

BOROUGH OF TELFORD & WREKIN

Minutes of a meeting of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin held on Thursday, 1 March, 2012 at 6.30 p.m. at the Civic Offices, Telford.

PRESENT:

Councillors M.J. Smith (Mayor), R.K. Austin, S. Bentley, K.T. Blundell, F.M. Bould, S.P. Burrell, E.J. Carter, E.A. Clare, S. Davies, B.H. Duce, A.J. Eade, C.B.A. Elliott, A.R.H. England, N.A.M. England, R.C. Evans, I.T.W. Fletcher, V.A. Fletcher, G.M. Green, E.J. Greenaway, K.R. Guy, M.G. Ion, A.S. Jhawar, A. Lawrence, J. Loveridge, A.A. Mackenzie, C.N. Mason, A.D. McClements, W.A.M. McClements, A.A. Meredith, J.C. Minor, C.P.R. Mollett, L.A. Murray, R.A. Overton, F.R. Picken, S.A.W. Reynolds, H. Rhodes, K.S. Sahota (Leader), R.G. Scammell, J.M. Seymour, R.J. Sloan, C.F. Smith, A.J. Stanton, B.J. Thompson, K.L. Tomlinson, W.L. Tomlinson, C.R. Turley, P.R. Watling and D.R.W. White.

84. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 19 January, 2012, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

85. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors D.G. Davies, N.A. Dugmore, T.J. Hope, M.B. Hosken, R.T. Kiernan and G.C.W. Reynolds.

86. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor E.J. Greenaway declared a personal interest in agenda item 7, Financial Monitoring Report.

Councillor C.B.A. Elliott declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 8, Appendices E1 & E2, Overview & Revenue Budget and Capital Programme.

Councillor R.C. Evans declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 8, Appendices E1 & E2, Overview & Revenue Budget and Capital Programme.

Councillor V.A. Fletcher declared a personal interest in agenda item 10, resolved minutes of Budget & Finance Scrutiny Committee.

87. LEADER'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Announcements

The Leader presented a certificate of achievement to representatives from Redhill school. Kate Clark (Head Teacher), Mandy Ward (Deputy Head) and Michelle Sedgebeer, together with pupils from the school received the award. The school, in partnership with Makololwe Primary school, Kenya, had created a 'World in our School' cookbook. Proceeds from the sale of the book had raised £428 which had been sent to Makololwe school as a contribution to improve sanitary provision at the school. The project celebrated the cultural and ethnic diversity within Redhill Primary school, and raised awareness of the many causes of food insecurity around the world. The Leader invited Councillor V.A. Fletcher to speak about the

project. Councillor Fletcher, Ward Member and school governor, told Members that the Fairtrade and Executive Committees, staff, governors, parents and children had all worked extremely hard to make the project a success.

b) Leader's Report

The Leader told Members that the current year's budget had been the most difficult ever. He specifically thanked the Finance team for their exceptional hard work and more widely, paid tribute to the Council's valued workforce. He asked Members to note the highest ever number of responses to the budget consultation and commended the prudent and sustainable budget strategy which would be debated later in the meeting.

A letter had been sent to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, informing him of the unique financial challenges facing the Borough.

88. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Mayoral Engagements

The Mayor briefly updated Members on his recent engagements.

89. CABINET DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Members received the report on the Cabinet decisions made since the last meeting of the Council on 19 January, 2012.

90. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET

23 February, 2012, 2011/12 Financial Monitoring Report

Councillor W.A.M. McClements, Cabinet Member: Resources & Service Delivery, presented the report (Appendix D) of the Assistant Director: Finance, Audit & Information Governance which showed overall revenue spending projected to be within approved budgets and provided an update on progress on capital programme spending. The report also highlighted some new capital allocations, virements slippage and accelerated schemes which required formal approval by Council.

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the changes to the Capital programme shown in section 1 of the report be approved.

Prior to discussion of the following item Councillors C.B.A. Elliott and R.C. Evans left the room.

91. SERVICE & FINANCIAL PLANNING 2012/13-2014-15

(A) Service & Financial Planning 2012/13 – 2014/15 – Overview & Revenue Budget

Prior to discussion of this item the Chief Executive reminded Members that section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, placed limitations on voting on the setting of Council Tax for the forthcoming year by any Member who was at least 2 months in arrears in the payment of outstanding Council Tax. Any Member in this situation would also be required to disclose the fact that this section of the Act applied to them. No disclosures were made by Members.

Councillor W.A.M. McClements, Cabinet Member: Resources & Service Delivery, presented the report of the Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director: Finance, Audit & Information Governance which sought approval of the Service & Financial Planning strategy (Appendix E1) for the period 2012/13 – 2014/15, including specific 2012/13 budget proposals and saving and capital investment plans for all three years, as recommended by Cabinet at its meeting on 23rd February, 2012. The report, together with those covering the Capital Programme (Appendix E2), the Treasury Management Strategy (Appendix E3), and the Prudential Indicators (Appendix E4) formed the overall Medium Term Service & Financial Planning framework for the Council.

In summary, key proposals were:

- In line with the responses to the consultation exercise, the report proposed an increase in the level of council tax of 2.5% in 2012/13. It is also proposed to plan on the basis of increases at this level for the remainder of the term of this Council. This would ensure that the financial position and ability of the Council to deliver services was more sustainable than the short-term alternative of taking a one-off grant from the Government which would otherwise force greater cuts or a higher council tax increase in 2013/14.
- Implementation of the further reductions to the number of senior managers recently consulted upon and continuation of the organisation wide restructuring and service review process currently underway which will see budgets cut by 20% in most parts of the Council although the actual level of savings would vary between different services. Staffing budgets would have been reduced by over £17m and non-staff savings proposals included in the report totalled over £21m over the three year period.
- To protect the adult social care budget by reinvesting savings of £2.5m back in to adult social care services.
- To continue the Council's investment commitment in key infrastructure projects such as new and improved schools and the regeneration of Telford Town Centre as well as some new investment in Brookside.

- To suspend the contribution to the single status provision until implementation which is planned for 2014/15.

Councillor McClements outlined the consultation process, discussing areas where changes had been proposed but had been withdrawn following consultation feedback. The Borough was already a low Council Tax authority which meant that cutting costs was more difficult. The government's unprecedented cuts in funding and 'damping' of grants available, significant capital debt repayments and low levels of reserves contributed to making this the most difficult budget setting ever faced by the Borough.

Councillor A.J. Eade, leader of the Conservative group, told Members that. He accepted these were difficult times but that there was no excuse for a Council Tax increase. He felt that this would have an impact on the local economy and felt that the consultation exercise had been flawed. He disagreed with a number of proposed service cuts and elements of the capital strategy and would not support the budget proposals.

Councillor W.L. Tomlinson, leader of the Liberal Democrat/Independent group believed that the level of cuts imposed on local government was too high and was being implemented too quickly. He was generally in agreement with the budget and accepted an increase in Council Tax with a heavy heart as there was no guarantee of what level of grant the Council would receive in future years.

A number of other Members spoke both for and against the proposed budget.

Councillor McClements, in response, told Members that the consultation process had been an open and honest process and carried out to a high standard. He was unhappy that there had been some suggestion that the process was flawed and that persons in receipt of benefits should not have their views heard in any consultation on the budget. Referring to the offer of a £1.4m grant from government, he pointed out that Members should note that last year this same grant had been £5.6m. The main opposition group had not submitted an alternative budget but he did not believe that the limited proposals made during debate were sustainable. Councillor McClements moved that the budget and Council Tax resolution proposals be approved.

A recorded vote was requested on the budget and the formal resolution of Council Tax, voting was as follows:

For: Councillors: Austin, Blundell, Bould, Clare, S Davies, Duce, A England, N England, Green, Guy, Ion, Jhavar, Loveridge, Mackenzie, Mason, A McClements, W. McClements, Minor, Murray, Overton, Picken, S Reynolds, Rhodes, Sahota, Sloan, C Smith, M Smith, Thompson, K Tomlinson, W Tomlinson, Turley, Watling & White (33)

Against: Councillors: Bentley, Burrell, Carter, Eade, I Fletcher, V Fletcher, Greenaway, Lawrence, Meredith, Mollett, Scammell, Seymour & Stanton (13)

Absent: Councillors: Elliot & Evans (2)

It was:

RESOLVED that:

- 2.1 The base budget summarised by Service Delivery Unit in Appendix 1**
- 2.2 An increase of 2.5% in council tax levels in 2012/13 (41 pence per week for the average property in the Borough) and a strategy of increasing council tax by 2.5% in future budgets set by the current Administration in order to maintain financial stability and to protect the delivery of front-line services.**
- 2.3 The reinvestment of £2.5m savings from Adult Social Care to offset service pressures being faced by Adult Social Care services in 2012/13 and the release of £0.9m from the proposed corporate inflation contingency in line with the savings proposals included in 2.5. This will set the corporate inflation contingency for 2012/13 at £2.5m**
- 2.4 To consider the feedback from consultation summarised in Appendix 11 and from scrutiny in Appendix 9**
- 2.5 The 2012/13 net savings package of £8.899m (£9.48m gross) from non-staffing budgets and £8.158m (£9.59m gross) from staffing budgets detailed in Appendices 4, 5 and 6 and the savings proposals set out in these appendices for future years.**
- 2.6 The planned savings targets in future years detailed in Appendices 3, 4 and 5.**
- 2.7 The earmarking of the projected one-off funding transfer of £3m as outlined in section 4.3 from the Primary Care Trust (PCT) anticipated to be received in 2011/12 to support the Adult Social Care budget on a one-off basis in 2012/13 following the transfer of significant costs relating to Continuing Health Care cases to the Council from the PCT.**
- 2.8 The earmarking of £2.145m underspends and savings delivered ahead of schedule in 2011/12 as a one-off budget contingency for use in 2012/13. This amount may be increased further should the Council underspend at the end of 2011/12 as currently projected.**
- 2.9 The suspension of the contribution to the single status provision until 2014/15 with an ongoing reduction to this budget of £0.9m to offset the cost of the elimination of fixed point grades and to recognise the reduction in the size of the workforce following organisational restructuring.**
- 2.10 The Education budget position set out in section 4.11**
- 2.11 The statement of the Chief Finance Officer in paragraph 6 (supported by Appendix 8 outlining the robustness of the Budget Estimates and the Adequacy of Reserves.)**
- 2.12 The policy framework for Reserves and Balances outlined in Appendix 8**

- 2.13 The use of £1.39m general balances to support the ongoing revenue budget in 2012/13
- 2.14 The earmarking of £0.25m of the General Fund balance as a reserve to support greater flexibility in the working of leisure services.
- 2.15 The revenue implications of the medium term capital programme for the period 2012/13 – 2014/15 set out in the Capital Programme report also on this agenda.
- 2.16 To confirm the council's priorities as set out in section 4.5 of this report and note that the Council Plan will be brought to cabinet for consideration during March.

Service & Financial Planning 2011/12 – 2014/5: Capital Programme

- p) That the report (Appendix E2) and associated capital estimates and variations for 2010/11 and 2012/13 - 2014/15, which incorporated the Capital Strategy, the Capital Programme (Annex I), the Planned Building Maintenance Programme (Annex II), Asset Management Plan (Annex III) and the three year Highways & Transport capital investment programme (Annex IV) be approved;

2012/13 Treasury Strategy and Treasury Update Report

- r) That the treasury management activities for the first half of the year be noted and that the updated Treasury Management Strategy Policy Statement (Appendix A) be agreed and that the Treasury Strategy, including the Annual Investment Strategy for 2012/13 together with the associated treasury Prudential Indicators and the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement be approved.

Prudential Indicators

- s) That the Prudential Indicators proposed in the report (Appendix E4), be approved as part of setting the budget for 2012/13.

(B) Council Tax – Formal Resolution for 2012/13

The Cabinet Member: Resources & Service Delivery, presented the report of the Chief Financial Officer & Assistant Director: Finance, Audit & Information Governance which sought approval of the appropriate formal resolutions to determine the levels of Council Tax for Telford & Wrekin Council for 2012/13. The Localism Act 2011 had made significant changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1992; the authority was now required to set a Council Tax requirement for the year and not its budget requirement as had been the case previously.

The Council Tax base had been determined at the Council meeting held on 19th January 2012 and, following approval of the Council's General and Special Fund budgets for 2012/13 the Cabinet Member: Resources & Service Delivery, moved approval of the appropriate resolutions (Appendix E5) to formally set Council Tax levels throughout the area for the spending requirements of Telford & Wrekin Council, West Mercia Police Authority, Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority and the Parish and Town Councils.

Following a debate on the budget and on this item, a recorded vote was taken on approval of the budget and of the Council Tax resolution together, the result of the vote being shown above 83(A) and it was:

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that at its meeting on 19 January 2012 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2012/13 in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (The Act):-

- (a) 51,345.1 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (The Regulations), as its Council Tax base for the year (The Council Tax Base).

(b) **Part of the Council's Area**
Tax Base

The Parish of:-

Chetwynd	242.6
Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote	163.9
Church Aston	493.4
Dawley Hamlets	2,109.4
Edgmond	533.8
Ercall Magna	616.2
The Gorge	1,248.4
Great Dawley	3,211.6
Hadley & Leegomery	4,217.4
Hollinswood & Randlay	1,559.1
Ketley	1,182.6
Kynnersley	75.6
Lawley & Overdale	2,185.8

Lilleshall, Donnington & Muxton	4,507.7
Little Wenlock	232.6
Madeley	4,848.2
Newport	3,686.8
Oakengates	2,506.3
Preston	95.3
Rodington	347.4
St. Georges & Priorslee	3,858.5
Stirchley & Brookside	2,730.2
Tibberton & Cherrington	281.1
Waters Upton	392.4
Wellington	6,931.6
Wrockwardine	1,442.4
Wrockwardine Wood & Trench	1,608.7
	51,309.0

being 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 area to which one or more special items relate.

3.2. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2012/13 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of The Act:-

- (a) £414,101,082 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) £353,230,382 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act.
- (c) £60,870,700 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3.2(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3.2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year.
- (d) £1,185.52 being the amount at 3.2(c) above divided by the Council Tax base, 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 and special items).

- (e) £3,782,892 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £1,111.84 being the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates (calculated by deducting from the amount at 3.2(d) above, the quotient of the amount at 3.2(e) above divided by the Council Tax Base). The only area that this relates to is the Parish of Eyton.

(g) <u>Part of the Council's Area</u>	£
The Parish of:	
Chetwynd	1,126.26
Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote	1,142.34
Church Aston	1,147.91
Dawley Hamlets (SF2*)	1,149.16
Edgmond	1,136.88
Ercall Magna	1,159.38
The Gorge (SF2*)	1,189.42
Great Dawley (SF2*)	1,215.96
Hadley & Leegomery	1,176.19
Hollinswood & Randlay	1,239.52
Ketley	1,206.36
Kynnersley	1,129.06
Lawley & Overdale (SF1*)	1,169.18
Lilleshall, Donnington & Muxton	1,156.76
Little Wenlock	1,159.13
Madeley (SF2*)	1,207.24
Newport	1,217.24
Oakengates (SF2*)	1,217.67
Preston	1,119.18
Rodington	1,138.58
St. Georges & Priorslee (SF1*)	1,148.28
Stirchley & Brookside(SF2*)	1,238.39
Tibberton & Cherrington	1,125.18
Waters Upton	1,143.95
Wellington (SF2*)	1,184.13
Wrockwardine	1,143.03
Wrockwardine Wood & Trench (SF1*)	1,177.89

**SF1 indicates a parish in the special fund area which has taken over responsibility for footway lighting. An additional charge is made for cemeteries.*

****SF2 indicates a parish in the special fund area which has not taken over responsibility for footway lighting. An additional charge is made for both cemeteries and footway lighting.***

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3.2(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 amount at 3.1(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 dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

- (h) The amounts in Appendix 1 being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3.2(f) and 3.2(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

4. The West Mercia Police Authority's precept for 2012/13 was set at its meeting on 14 February 2012. The following amounts were stated in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

<u>Valuation Band</u>	<u>Amount</u> £
A	119.15
B	139.00
C	158.86
D	178.72
E	218.44
F	258.15
G	297.87
H	357.44

5. The Shropshire & Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority's precept for 2012/13 was set at its meeting on 13 February 2012. The following amounts were stated in

precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

<u>Valuation</u> <u>Band</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>£</u>
A	57.95
B	67.61
C	77.27
D	86.93
E	106.25
F	125.57
G	144.88
H	173.86

6. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3.2(i) and 4 and 5 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992, hereby sets the amounts in Appendix 2 as the amounts of council tax for the year 2012/13 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

Prior to discussion of the following item Councillors C.B.A. Elliott and R.C. Evans returned to the room.

92. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS & COMMITTEES

- i) Personnel Board 13 February 2012

Pay Policy Statement

The Cabinet Member: Resources & Service Delivery, presented the report of the Assistant Director: Customer & People Services (attached at Appendix F1) which sought approval for the content and format of the Council's first Pay Policy statement for publication on the Council's website on 1st April 2012, in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act.

The statement was required to detail the Council's policies in respect of remuneration of defined Senior Officers within the Council and pay comparisons with lower paid employees.

RESOLVED - That Council agree the content and format of the Council's first Pay Policy statement for publication on the Council's website on 1st April 2012, in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act.

ii) Council Constitution Committee 21 February 2012

Constitution Update

The Leader of the Council presented the report of the Assistant Director: Law, Democracy & Public Protection which sought approval for changes to the Council's constitution following completion of the senior management restructure. The changes related to Article 12 (designations of statutory officers), Part 4 Rules of Procedure (Officer Employment procedure rules) and to Part 11c (Responsibility for Functions list).

RESOLVED:-

The changes to Article 12 of the Constitution, designations of statutory officers, as shown in annex A of the report be approved;

The changes to Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 1 Officer Employment Procedure Rules, as shown within Annex B of the report be approved;

The minor change to Part 11c – Responsibility for Functions List of Powers Exercisable by Officers, as shown in Annex C of the report be approved.

The Assistant Director, Law, Democracy and Public Protection as Monitoring Officer be delegated authority to update the constitution, deleting references to Heads of Service and replacing with Assistant Directors and to make any other minor administrative changes as required.

iii) Audit Committee 31 January 2012

Speak-Up Policy

The Cabinet Member: Resources & Service Delivery, presented the revised Speak-Up Policy which served to support the Council's Anti-Fraud & Corruption Policy.

RESOLVED - That the Speak-Up Policy be approved

93. MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Council noted the resolved minutes of the Budget & Finance Scrutiny Committee 24 January, 2012

94. QUESTIONS

The following Questions were asked in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10:

a) Councillor K.R. Guy had submitted the following question:

“Can the Cabinet member for Resources & Service Delivery confirm when the main opposition group submitted their alternative budget for 2012/13 and what the process is for evaluating their proposals?”

Councillor W.A.M. McClements replied that the main opposition group had declined to submit an alternative budget

b) Councillor C.R. Turley had submitted the following question:

“Can the Deputy Leader of the Council explain the latest position on stabilisation work in The Gorge and whether we intend to write a blank cheque for the works to be carried out?”

Councillor R.A. Overton told Members that there was no blank cheque. The Council recognised the importance of the site and was working with DCLG to find a way forward.

c) Councillor S.A.W. Reynolds had submitted the following question:

“Can the Cabinet Member for Resources & Service Delivery state what is the true position on useable reserves?”

Councillor McClements that this was £3.7m, 3% of net budget and shown on page 2 of the budget report.

In response, Councillor Reynolds said the the leader of the opposition group had previously stated that £5m of reserves had been used, would the Cabinet Member confirm the correct figure?

Councillor McClements responded that £1.39m was the true figure.

d) Councillor A.S. Jhavar had submitted the following question:

“Can the Cabinet member for the co- operative council list the members of the opposition parties in the Council who are currently members of the co-operative commission?”

Councillor S. Davies, Cabinet Member: Co-operative Council & Partnerships, replied that formal and informal invitations had been extended no members of the Conservative group had accepted the invitations. He thanked Councillor W.L. Tomlinson, leader of the Liberal Democrat/Independent group for his support for the commission.

e) Councillor R.C. Evans had submitted the following question:

“Can the Cabinet member for Resources & Service Delivery explain what the true figure for the debt of the council will be for 2012/13 and 2013/14 and what it would have been had the administration implemented the plans of the opposition?”

Councillor McClements replied that the figure would have been £12m next year and £17m the following year.

f) Councillor M.G. Ion had submitted the following question:

“Can the Cabinet Member for Children Young people & Families tell us when the Director of Children's Services post will be advertised and when it is anticipated that an appointment will be made “

Councillor P.R. Watling replied that the role would be advertised nationally in the forthcoming week with a closing date for applications of 23 March.”

95. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Councillor I.T.W. Fletcher, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, moved the following Motion:

“This Council applauds the lead taken by Shropshire Council with their adoption of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and notes the benefits that would be gained by our own Authority and local communities that include:

- delivery of additional funding for T&W to carry out a wide range of infrastructure projects that support growth and benefit the local community.
- gives the local community flexibility and freedom to set their own priorities for what the money should be spent on.
- ensures greater transparency for local people who will be able to understand how new development is contributing to their community
- enables local authorities to allocate a share of the levy raised in a neighbourhood to deliver infrastructure the neighbourhood wants.

Consequently this Council resolves to adopt the CIL as a priority and further resolves that up to and including adoption, 50% of any Section 106 monies are allocated to projects determined in conjunction with the Local community in which development takes place.”

The Motion was seconded by Councillor A.J. Eade.

The Mayor told Members that the subject matter of the motion came within the province of Cabinet or another committee, and that upon being moved and seconded, could be referred to Cabinet or the appropriate committee.

The Mayor, under procedure rule 11.6 of part 4 Rules of Procedure referred the motion to Cabinet without further debate.

It was:

RESOLVED – that the Motion be referred to Cabinet without further debate.

The meeting ended at 8.50 p.m.

Speaker:

Date: