

28 FEBRUARY 2000

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 28 February 2000.

- p Cllr Mrs P A Wyeth - Chairman
- p Cllr A W Rice TD - Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

- p Mrs S M Abernethy
- p K F Ault
- p K E Austin
- p E R Bowring
- p F J Bright
- p Mrs D M Brooks
- e D S Burdle
- p W R Catt
- e J E Coles
- p D E Cracknell
- p P H Cummings
- p B D Dash
- p J J Dawson
- p W H Dow
- p Miss P A Drake
- p T J Droogleever
- p L T Dunsdon
- p B C Earwicker
- p M H G Fidler
- R L Frampton
- p Ms C F Gradidge
- p P C Greenfield
- p R C H Hale
- p L E Harris
- p F R Harrison
- p S A Hayes
- J D Heron
- p Mrs M D Holding

Councillors:

- p Mrs A M Howe
- p J M Hoy
- p Mrs M Humber BA
- p J A G Hutchins JP
- p M J Kendal
- p M C Kidman
- p G N D Locock
- p Mrs B M Maynard
- p Mrs M McLean
- p G K Richardson
- p B Rickman
- p Mrs M J Robinson
- p B Rule
- p T M Russell
- p D N Scott
- p M J Shand
- p S A Shepherd
- p Mrs B Smith
- e Mrs L P Snashall
- p G Spikins
- p M H Thierry
- p D B Tipp
- p J Waddington
- p M S Wade
- p S S Wade
- p Mrs D Wilson
- p C A Wise
- p P R Woods

Officers Attending:

R Hodgson, D Atwill, Ms J Bateman, N Gibbs, Mrs P Higgins, K Ireland, Ms E Malcolm, Ms G O'Rourke and T R Simpson.

36. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2000, having been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

37. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(a) Michael Colvin MP and Mrs Nichola Colvin

The Chairman reported with regret, the fire at the home of Michael and Nichola Colvin at Tangley, Nr Andover, where it was believed they had both died.

Michael Colvin's political career began in the mid 1960's when he was elected as a Councillor to the then Andover Rural District Council. He went on to join Test Valley District Council. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1979 as an MP for the Bristol North West seat. In 1983 he was elected to represent Romsey and Waterside. Following changes to Parliamentary constituency boundaries he was elected to the new Romsey seat in 1997.

Michael and Nichola Colvin had been married for 44 years and leave one son and two daughters.

A book of condolence was available for people to sign at Romsey Abbey.

(b) John Humber

The Chairman also reported with regret the death of John Humber – husband of Councillor Humber. The Council's thoughts were with Councillor Humber at this sad time.

Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to Michael Colvin MP and Mrs Nichola Colvin and Mr John Humber

(c) Examination Successes

The Chairman was pleased to report that two employees in the Environment Services Directorate – Helena Aylett and Keith Kensley had both successfully completed their National Vocational Qualification Level 4 in Management.

The Chairman commented that it was always pleasing to report on successes from amongst the Council's employees.

(d) Mr Nigel Jones MP

The Chairman informed members that she had written on behalf of the Council to Mr Nigel Jones, MP, and sent good wishes for a full and speedy recovery following his recent injuries.

The Chairman also reported that she had expressed the Council's concern and sorrow at the loss of his colleague and friend Andrew Pennington and had extended the Council's condolences to Mr Pennington's family at a difficult time.

(e) Leap Year Proposal

The Chairman reported that John Ward, Head of Policy, Design and Information together with his partner Sheila Page would be riding tandem from Lands End to John O'Groats. The Chairman, suggested a leap year proposal with a difference and asked everyone to consider donating £1 to the Chairman's charity to guess the distance that would be travelled by John and Sheila on their marathon ride. Members noted that this year the Chairman was supporting Wessex Cancer Trust and the Honeypot Childrens Home at Exbury.

(f) Councillor Audrey Howe and Mr George Howe – 50th Anniversary

The Chairman, on behalf of all members and officers, took great pleasure in sending congratulations and very good wishes to the previous Chairman of the Council, Cllr Audrey Howe and her husband George Howe on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Members joined the Chairman in wishing them many more happy years together.

38. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

It was moved and seconded that under Standing Order 50, the Council's Standing Orders be suspended and the Council's policy relating to public participation at Committees be applied, to enable tenants' representatives to speak.

The Leader of the Council commented that the Council's scheme for public participation allowed members of the public to speak at committee meetings. The Council was not an appropriate forum for this particular debate and there had been ample opportunity elsewhere for the tenants to make their views known.

Another member commented that the situation had not arisen as a result of the Housing Committee but from comments made at a later committee and, that it was as a result of that debate that tenants wished to speak at the Council meeting.

Following a vote the motion was lost.

39. CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the meeting held on 11 January 2000. On the motion that the report be received and the recommendations adopted:-

(a) Item 1 - Members' Use of Information and Documents and Appointment of Standards Panel

A number of members expressed concern at the suggested amendments to paragraph 4.11 of the 'Protocol for Member/Officer Relations'. Members felt that the proposals were fundamentally undemocratic and were only concerned with limiting political

embarrassment rather than what was relevant to the Council as a whole. One member felt that this was a clumsy attempt to limit the dissemination of information and that it should be up to members to decide what information between themselves was confidential. Another member commented that the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 worked in favour of the public interest in ensuring that Councils should be as open as possible. The suggested amendments to the code would mean that secrecy and confidentiality were the principles under which the Council now worked.

The Chairman of the Council Standards Sub-Committee commented that the amendment would promote transparency, openness and free discussion. Members were privy to a large amount of confidential information that was not in the public domain for good reason and it was important that, when members were discussing such confidential issues, they could be confident that such information would only be made public at the appropriate time. The proposed protocol would be a means of monitoring the information that members had.

Another member was concerned that the code would stifle democratic discussion. There should be nothing that members talk about that the public, who elected them, should not also be privy to. It was pointed out that it was the misuse of information that broke the basic trust that had existed between members. Any organisation would have discussion documents at management levels that were private.

It was noted that none of the suggested amendments stopped 'Whistle Blowing' which would override everything. There was a fundamental difference between secrecy and privacy. A member asked what censure was available should the protocol be broken. It was noted that the Council Standards Sub-Committee would, in the first instance, consider any breach of the code but ultimately, it could be tested in the courts.

In accordance with Standing Order 16 (1) it was moved that Cllr Kendal be not further heard for the duration of the meeting as he had ignored the Chairman when he exceeded the time limit for his speech.

The Chairman of the Council clarified with officers that under Standing Order 14(5) a Committee Chairman, in moving the Committee's report, was able to speak for five minutes. The Chairman closed the debate and said that any further questions on the matter should be made in writing to the Chairman of the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendations adopted.

Cllr Earwicker asked that his vote against the above decision be recorded.

40. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the meeting held on 13 January 2000. On the motion that the report be received:-

(a) Item 3 – Abandoned Vehicles

A member expressed concern that when charging was introduced there would be an increase in rubbish dumping generally and in abandoned cars.

The Chairman of the Committee commented that abandoned cars were a growing problem and that the Committee were doing their best in very difficult circumstances to control the problem. With regard to charging for removal of unwanted items, the situation was being closely monitored. Systems were being put in place to encourage and support local charities and groups that accepted such items as unwanted furniture. The Chairman was of the view that the benefits of the collection system outweighed any disadvantages.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

41. HOUSING COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the meeting held on 19 January 2000. On the motion that the report be received:-

(a) Item 2 – Housing Revenue Account Estimates 1999/2000 and 2000/2001

A member asked whether future changes to government subsidies had been taken into account in calculating the budget, and whether the suggestion that leased housing could be subsidised to reduce bed and breakfast costs would be considered.

The Chairman of the Committee replied that future changes in subsidies had been taken into account in the budget and that a report on subsidised leased housing would be made to a future meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

42. LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the meeting held on 11 January 2000. On the motion that the report be received:-

(a) Item 3 – Concessionary Membership – Implications of Working Families Tax Credit

A member commented that, whilst it was appreciated there was a need to target the concessions scheme, using benefit was not the right mechanism. Families not receiving benefit could end up worse off than those that did. A member asked for clarification on how the scheme would work.

The Chairman replied that the situation was very difficult to assess and officers were monitoring the position very closely. A further report would be made to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

43. PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the meeting held on 2 February 2000. On the motion that the report be received:-

(a) Item 3 – Conservation Area Boundary Reviews

A number of members expressed their appreciation for the way in which the consultation had been carried out and the views of Town and Parish Councils taken into account. The Committee were congratulated on the robust stance they had taken.

(b) Item 5 – Hythe Saltmarsh – Trial Use of Dredged Sediments

A member enquired whether any further information was available from English Nature.

The Chairman replied that the Wildlife Trust considered that there were still some scientific concerns about the trial that English Nature had not yet fully addressed. English Nature were willing to arrange a meeting with the Wildlife Trust and Associated British Ports to discuss whether there was any basis for the concerns and, if necessary, to reach a consensus on how they should be resolved. It was agreed that the meeting would take place before the next Planning and Transportation Committee.

Unfortunately, due to existing work commitments neither officers from the Wildlife Trust or English Nature were able to devote any time to the project until the middle of March. In the circumstances it had been agreed that the matter be deferred to the Planning and Transportation

Committee on 31 May 2000. The Chairman reported that this would give plenty of time for all necessary meetings and consultations. Representatives from English Nature and Associated British Ports had agreed to send representatives to the meeting on 31 May to provide further information about the trial and answer any questions.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

44. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the meeting held on 16 February 2000. On the motion that the report be received and the recommendations adopted:-

(a) Item 2 – Housing Revenue Account Estimates 1999/2000 (Revised) and 2000/2001

A member expressed disappointment that the tenants' representatives had not been allowed to speak on the item at the Council meeting. The Government subsidy was likely to transfer from new build to existing Council houses and the proposed rent increase would therefore be inappropriate.

An amendment was moved and seconded that the rents of Council dwellings be increased by 5% with effect from 3 April 2000.

A member commented that whilst the tenants' representatives had eventually agreed to the 7% rise at the Housing Committee they had felt that their views had been mis-represented at the Policy and Resources Committee.

Another member was of the view that a 5% increase in rent was the lowest option available if LSVT were to proceed. However, if that were not the case, tenants would face large increases in rent in the future. The option of a 7% increase took the longer term view into account.

A number of members supported the views of the tenants' representatives and were aware of the uncertainty ahead. The difficulty of agreeing rents at the most appropriate level was understood but it was felt unreasonable to expect tenants to absorb such a large increase at short notice.

The Chairman of the Committee responded that the Council had had a long partnership with Council tenants and their representatives and their views were very welcome at the Housing Committee. The Chairman acknowledged that forecasting future rents was very difficult and rent increases over the last 10 years had fluctuated enormously. A 7% increase for 2000/2001 was necessary if current levels of service were to be maintained.

The proposal that the rents of Council dwellings be increased by 5% with effect from 3 April 2000 was put to the vote and was lost.

Cllr Earwicker asked that his vote for the proposal be recorded.

(b) Item 3 – General Fund Revenue Budget 2000/2001

The Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group explained what her Group would have achieved had charges for car parking remained. The proposed budget was not a sustainable one and in future years would result in job losses, reduced services and higher charges.

Other members commented that there had been substantial improvements in services and a reduction in the Council Tax. Major savings had been achieved in the Housing Needs Section and the Chief Executive's Department. The budget could be balanced without the need for car parking charges and in addition there would be fully funded increases in basic services.

The Council had now entered into two year interest rate agreements and were achieving better returns as a result. The net effect was a reduction in the Council Tax from prudent management.

The Chairman of the Committee responded that the proposed budget laid a good foundation for the future whilst also allowing for inflation. New Forest District Council was one of the few authorities in Hampshire that had been able to achieve a reduction in their Council Tax.

(c) Item 4 – Capital Estimates 1999/2000 and 2000/2001

A number of members commented on the funding of the Capital Programme and the balances that had been available from the previous administration.

The Chairman responded that the Council had received a good Rate Support Grant settlement this year and, despite there being a number of ascribed issues such as audit fees; single status and the modernising agenda, the current administration were still managing to increase basic services.

(d) Item 6 – Beacon Status

Members congratulated officers for the hard work undertaken to achieve Beacon Status for the Council.

(e) Item 8 – Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of the Council

The Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group commented on the proposal that Cllr Rice be nominated for election as the Chairman of the Council. Her Group were of the view that the Chairman should command the respect and support of the whole Council and they did not feel that the member nominated would do this. They therefore could not support the recommendation.

A number of members then spoke in support of Cllr Rice's nomination commenting that he had served New Forest District Council for 27 years, and that he was highly regarded as a local councillor in New Milton and as a County Councillor in the Hordle and Milford on Sea areas. It was noted that

Cllr Rice had achieved the highest majority of any County Councillor returned in Hampshire in the last elections and it was felt that he would be a very responsible Chairman of New Forest District Council.

(f) Item 10 – Recommendations from Modernisation Working Party – 27 January 2000

It was proposed that recommendation (g) be amended by the addition of the words 'and the Trades Unions' after the word "academics" in the third line. The Chairman commented that the Council was required already by the Government to consult with the Trades Unions.

(g) Item 11 – Recommendations from Employee Structure Sub-Committee – 26 January 2000

A member commented that the current employee changes were pre-empting the needs of the modernising agenda requirements and decision-making mechanism for the future. Employee changes should be made once the new arrangements were in place and not before. The Council was in danger of losing expertise that might be required in the future.

The Chairman of the Committee confirmed that the proposed changes were as a result of a review undertaken last year.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Councillor Mrs Wyeth be appointed as the Council's representative on the Lyndhurst, Emery Down and Bank Community Association; and
- (b) That, subject to item 10 Recommendations from Modernisation Working Party – 27 January 2000 (a) being amended to read 'that preparations for the overall structure including interim (trial) arrangements be considered, following consultation, at the Council in September 2000, the report be received and the recommendations adopted.

Councillor Earwicker asked that his vote against the decision relating to the 7% increase in rents for Council dwellings be recorded.

45. THE COUNCIL TAX 2000/2001 (REPORT A).

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that at its meeting on 10 January 2000 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2000/01 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992: -

- (a) 67,913.5 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its council tax base for the year.

(b) LOCAL COUNCIL AREA

ASHURST & COLBURY	910.90
BEAULIEU	457.70
BOLDRE	1,000.30
BRAMSHAW	336.50
BRANSGORE	1,833.10
BREAMORE	170.00
BROCKENHURST	1,719.20
BURLEY	750.60
COPYTHORNE	1,192.20
DAMERHAM	234.40
DENNY LODGE	148.00
EAST BOLDRE	378.30
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY	563.00
EXBURY & LEPE	98.90
FAWLEY	4,715.70
FORDINGBRIDGE	2,102.10
GODSHILL	205.30
HALE	262.90
HORDLE	2,276.80
HYDE	494.00
HYPHE & DIBDEN	7,323.10
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	6,513.30
LYNDHURST	1,348.90
MARCHWOOD	1,783.90
MARTIN	182.70
MILFORD-ON-SEA	2,543.90
MINSTEAD	345.00
NETLEY MARSH	798.10
NEW MILTON	10,210.20
RINGWOOD	5,168.50
ROCKBOURNE	161.50
SANDLEHEATH	256.90
SOPLEY	292.10
SWAY	1,590.10
TOTTON & ELING	9,201.80
WHITSBURY	96.30
WOODGREEN	247.30
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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.

7.2 That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2000/01 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992: -

- (a) £68,745,673 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act.
- (b) £50,281,280 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act.
- (c) £18,464,393 being the amount by which the aggregate at 7.2(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 7.2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
- (d) £9,050,981 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and revenue support grant, increased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its collection fund to its general fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax Surplus), and increased by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its collection fund to its general fund pursuant to the Collection Fund (Community Charges) directions under Section 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 made on 17 January 2000 (Community Charge Surplus).
- (e) £138.61 being the amount at 7.2(c) above less the amount at 7.2(d) above, all divided by the amount at 7.1(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year.
- (f) £2,467,523 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (g) £102.28 being the amount at 7.2(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 7.2(f) above by the amount at 7.1(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 item relates.
- (h) LOCAL COUNCIL AREA
- | | £ |
|-------------------|--------|
| ASHURST & COLBURY | 115.45 |
| BEAULIEU | 111.02 |
| BOLDRE | 116.68 |
| BRAMSHAW | 118.62 |
| BRANSGORE | 123.01 |

(h) LOCAL COUNCIL AREA	£
BREAMORE	113.46
BROCKENHURST	124.38
BURLEY	107.61
COPYTHORNE	110.25
DAMERHAM	112.95
DENNY LODGE	107.69
EAST BOLDRE	111.53
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY	111.52
EXBURY & LEPE	108.35
FAWLEY	173.42
FORDINGBRIDGE	145.32
GODSHILL	131.51
HALE	113.69
HORDLE	120.69
HYDE	110.38
HYTHE & DIBDEN	146.03
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	143.89
LYNDHURST	112.66
MARCHWOOD	166.24
MARTIN	113.23
MILFORD-ON-SEA	117.61
MINSTEAD	114.45
NETLEY MARSH	109.93
NEW MILTON	137.05
RINGWOOD	130.33
ROCKBOURNE	108.47
SANDLEHEATH	115.13
SOPLEY	112.55
SWAY	127.44
TOTTON & ELING	159.36
WHITSBURY	116.82
WOODGREEN	110.37

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 7.2(g) 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 7.1(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.

(i) PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA

These are the District plus Town/Parish Council elements only.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ASHURST & COLBURY	76.97	89.79	102.62	115.45	141.11	166.76	192.42	230.90
BEAULIEU	74.01	86.35	98.68	111.02	135.69	160.36	185.03	222.04
BOLDRE	77.79	90.75	103.72	116.68	142.61	168.54	194.47	233.36
BRAMSHAW	79.08	92.26	105.44	118.62	144.98	171.34	197.70	237.24
BRANSGORE	82.01	95.67	109.34	123.01	150.35	177.68	205.02	246.02
BREAMORE	75.64	88.25	100.85	113.46	138.67	163.89	189.10	226.92
BROCKENHURST	82.92	96.74	110.56	124.38	152.02	179.66	207.30	248.76
BURLEY	71.74	83.70	95.65	107.61	131.52	155.44	179.35	215.22
COPYTHORNE	73.50	85.75	98.00	110.25	134.75	159.25	183.75	220.50
DAMERHAM	75.30	87.85	100.40	112.95	138.05	163.15	188.25	225.90
DENNY LODGE	71.79	83.76	95.72	107.69	131.62	155.55	179.48	215.38
EAST BOLDRE	74.35	86.75	99.14	111.53	136.31	161.10	185.88	223.06
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY	74.35	86.74	99.13	111.52	136.30	161.08	185.87	223.04
EXBURY & LEPE	72.23	84.27	96.31	108.35	132.43	156.51	180.58	216.70
FAWLEY	115.61	134.88	154.15	173.42	211.96	250.50	289.03	346.84
FORDINGBRIDGE	96.88	113.03	129.17	145.32	177.61	209.91	242.20	290.64
GODSHILL	87.67	102.29	116.90	131.51	160.73	189.96	219.18	263.02
HALE	75.79	88.43	101.06	113.69	138.95	164.22	189.48	227.38
HORDLE	80.46	93.87	107.28	120.69	147.51	174.33	201.15	241.38
HYDE	73.59	85.85	98.12	110.38	134.91	159.44	183.97	220.76
HYPHE & DIBDEN	97.35	113.58	129.80	146.03	178.48	210.93	243.38	292.06
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	95.93	111.91	127.90	143.89	175.87	207.84	239.82	287.78
LYNDHURST	75.11	87.62	100.14	112.66	137.70	162.73	187.77	225.32
MARCHWOOD	110.83	129.30	147.77	166.24	203.18	240.12	277.07	332.48
MARTIN	75.49	88.07	100.65	113.23	138.39	163.55	188.72	226.46
MILFORD-ON-SEA	78.41	91.47	104.54	117.61	143.75	169.88	196.02	235.22
MINSTEAD	76.30	89.02	101.73	114.45	139.88	165.32	190.75	228.90
NETLEY MARSH	73.29	85.50	97.72	109.93	134.36	158.79	183.22	219.86
NEW MILTON	91.37	106.59	121.82	137.05	167.51	197.96	228.42	274.10
RINGWOOD	86.89	101.37	115.85	130.33	159.29	188.25	217.22	260.66
ROCKBOURNE	72.31	84.37	96.42	108.47	132.57	156.68	180.78	216.94
SANDLEHEATH	76.75	89.55	102.34	115.13	140.71	166.30	191.88	230.26
SOPLEY	75.03	87.54	100.04	112.55	137.56	162.57	187.58	225.10
SWAY	84.96	99.12	113.28	127.44	155.76	184.08	212.40	254.88
TOTTON & ELING	106.24	123.95	141.65	159.36	194.77	230.19	265.60	318.72
WHITSBURY	77.88	90.86	103.84	116.82	142.78	168.74	194.70	233.64
WOODGREEN	73.58	85.84	98.11	110.37	134.90	159.42	183.95	220.74

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 7.2(g) and 7.2(h) 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.

- 7.3 That it be noted that for the year 2000/01 the Hampshire County Council and the Hampshire Police Authority have stated the following amounts 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: -

PRECEPTING AUTHORITY

PRECEPTING AUTHORITY	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	429.90	501.55	573.20	644.85	788.15	931.45	1,074.75	1,289.70
HAMPSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY	36.72	42.84	48.96	55.08	67.32	79.56	91.80	110.16
	466.62	544.39	622.16	699.93	855.47	1,011.01	1,166.55	1,399.86

- 7.4 That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 7.2(i) and 7.3 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2000/01 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below: -

PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA

LOCAL COUNCIL AREA	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ASHURST & COLBURY	543.59	634.18	724.78	815.38	996.58	1,177.77	1,358.97	1,630.76
BEAULIEU	540.63	630.74	720.84	810.95	991.16	1,171.37	1,351.58	1,621.90
BOLDRE	544.41	635.14	725.88	816.61	998.08	1,179.55	1,361.02	1,633.22
BRAMSHAW	545.70	636.65	727.60	818.55	1,000.45	1,182.35	1,364.25	1,637.10
BRANSGORE	548.63	640.06	731.50	822.94	1,005.82	1,188.69	1,371.57	1,645.88
BREAMORE	542.26	632.64	723.01	813.39	994.14	1,174.90	1,355.65	1,626.78
BROCKENHURST	549.54	641.13	732.72	824.31	1,007.49	1,190.67	1,373.85	1,648.62
BURLEY	538.36	628.09	717.81	807.54	986.99	1,166.45	1,345.90	1,615.08
COPYTHORNE	540.12	630.14	720.16	810.18	990.22	1,170.26	1,350.30	1,620.36
DAMERHAM	541.92	632.24	722.56	812.88	993.52	1,174.16	1,354.80	1,625.76
DENNY LODGE	538.41	628.15	717.88	807.62	987.09	1,166.56	1,346.03	1,615.24
EAST BOLDRE	540.97	631.14	721.30	811.46	991.78	1,172.11	1,352.43	1,622.92
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY	540.97	631.13	721.29	811.45	991.77	1,172.09	1,352.42	1,622.90
EXBURY & LEPE	538.85	628.66	718.47	808.28	987.90	1,167.52	1,347.13	1,616.56
FAWLEY	582.23	679.27	776.31	873.35	1,067.43	1,261.51	1,455.58	1,746.70
FORDINGBRIDGE	563.50	657.42	751.33	845.25	1,033.08	1,220.92	1,408.75	1,690.50
GODSHILL	554.29	646.68	739.06	831.44	1,016.20	1,200.97	1,385.73	1,662.88
HALE	542.41	632.82	723.22	813.62	994.42	1,175.23	1,356.03	1,627.24

LOCAL COUNCIL AREA	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
HORDLE	547.08	638.26	729.44	820.62	1,002.98	1,185.34	1,367.70	1,641.24
HYDE	540.21	630.24	720.28	810.31	990.38	1,170.45	1,350.52	1,620.62
HYTHE & DIBDEN	563.97	657.97	751.96	845.96	1,033.95	1,221.94	1,409.93	1,691.92
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	562.55	656.30	750.06	843.82	1,031.34	1,218.85	1,406.37	1,687.64
LYNDHURST	541.73	632.01	722.30	812.59	993.17	1,173.74	1,354.32	1,625.18
MARCHWOOD	577.45	673.69	769.93	866.17	1,058.65	1,251.13	1,443.62	1,732.34
MARTIN	542.11	632.46	722.81	813.16	993.86	1,174.56	1,355.27	1,626.32
MILFORD-ON-SEA	545.03	635.86	726.70	817.54	999.22	1,180.89	1,362.57	1,635.08
MINSTEAD	542.92	633.41	723.89	814.38	995.35	1,176.33	1,357.30	1,628.76
NETLEY MARSH	539.91	629.89	719.88	809.86	989.83	1,169.80	1,349.77	1,619.72
NEW MILTON	557.99	650.98	743.98	836.98	1,022.98	1,208.97	1,394.97	1,673.96
RINGWOOD	553.51	645.76	738.01	830.26	1,014.76	1,199.26	1,383.77	1,660.52
ROCKBOURNE	538.93	628.76	718.58	808.40	988.04	1,167.69	1,347.33	1,616.80
SANDLEHEATH	543.37	633.94	724.50	815.06	996.18	1,177.31	1,358.43	1,630.12
SOPLEY	541.65	631.93	722.20	812.48	993.03	1,173.58	1,354.13	1,624.96
SWAY	551.58	643.51	735.44	827.37	1,011.23	1,195.09	1,378.95	1,654.74
TOTTON & ELING	572.86	668.34	763.81	859.29	1,050.24	1,241.20	1,432.15	1,718.58
WHITSBURY	544.50	635.25	726.00	816.75	998.25	1,179.75	1,361.25	1,633.50
WOODGREEN	540.20	630.23	720.27	810.30	990.37	1,170.43	1,350.50	1,620.60

46. QUESTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 9.

In accordance with Standing Order 9, Cllr Ault asked the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee the following question:-

Whether, as part of the review of the political structure of the Council, it was the intention to conduct a fundamental review of the Council's Standing Orders for meetings and proceedings.

If so would the Leader please confirm that any members interested in the issue would be invited to take part in any formal or informal discussions. Could he also confirm that the changes that had already been suggested, as far as possible, would be incorporated into the Orders for the two committees that were to survive, as well as those for the new Leader and Cabinet situation.

The Chairman replied "Yes. As part of the modernising arrangements the Council's Standing Orders will need to be completely revised. The Assistant Director – Members' Services is currently working on this and will report to a Member Working Party taking account of any suggestions already made. Any members who have an interest in this topic should notify officers so that they can be involved in discussions and invited to the meetings.

I do not feel it would be helpful to approach this review in a piecemeal fashion and therefore all changes to Standing Orders, including those for any committees remaining, will be considered as part of an overall review before the new structure is adopted."

47. CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That, at the request of the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, Cllr Earwicker be appointed to the Environmental Services and Licensing Committee in place of Cllr McLean;
- (ii) That Cllr McLean be appointed to the Housing Committee in place of Cllr Earwicker;
- (iii) That Cllr Dash be appointed to the Central Services Committee in place of Cllr Shand; and
- (iv) That Cllr Shand be appointed to the Housing Committee in place of Cllr Dash.

CHAIRMAN

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