inkpin-Leissner</b>		X		<b>Theobald G</b>	✓		
24	<b>Janio</b>	✓			<b>Wares</b>	✓		
25	<b>Knight</b>		X		<b>Wealls</b>	✓		
26	<b>Lewry</b>	✓			<b>West</b>		X	
27	<b>Littman</b>		X		<b>Yates</b>		X	
					<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>

87.20. The Mayor confirmed that the amendment was **lost** by 20 votes to 32

Conservative Amendment No.2

		For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
1	<b>Allen</b>		X		<b>Mac Cafferty</b>	✓		
2	<b>Atkinson</b>		X		<b>Marsh</b>		X	
3	<b>Barford</b>		X		<b>Meadows</b>		X	
4	<b>Barnett</b>	✓			<b>Mears</b>	✓		
5	<b>Barradell</b>		X		<b>Miller</b>	✓		
6	<b>Bell</b>	✓			<b>Mitchell</b>		X	
7	<b>Bennett</b>	✓			<b>Moonan</b>		X	
8	<b>Bewick</b>		X		<b>Morgan</b>		X	
9	<b>Brown</b>	✓			<b>Morris</b>		X	
10	<b>Cattell</b>		X		<b>Nemeth</b>	✓		
11	<b>Chapman</b>		X		<b>Norman A</b>	✓		
12	<b>Cobb</b>	✓			<b>Norman K</b>	✓		
13	<b>Daniel</b>		X		<b>O'Quinn</b>		X	
14	<b>Deane</b>	✓			<b>Page</b>	<i>Apologies</i>		
15	<b>Druitt</b>	✓			<b>Peltzer Dunn</b>	✓		
16	<b>Gibson</b>	✓			<b>Penn</b>		X	
17	<b>Gilbey</b>		X		<b>Phillips</b>	✓		
18	<b>Greenbaum</b>	<i>Apologies</i>			<b>Robins</b>		X	
19	<b>Hamilton</b>		X		<b>Simson</b>	✓		
20	<b>Hill</b>		X		<b>Sykes</b>	✓		
21	<b>Horan</b>		X		<b>Taylor</b>	✓		
22	<b>Hyde</b>	✓			<b>Theobald C</b>	✓		
23	<b>Inkpin-Leissner</b>		X		<b>Theobald G</b>	✓		
24	<b>Janio</b>	✓			<b>Wares</b>	✓		
25	<b>Knight</b>	✓			<b>Wealls</b>	✓		
26	<b>Lewry</b>	✓			<b>West</b>	✓		



27	<b>Littman</b>	✓				<b>Yates</b>		X	
						<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	

87.21. The Mayor confirmed that the amendment was **carried** by 29 votes to 23

Conservative Amendment No.3

		For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
1	<b>Allen</b>		X		<b>Mac Cafferty</b>		X	
2	<b>Atkinson</b>		X		<b>Marsh</b>		X	
3	<b>Barford</b>		X		<b>Meadows</b>		X	
4	<b>Barnett</b>	✓			<b>Mears</b>	✓		
5	<b>Barradell</b>		X		<b>Miller</b>	✓		
6	<b>Bell</b>	✓			<b>Mitchell</b>		X	
7	<b>Bennett</b>	✓			<b>Moonan</b>		X	
8	<b>Bewick</b>		X		<b>Morgan</b>		X	
9	<b>Brown</b>	✓			<b>Morris</b>		X	
10	<b>Cattell</b>		X		<b>Nemeth</b>	✓		
11	<b>Chapman</b>		X		<b>Norman A</b>	✓		
12	<b>Cobb</b>	✓			<b>Norman K</b>	✓		
13	<b>Daniel</b>		X		<b>O'Quinn</b>		X	
14	<b>Deane</b>		X		<b>Page</b>	<i>Apologies</i>		
15	<b>Druitt</b>		X		<b>Peltzer Dunn</b>	✓		
16	<b>Gibson</b>		X		<b>Penn</b>		X	
17	<b>Gilbey</b>		X		<b>Phillips</b>		X	
18	<b>Greenbaum</b>	<i>Apologies</i>			<b>Robins</b>		X	
19	<b>Hamilton</b>		X		<b>Simson</b>	✓		
20	<b>Hill</b>		X		<b>Sykes</b>		X	
21	<b>Horan</b>		X		<b>Taylor</b>	✓		
22	<b>Hyde</b>	✓			<b>Theobald C</b>	✓		
23	<b>Inkpin-Leissner</b>		X		<b>Theobald G</b>	✓		
24	<b>Janio</b>	✓			<b>Wares</b>	✓		

25	<b>Knight</b>		X		<b>Wealls</b>	✓		
26	<b>Lewry</b>	✓			<b>West</b>		X	
27	<b>Littman</b>		X		<b>Yates</b>		X	
					<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	

87.22. The Mayor confirmed that the amendment was **lost** by 20 votes to 32

Conservative Amendment No.4

		For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
1	<b>Allen</b>		X		<b>Mac Cafferty</b>		X	
2	<b>Atkinson</b>		X		<b>Marsh</b>		X	
3	<b>Barford</b>		X		<b>Meadows</b>		X	
4	<b>Barnett</b>	✓			<b>Mears</b>	✓		
5	<b>Barradell</b>		X		<b>Miller</b>	✓		
6	<b>Bell</b>	✓			<b>Mitchell</b>		X	
7	<b>Bennett</b>	✓			<b>Moonan</b>		X	
8	<b>Bewick</b>		X		<b>Morgan</b>		X	
9	<b>Brown</b>	✓			<b>Morris</b>		X	
10	<b>Cattell</b>		X		<b>Nemeth</b>	✓		
11	<b>Chapman</b>		X		<b>Norman A</b>	✓		
12	<b>Cobb</b>	✓			<b>Norman K</b>	✓		
13	<b>Daniel</b>		X		<b>O'Quinn</b>		X	
14	<b>Deane</b>		X		<b>Page</b>	<i>Apologies</i>		
15	<b>Druitt</b>		X		<b>Peltzer Dunn</b>	✓		
16	<b>Gibson</b>		X		<b>Penn</b>		X	
17	<b>Gilbey</b>		X		<b>Phillips</b>		X	
18	<b>Greenbaum</b>	<i>Apologies</i>			<b>Robins</b>		X	
19	<b>Hamilton</b>		X		<b>Simson</b>	✓		
20	<b>Hill</b>		X		<b>Sykes</b>		X	
21	<b>Horan</b>		X		<b>Taylor</b>	✓		

22	Hyde	✓			Theobald C	✓		
23	Inkpin-Leissner		X		Theobald G	✓		
24	Janio	✓			Wares	✓		
25	Knight		X		Wealls	✓		
26	Lewry	✓			West		X	
27	Littman		X		Yates		X	
					<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	

87.23. The Mayor confirmed that the amendment was **lost** by 20 votes to 32.

Conservative Amendment No.5

		For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen		X		Mac Cafferty		X	
2	Atkinson		X		Marsh		X	
3	Barford		X		Meadows		X	
4	Barnett	✓			Mears	✓		
5	Barradell		X		Miller	✓		
6	Bell	✓			Mitchell		X	
7	Bennett	✓			Moonan		X	
8	Bewick		X		Morgan		X	
9	Brown	✓			Morris		X	
10	Cattell		X		Nemeth	✓		
11	Chapman		X		Norman A	✓		
12	Cobb	✓			Norman K	✓		
13	Daniel		X		O'Quinn		X	
14	Deane		X		Page	<i>Apologies</i>		
15	Druitt		X		Peltzer Dunn	✓		
16	Gibson		X		Penn		X	
17	Gilbey		X		Phillips		X	
18	Greenbaum	<i>Apologies</i>			Robins		X	

19	Hamilton		X		Simson	✓		
20	Hill		X		Sykes		X	
21	Horan		X		Taylor	✓		
22	Hyde	✓			Theobald C	✓		
23	Inkpin-Leissner		X		Theobald G	✓		
24	Janio	✓			Wares	✓		
25	Knight		X		Wealls	✓		
26	Lewry	✓			West		X	
27	Littman		X		Yates		X	
					<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	

87.24. The Mayor confirmed that the amendment was **lost** by 20 votes to 32

Conservative Amendment No.6

		For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen		X		Mac Cafferty	✓		
2	Atkinson		X		Marsh		X	
3	Barford		X		Meadows		X	
4	Barnett	✓			Mears	✓		
5	Barradell		X		Miller	✓		
6	Bell	✓			Mitchell		X	
7	Bennett	✓			Moonan		X	
8	Bewick		X		Morgan		X	
9	Brown	✓			Morris		X	
10	Cattell		X		Nemeth	✓		
11	Chapman		X		Norman A	✓		
12	Cobb	✓			Norman K	✓		
13	Daniel		X		O'Quinn		X	
14	Deane	✓			Page	<i>Apologies</i>		
15	Druitt	✓			Peltzer Dunn	✓		
16	Gibson	✓			Penn		X	

17	<b>Gilbey</b>		X		<b>Phillips</b>	✓		
18	<b>Greenbaum</b>	<i>Apologies</i>			<b>Robins</b>		X	
19	<b>Hamilton</b>		X		<b>Simson</b>	✓		
20	<b>Hill</b>		X		<b>Sykes</b>	✓		
21	<b>Horan</b>		X		<b>Taylor</b>	✓		
22	<b>Hyde</b>	✓			<b>Theobald C</b>	✓		
23	<b>Inkpin-Leissner</b>		X		<b>Theobald G</b>	✓		
24	<b>Janio</b>	✓			<b>Wares</b>	✓		
25	<b>Knight</b>	✓			<b>Wealls</b>	✓		
26	<b>Lewry</b>	✓			<b>West</b>	✓		
27	<b>Littman</b>	✓			<b>Yates</b>		X	
					<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	

87.25. The Mayor confirmed that the amendment was **carried** by 29 votes to 23.

87.26. The Mayor confirmed that the Conservative Group's amendments No's. 1, 3, 4 and 5 had been lost and that amendments No's 2 and 6 had been carried.

87.27. The Mayor noted that various amendments had been carried and in order for the revised council tax resolutions to be prepared and circulated to Members, she proposed to adjourn the meeting for a period of 20 minutes.

87.28. The Mayor then adjourned the meeting at 8.40pm.

87.29. The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 9.00pm and invited the Acting Director for Finance & Resources to confirm the budget position.

87.30. The Acting Director of Finance & Resources confirmed that the two amendments had been reflected in the revised council tax resolutions that had been circulated. These changes needed to be taken into account by Members prior to their vote on the budget proposals although the proposed 3.99% council tax rise remained the same.

87.31. The Mayor then put the proposed General Fund Revenue Budget based on a 3.99% council tax increase as amended to the vote.

		For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
1	<b>Allen</b>	✓			<b>Mac Cafferty</b>		X	
2	<b>Atkinson</b>	✓			<b>Marsh</b>	✓		
3	<b>Barford</b>	✓			<b>Meadows</b>	✓		

4	Barnett		X		Mears		X	
5	Barradell	✓			Miller		X	
6	Bell		X		Mitchell	✓		
7	Bennett		X		Moonan	✓		
8	Bewick	✓			Morgan	✓		
9	Brown		X		Morris	✓		
10	Cattell	✓			Nemeth		X	
11	Chapman	✓			Norman A		X	
12	Cobb		X		Norman K		X	
13	Daniel	✓			O'Quinn	✓		
14	Deane		X		Page	<i>Apologies</i>		
15	Druitt		X		Peltzer Dunn		X	
16	Gibson		X		Penn	✓		
17	Gilbey	✓			Phillips		X	
18	Greenbaum	<i>Apologies</i>			Robins	✓		
19	Hamilton	✓			Simson		X	
20	Hill	✓			Sykes		X	
21	Horan	✓			Taylor		X	
22	Hyde		X		Theobald C		X	
23	Inkpin-Leissner	✓			Theobald G		X	
24	Janio		X		Wares		X	
25	Knight		X		Wealls		X	
26	Lewry		X		West		X	
27	Littman		X		Yates	✓		
					<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>

87.32. The Mayor confirmed that the motion had been **lost** by 23 votes to 29.

87.33. The Mayor stated that in view of the failure to set a General Fund Revenue Budget & Council Tax 2016/17, she proposed to adjourn the meeting for a period of 30 minutes, in order to enable the respective Leaders and their Groups to discuss matters and seek a way forward.

- 87.34. The Mayor then adjourned the meeting at 9.05pm.
- 87.35. The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 10.35pm and apologised for the delay. She stated that she had been made aware of a revised amendment and would call on Councillors G. Theobald and Wealls to move and second the amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group.
- 87.36. The Mayor then noted that in order to proceed she needed to move that the Council Procedure Rules be suspended further in accordance with Council Procedural Rule 1.7 to enable the new amendment and the substantive budget to be moved and voted on.
- 87.37. The motion was **carried**.
- 87.38. The Mayor then invited Councillor G. Theobald to move the amendment and revised substantive budget.
- 87.39. Councillor G. Theobald stated that he was delighted and pleased to be able to move the revised amendment which had been circulated; and wished to commend Councillor Morgan on his role during the negotiations. He therefore moved the revised amendment as follows:

Amendments 2, 3 and 6 as per the addendum:

*It is proposed to release £0.095m of the recurrent resources identified in paragraph 3.6 of the supplementary Report (page 408) and replace with one-off funding of £0.095m. This amendment does not change any of the allocations included in paragraph 3.6 of the Supplementary Report.*

*It is proposed that the following additional savings are made in the General Fund revenue budget for 2016/17:*

- *Additional saving of £0.019m from senior management and related support through the review of the top four tiers of management. This is in addition to the savings related to Management Spans & Accountability already included in the Four Year Service & Financial Plans.*

*To utilise the additional £0.114m recurrent resources generated to:*

- *Remove the savings proposal of £0.086m in respect of Residential, Respite and Short Breaks on page 96.*
- *Reduce the savings proposal of £0.144m in respect of Housing Support services on page 121 by £0.028m in order to protect against increasing homelessness.*

*The alternative savings proposals set out above require £0.100m revenue reserves to manage the part-year implementation in 2016/17. It is proposed to reduce the contribution to the Restructure & Redundancy Reserve for 2016/17 by £0.100m and this contribution will be reinstated as a first call on any reserves created by any reduction in the projected overspend for 2015/16 between now and the year-end.*

*It is proposed that the following additional savings are made in the General Fund revenue budget for 2016/17:*

- Further savings of £0.020m across the Travellers budgets through improved management of the Horsdean site and increased income once the site is fully operational.
- Further savings of £0.030m across Housing Services through deletion of a vacant administrative post.

To utilise the additional £0.050m resources generated to:

- Remove the savings proposal of £0.050m in respect of Environmental Protection on page 187 in order to reinstate the Noise patrol service.

*It is proposed that the following additional ongoing saving is made in the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2016/17:*

- Make further efficiencies of £0.075m across Housing Management by bringing forward service wide reviews and reducing reliance on agency staff.
- Reduce the increase in direct revenue funding of the HRA capital programme by £0.070m.

To utilise the additional £0.145m resources generated to:

- Remove the savings proposal of £0.145m in respect of HRA contribution to the community grants programme in order to support third sector organisations as the community grants programme moves to the new commissioning model.

*The following amendment be further agreed to replace amendments 1, 4 and 5.*

*It is proposed that the following additional savings are made in the General Fund revenue budget for 2016/17:*

- Additional saving of £0.120m from management, administration and related support. This is in addition to the savings related to Management Spans & Accountability already included in the Four Year Service & Financial Plans.
- Reduce the budget for Trade Union facility time by £0.030m.

*The additional £0.150m recurrent resources generated will be used to:*

- Reinstate funding of £0.060m for public conveniences to reduce the impact of deferred saving from 2015/16.
- Provide £0.040m additional recurrent resources for verge cutting across the city, equivalent to one additional cut per year.
- Reduce the savings proposal of £0.054m relating to mental health preventive contracts on page 83 by £0.050m to £0.004m.

*The alternative savings proposals set out above require £0.043m revenue reserves to manage the part-year implementation in 2016/17. It is proposed to reduce the*



*contribution to the Restructure & Redundancy Reserve for 2016/17 by £0.043m and this contribution will be reinstated as a first call on any reserves created by any reduction in the projected overspend for 2015/16 between now and the year-end.*

87.40. Councillor Wealls formally seconded the proposed amendment and revised substantive budget.

87.41. The Mayor then asked for the voting system to be activated and put the revised amendment as outlined to the vote.

		For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
1	<b>Allen</b>	✓			<b>Mac Cafferty</b>		X	
2	<b>Atkinson</b>	✓			<b>Marsh</b>	✓		
3	<b>Barford</b>	✓			<b>Meadows</b>	✓		
4	<b>Barnett</b>	✓			<b>Mears</b>	✓		
5	<b>Barradell</b>	✓			<b>Miller</b>	✓		
6	<b>Bell</b>	✓			<b>Mitchell</b>	✓		
7	<b>Bennett</b>	✓			<b>Moonan</b>	✓		
8	<b>Bewick</b>	✓			<b>Morgan</b>	✓		
9	<b>Brown</b>	✓			<b>Morris</b>	✓		
10	<b>Cattell</b>	✓			<b>Nemeth</b>	✓		
11	<b>Chapman</b>	✓			<b>Norman A</b>	✓		
12	<b>Cobb</b>	✓			<b>Norman K</b>	✓		
13	<b>Daniel</b>	✓			<b>O'Quinn</b>	✓		
14	<b>Deane</b>		X		<b>Page</b>	<i>Apologies</i>		
15	<b>Druitt</b>		X		<b>Peltzer Dunn</b>	✓		
16	<b>Gibson</b>		X		<b>Penn</b>	✓		
17	<b>Gilbey</b>	✓			<b>Phillips</b>		X	
18	<b>Greenbaum</b>	<i>Apologies</i>			<b>Robins</b>	✓		
19	<b>Hamilton</b>	✓			<b>Simson</b>	✓		
20	<b>Hill</b>	✓			<b>Sykes</b>		X	
21	<b>Horan</b>	✓			<b>Taylor</b>	✓		
22	<b>Hyde</b>	✓			<b>Theobald C</b>	✓		
23	<b>Inkpin-Leissner</b>	✓			<b>Theobald G</b>	✓		

24	Janio	✓			Wares	✓		
25	Knight		X		Wealls	✓		
26	Lewry	✓			West		X	
27	Littman		X		Yates	✓		
					<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>9</b>	

87.42. The Mayor confirmed that the motion had been **carried** by 43 votes to 9.

87.43. The Mayor noted that the amendment had been carried and therefore put the General Fund Revenue Budget based on a 3.99% council tax increase as amended; together with the supplementary financial information to the vote.

		For	Against	Abstain		For	Agains	Abstain
1	Allen	✓			Mac Cafferty		X	
2	Atkinson	✓			Marsh	✓		
3	Barford	✓			Meadows	✓		
4	Barnett	✓			Mears	✓		
5	Barradell	✓			Miller	✓		
6	Bell	✓			Mitchell	✓		
7	Bennett	✓			Moonan	✓		
8	Bewick	✓			Morgan	✓		
9	Brown	✓			Morris	✓		
10	Cattell	✓			Nemeth	✓		
11	Chapman	✓			Norman A	✓		
12	Cobb	✓			Norman K	✓		
13	Daniel	✓			O'Quinn	✓		
14	Deane		X		Page		<i>Apologies</i>	
15	Druitt		X		Peltzer Dunn	✓		
16	Gibson		X		Penn	✓		
17	Gilbey	✓			Phillips		X	
18	Greenbaum	<i>Apologies</i>			Robins	✓		
19	Hamilton	✓			Simson	✓		
20	Hill	✓			Sykes		X	

21	Horan	✓			Taylor	✓		
22	Hyde	✓			Theobald C	✓		
23	Inkpin-Leissner	✓			Theobald G	✓		
24	Janio	✓			Wares	✓		
25	Knight		X		Wealls	✓		
26	Lewry	✓			West		X	
27	Littman		X		Yates	✓		
					<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>9</b>	

87.44. The Mayor confirmed that the motion had been **carried** by 43 votes to 9.

#### 87.45. Formal Council Tax Resolution

- 1 It be noted that at on 21 January 2016 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2016/17:
  - (a) for the whole Council area as 86,173.00 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which special items relate:
    - Rottingdean Parish – 1,533.40
    - Hanover Crescent Enclosure – 44.20
    - Royal Crescent Enclosure – 29.40
- 2 Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2016/17 (excluding Parish precepts) is £119,982,000.
- 3 That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2016/17 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - (a) £700,937,863 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) £580,912,048 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
  - (c) £120,025,815 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) £1,392.85 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), 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) £70,803 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £1,392.03 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), 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 items relates.
- (g) £1,420.60 Rottingdean Parish  
 £1,562.96 Hanover Crescent  
 £1,558.02 Marine Square  
 £1,657.81 Royal Crescent

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the relevant amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for the dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

Valuation Band: Parts of the Council's area	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rottingdean Parish	789.22	947.07	1,104.91	1,262.76	1,420.60	1,736.29	2,051.98	2,367.67	2,841.20
Hanover Crescent	868.31	1,041.97	1,215.64	1,389.30	1,562.96	1,910.28	2,257.61	2,604.93	3,125.92
Marine Square	865.57	1,038.68	1,211.79	1,384.91	1,558.02	1,904.25	2,250.47	2,596.70	3,116.04
Royal Crescent	921.01	1,105.21	1,289.41	1,473.61	1,657.81	2,026.21	2,394.61	2,763.02	3,315.62
All other parts of the councils area	773.35	928.02	1,082.69	1,237.36	1,392.03	1,701.37	2,010.71	2,320.05	2,784.06

\* Entitled to disabled relief

- 4 To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below:

Band:	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner	82.73	99.27	115.82	132.36	148.91	182.00	215.09	248.18	297.82

\* Entitled to disabled relief

Band:	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
East Sussex Fire Authority	48.18	57.81	67.45	77.08	86.72	105.99	125.26	144.53	173.44

\* Entitled to disabled relief

- 5 That the Council, in accordance with Section 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2016/17 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Valuation Band: Parts of the Council's area	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rottingdean Parish	920.13	1,104.15	1,288.18	1,472.20	1,656.23	2,024.28	2,392.33	2,760.38	3,312.46
Hanover Crescent	999.22	1,199.05	1,398.91	1,598.74	1,798.59	2,198.27	2,597.96	2,997.64	3,597.18
Marine Square	996.48	1,195.76	1,395.06	1,594.35	1,793.65	2,192.24	2,590.82	2,989.41	3,587.30
Royal Crescent	1,051.92	1,262.29	1,472.68	1,683.05	1,893.44	2,314.20	2,734.96	3,155.73	3,786.88
All other parts of the councils area	904.26	1,085.10	1,265.96	1,446.80	1,627.66	1,989.36	2,351.06	2,712.76	3,255.32

\* Entitled to disabled relief

- 6 In accordance with Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 the Council determines its relevant basic amount of council tax for the financial year 2016/17 is not excessive.

## 88 SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR BUDGET COUNCIL

Note:

- 88.1. The item was taken into consideration as part of the overall budget debate and included in the votes on the amendments to the General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2016/17 and Supplementary Financial Information recommendation 2.1 and the final vote on the overall General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2016/17 as detailed under Item 87 above.

## 89 CAPITAL RESOURCES AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT REPORT 2016/17

- 89.1. The Mayor noted that the Capital Resources and Capital Investment Report 2016/17 had been taken into consideration as part of the overall budget debate as detailed under Item 87 above, and therefore put the recommendations of the Policy & Resources Committee (1-6) to the vote.

- 89.2. **RESOLVED:** That the Capital Resources and Capital Investment Report 2016/17 be approved as detailed below:

		For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
1	<b>Allen</b>	✓			<b>Mac Cafferty</b>	✓		
2	<b>Atkinson</b>	✓			<b>Marsh</b>	✓		
3	<b>Barford</b>	✓			<b>Meadows</b>	✓		
4	<b>Barnett</b>	✓			<b>Mears</b>	✓		
5	<b>Barradell</b>	✓			<b>Miller</b>	✓		

6	Bell	✓			Mitchell	✓		
7	Bennett	✓			Moonan	✓		
8	Bewick	✓			Morgan	✓		
9	Brown	✓			Morris	✓		
10	Cattell	✓			Nemeth	✓		
11	Chapman	✓			Norman A	✓		
12	Cobb	✓			Norman K	✓		
13	Daniel	✓			O'Quinn	✓		
14	Deane	✓			Page		<i>Apologies</i>	
15	Druitt	✓			Peltzer Dunn	✓		
16	Gibson	✓			Penn	✓		
17	Gilbey	✓			Phillips	✓		
18	Greenbaum		<i>Apologies</i>		Robins			✓
19	Hamilton	✓			Simson	✓		
20	Hill	✓			Sykes	✓		
21	Horan	✓			Taylor	✓		
22	Hyde	✓			Theobald C	✓		
23	Inkpin-Leissner	✓			Theobald G	✓		
24	Janio	✓			Wares	✓		
25	Knight	✓			Wealls	✓		
26	Lewry	✓			West	✓		
27	Littman	✓			Yates	✓		
					<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

89.3. The Mayor confirmed that the motion had been **carried** by 52 votes to 0.

## 90 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2016/17 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

90.1. The Mayor noted that the Housing Revenue Account Budget and Investment Programme 2016/17 and Medium term Financial Strategy 2016/17 had been taken into consideration as part of the overall budget debate as detailed under Item 87 above.

- 90.2. She also noted that an amendment to the HRA budget had been carried and therefore put the recommendations of the Policy & Resources Committee (1-2) as amended to the vote:

*It is proposed that the following additional ongoing saving is made in the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2016/17:*

- *Make further efficiencies of £0.075m across Housing Management by bringing forward service wide reviews and reducing reliance on agency staff.*
- *Reduce the increase in direct revenue funding of the HRA capital programme by £0.070m.*

*To utilise the additional £0.145m resources generated to:*

- *Remove the savings proposal of £0.145m in respect of HRA contribution to the community grants programme in order to support third sector organisations as the community grants programme moves to the new commissioning model.*

- 90.3. **RESOLVED:** That the Housing Revenue Account Budget and Investment Programme 2016/17 and Medium term Financial Strategy 2016/17 as amended be approved as detailed below:

		For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
1	<b>Allen</b>	✓			<b>Mac Cafferty</b>	✓		
2	<b>Atkinson</b>	✓			<b>Marsh</b>	✓		
3	<b>Barford</b>	✓			<b>Meadows</b>	✓		
4	<b>Barnett</b>		X		<b>Mears</b>		X	
5	<b>Barradell</b>	✓			<b>Miller</b>		X	
6	<b>Bell</b>		X		<b>Mitchell</b>	✓		
7	<b>Bennett</b>		X		<b>Moonan</b>	✓		
8	<b>Bewick</b>	✓			<b>Morgan</b>	✓		
9	<b>Brown</b>		X		<b>Morris</b>	✓		
10	<b>Cattell</b>	✓			<b>Nemeth</b>		X	
11	<b>Chapman</b>	✓			<b>Norman A</b>		X	
12	<b>Cobb</b>		X		<b>Norman K</b>		X	
13	<b>Daniel</b>	✓			<b>O'Quinn</b>	✓		
14	<b>Deane</b>	✓			<b>Page</b>	<i>Apologies</i>		
15	<b>Druitt</b>	✓			<b>Peltzer Dunn</b>		X	
16	<b>Gibson</b>	✓			<b>Penn</b>	✓		

17	<b>Gilbey</b>	✓			<b>Phillips</b>	✓		
18	<b>Greenbaum</b>	<i>Apologies</i>			<b>Robins</b>	✓		
19	<b>Hamilton</b>	✓			<b>Simson</b>		X	
20	<b>Hill</b>	✓			<b>Sykes</b>	✓		
21	<b>Horan</b>	✓			<b>Taylor</b>		X	
22	<b>Hyde</b>		X		<b>Theobald C</b>		X	
23	<b>Inkpin-Leissner</b>	✓			<b>Theobald G</b>		X	
24	<b>Janio</b>		X		<b>Wares</b>		X	
25	<b>Knight</b>	✓			<b>Wealls</b>		X	
26	<b>Lewry</b>		X		<b>West</b>	✓		
27	<b>Littman</b>	✓			<b>Yates</b>	✓		
					<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>

87.46. The Mayor confirmed that the motion had been **carried** by 32 votes to 20.

## 91 CLOSE OF MEETING

91.1. The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 10.45pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2016