

27 FEBRUARY 2012

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday 27 February 2012

- p Cllr J Penwarden – Chairman
- p Cllr Mrs A E McEvoy – Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

- p A R Alvey
- p Mrs D E Andrews
- p G C Beck
- p Ms R Bellows
- p Mrs S M Bennison
- p J E Binns
- p D A Britton
- p Mrs D M Brooks
- p S J Clarke
- p Mrs J L Cleary
- ap G F Dart
- p S P Davies
- p W H Dow
- p Ms L C Ford
- p A T Glass
- ap M R Harris
- p C J Harrison
- p D Harrison
- p E J Heron
- p J D Heron
- p Miss A J Hickman
- p Mrs A J Hoare
- p Mrs M D Holding
- p Mrs P Jackman
- p M J Kendal
- p A N G Kilgour
- p C Lagdon
- p Mrs M E Lewis
- p Mrs P J Lovelace

Councillors:

- ap B D Lucas
- p Mrs M McLean
- p A D O'Sullivan
- p Sqn Ldr B M F Pemberton
- p N S Penman
- p L R Puttock
- A W Rice
- p B Rickman
- p W S Rippon-Swaine
- p Mrs M J Robinson
- p Mrs A M Rostand
- p D J Russell
- p R F Scrivens
- p Miss A Sevier
- p M D Southgate
- ap A J Swain
- ap M H Thierry
- p A R Tinsley
- p D B Tipp
- p F P Vickers
- p M S Wade
- p S S Wade
- p R A Wappet
- p Mrs C V Ward
- p J G Ward
- p C A Wise
- p Mrs B M Woodifield
- p P R Woods
- p Mrs P A Wyeth

Officers Attending:

D Yates, R Jackson, J Mascall, Miss A Fairclough, Miss G O'Rourke, Mrs R Rutins, Mrs M Sandhu and Ms M Stephens.

40. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2011 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

All members declared a personal interest in Minute No. 44 (Report of Standards Committee, Item 1).

Cllr Kendal declared an interest in Minute 44 (Report of Cabinet, Item 6)

Cllrs Ms Bellows, Dow and Mrs McLean declared interests in Minute 44 (Report of Cabinet, Item 7).

Cllr M S Wade declared an interest in Minute 48.

42. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Chairman welcomed three journalism students from Solent University to the meeting.

Budget Meeting

Members would be setting the Council's budget for 2012/13 at the meeting. The Chairman reported that he intended to ask the Council to agree to suspend Standing Order 47.6 to allow the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition to exceed the time limit of five minutes on their speeches under Item 6 of the report of the Cabinet.

Chairman's Charity Dinner

The Chairman reminded members that he would be hosting his charity dinner on Saturday 3 March 2012 at 7.30pm at Shorefield Country Park. Proceeds from the event would go towards his two chosen charities Victim Support and Bransgore Community First Responders. Members were encouraged to purchase tickets for the event and raffle tickets.

Chairman's Civic Service

The Chairman's civic service would take place on Sunday 25 March at 3.00pm at St John the Baptist Church, Burley. All members were welcome to attend.

Queen's Visit

The Chairman was delighted to announce that Her Majesty the Queen, as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, would be visiting the New Forest on Wednesday 25 July, the last day of her 26-day Diamond Jubilee tour around the United Kingdom. It was a great honour for the New Forest to be chosen to welcome the Queen. Details of the visit had yet to be released. The Council, its members and residents would have great pleasure in welcoming Her Majesty to the District.

43. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There were none.

44. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND CABINET.

Report of Planning Development Control Committee

Cllr Mrs Hoare, Chairman of the Planning Development Control Committee, presented the report of the meeting held on 8 February 2012.

On the motion that the report be received and the recommendation adopted, it was

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendation adopted.

Report of Standards Committee

All members declared a personal interest in respect of the item on Members' Allowances. Under paragraph 10 (2) of the Code of Conduct they did not have a prejudicial interest.

Cllr Woods, Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee, presented the report of the meeting held on 27 January 2012.

On the motion that the report be received and the recommendation adopted, it was

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendation adopted.

Reports of Cabinet

Cllr Kendal declared a personal interest in item 6 of the Cabinet report (Medium Term Financial Plan – Annual Budget 2012/13) as Hampshire County Council's Executive Member for Environment, who made decisions on transport subsidies. He did not consider his interest was prejudicial and remained in the meeting. He abstained from voting on this item.

Cllrs Ms Bellows and Mrs McLean declared personal interests in item 7 of the Cabinet report (Housing Revenue Account and Housing Capital Expenditure Programme) on the grounds that they were both Council tenants. They concluded that such interests were not prejudicial and they remained in the meeting during consideration of this item.

Cllr Dow declared a personal interest in item 7 of the Cabinet report (Housing Revenue Account and Housing Capital Expenditure Programme) as a family member was a council tenant. He concluded that such interest was not prejudicial and remained in the meeting during consideration of this item.

The Leader of the Council, as Chairman of the Cabinet, presented the reports of the Cabinet held on 4 January and 1 February 2012.

On the motion that the reports be received and the recommendations adopted:

Item 6 – The Medium Term Financial Plan – Annual Budget 2012/13

The Chairman moved that Standing Order 47.6 be suspended to allow the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition to exceed the time limit for making their speeches. The motion was carried.

The Leader of the Council made a statement on the Administration's proposed budget attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes.

The Finance and Efficiency Portfolio Holder seconded the recommendation.

The Leader of the Opposition then made a statement (attached as Appendix 2 to these minutes) and moved amendments as set out in Appendix 2 to these minutes.

Cllr M S Wade seconded the amendments.

Members discussed the Cabinet's budget proposals together with the amendments.

The Finance and Efficiency Portfolio Holder said that the Leader had worked hard to ensure that Council services were cost efficient. He felt that the amendments put forward by the Opposition were frivolous. Transport subsidies for bus services were the responsibility of Hampshire County Council. The withdrawal of the free swim initiative following the cessation of the Government grant had had little impact on the number of users of the Council's swimming facilities. As such he could not endorse the amendments and supported the budget proposed by the Leader of the Council which was well thought out and well balanced across all areas of expenditure and income.

The Deputy Leader of the Council expressed the view that the amendments to the budget put forward by the Opposition, whilst well-meaning, were imprudent. The current Administration had historically set a balanced budget, despite significant financial pressures. The surplus in the budget this year meant that money was available for services for residents which were the responsibility of the District Council. The Administration had also been able to maintain a freeze on Council Tax. He felt that it would be highly irresponsible to subsidise services that came under the remit of Hampshire County Council. Instead he suggested that residents and members examine the County's community transport toolkit which could assist. The long term financial viability of the Council depended on responsible financial management which meant that the Council should not take on services that were the responsibility of others. He supported the budget put forward by the Leader of the Council.

Other members expressed the view that the use of small sums of money from the Council's surpluses to fund the two initiatives proposed by the Leader of the Opposition was not irresponsible as it helped meet the needs of residents. The Council should seek innovative ways to maximise the usage of its leisure centres. They also felt that as other local authorities were running successful transport subsidy schemes, and therefore investing in public transport, this should not be ruled out.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation said that the District Council funded a number of community transport initiatives through Community First such as dial-a-ride. The Council had not reduced the grants to fund these initiatives as it considered these vital services to the community.

Where appropriate the Council had lobbied the County Council to maintain bus services and the County had responded positively to the District Council's requests in some form. He felt that short term expenditure was not wise during the current economic climate.

Some members expressed the view that the amendments to the budget as put forward by the Opposition were irresponsible particularly in light of the current economic situation. The Council should avoid 'quick fixes' and raising expectations and continue to manage its budget prudently.

The Health and Leisure Portfolio Holder stated that following the end of the free swim initiative, which had been withdrawn by the Government, the number of adults and young people using the Council's swimming pools had increased, as had gym membership. This demonstrated that usage could increase without additional subsidy.

Cllr M Wade, in supporting the Leader of the Opposition, said that during the economic downturn the Council had greater responsibility to its residents. The Liberal Democrat Group wanted to 'give back' to the tax payer. As such they supported the Council Tax freeze but felt that more could be done to help residents. Using modest amounts from the Council's surpluses could help improve the quality of life of residents. He said that the Opposition's proposals would demonstrate that the Council considered the needs of its residents.

The Leader of the Opposition, in summing up, expressed disappointment at the comments made by some of his fellow members. He commended his amendments to the Council.

The Leader of the Council, in closing the debate, said that the Council had a duty of care to its residents and short term gimmicks made no sense and introduced risk. The Council should not experiment with tax payers' money but ensure the security of future services for residents.

Upon a vote, the amendments proposed by the Leader of the Opposition were lost.

Upon a vote, the substantive motion was carried.

RESOLVED:

That the reports of the Cabinet dated 4 January and 1 February 2012 be received and the recommendations adopted.

45. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 22.

There were none.

46. QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS UNDER STANDING ORDER 22A.

Question from: Cllr D Harrison to Cllr Vickers (Planning & Transportation Portfolio Holder)

"Will the Portfolio Holder disclose the number of objections there have been to date in relation to plans to introduce car parking charges at Rumbridge Street, Totton on April 1st?"

Answer:

The Portfolio Holder replied that the Council had so far received 46 objections to the proposal to introduce charges in Rumbridge Street Car Park, Totton.

In answer to a supplementary question regarding whether the level of consultation had been satisfactory undertaken and an impact assessment made, the Portfolio Holder said that the increase in business rates for car parks, along with the rise in VAT meant that there was a shortfall in pay and display income of £340,000 during 2011. In order to offset the deficit the cost of parking clocks had been increased. Despite the increase in car park charges, the Council's charges remained comparatively low. A Task & Finish Working Group had been established to examine car park issues and the Group had recommended that charges be introduced in three car parks in Totton, Rumbridge Street being one. This had been largely due to the fact that survey results had shown that a large number of cars were parked all day by people operating car share arrangements. They were not shopping or working in Rumbridge Street. Consultation on the decisions to implement charging at Rumbridge Street Car Park had taken place. A public notice had been published in the press in accordance with statutory guidelines. The last date for objections was 29 February. The Council would respond to all individuals who had lodged an objection.

47. THE 2012/2013 COUNCIL TAX (REPORT B)

The Council considered the Council Tax for 2012/13.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That it be noted that on 12 December 2011 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base for the year 2012/13:
 - (a) for the whole Council area as 73,274.30 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates.
- (2) To calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2012/13 (excluding Parish Precepts) is £11,413,200.
- (3) That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2012/13 in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011: -
 - (a) £124,497,154 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) £108,308,220 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

- (c) £16,188,934 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(1) of the Act).
- (d) £220.94 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by the Council Tax Base, Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- (e) £4,775,734 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £155.76 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 specifically for the District Council. There are no non-parished areas.
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LOCAL COUNCIL AREA	£
ASHURST & COLBURY	183.56
BEAULIEU	171.49
BOLDRE	174.23
BRAMSHAW	171.59
BRANSGORE	200.07
BREAMORE	177.64
BROCKENHURST	187.41
BURLEY	173.08
COPYTHORNE	167.55
DAMERHAM	188.96
DENNY LODGE	185.00
EAST BOLDRE	193.42
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY	186.08
EXBURY & LEPE	196.74
FAWLEY	251.67
FORDINGBRIDGE	231.73
GODSHILL	200.23
HALE	187.39
HORDLE	194.80
HYDE	169.42
HYTHE & DIBDEN	228.58
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	248.24
LYNDHURST	199.92
MARCHWOOD	251.94
MARTIN	181.63
MILFORD-ON-SEA	188.68
MINSTEAD	181.64
NETLEY MARSH	169.14
NEW MILTON	202.33
RINGWOOD	228.97
ROCKBOURNE	229.74
SANDLEHEATH	173.47
SOPLEY	222.15
SWAY	184.89
TOTTON & ELING	263.35
WHITSBURY	177.54
WOODGREEN	181.13

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 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 dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

- (h) These are the District plus Town/Parish Council elements only.
(See below and page 8 of Report B to the Council on 27 February 2012 for the full amounts of Council Tax.)

LOCAL COUNCIL AREA	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ASHURST & COLBURY	122.37	142.77	163.16	183.56	224.35	265.14	305.93	367.12
BEAULIEU	114.33	133.38	152.44	171.49	209.60	247.71	285.82	342.98
BOLDRE	116.15	135.51	154.87	174.23	212.95	251.67	290.38	348.46
BRAMSHAW	114.39	133.46	152.52	171.59	209.72	247.85	285.98	343.18
BRANSGORE	133.38	155.61	177.84	200.07	244.53	288.99	333.45	400.14
BREAMORE	118.43	138.16	157.90	177.64	217.12	256.59	296.07	355.28
BROCKENHURST	124.94	145.76	166.59	187.41	229.06	270.70	312.35	374.82
BURLEY	115.39	134.62	153.85	173.08	211.54	250.00	288.47	346.16
COPYTHORNE	111.70	130.32	148.93	167.55	204.78	242.02	279.25	335.10
DAMERHAM	125.97	146.97	167.96	188.96	230.95	272.94	314.93	377.92
DENNY LODGE	123.33	143.89	164.44	185.00	226.11	267.22	308.33	370.00
EAST BOLDRE	128.95	150.44	171.93	193.42	236.40	279.38	322.37	386.84
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY	124.05	144.73	165.40	186.08	227.43	268.78	310.13	372.16
EXBURY & LEPE	131.16	153.02	174.88	196.74	240.46	284.18	327.90	393.48
FAWLEY	167.78	195.74	223.71	251.67	307.60	363.52	419.45	503.34
FORDINGBRIDGE	154.49	180.23	205.98	231.73	283.23	334.72	386.22	463.46
GODSHILL	133.49	155.73	177.98	200.23	244.73	289.22	333.72	400.46
HALE	124.93	145.75	166.57	187.39	229.03	270.67	312.32	374.78
HORDLE	129.87	151.51	173.16	194.80	238.09	281.38	324.67	389.60
HYDE	112.95	131.77	150.60	169.42	207.07	244.72	282.37	338.84
HYTHE & DIBDEN	152.39	177.78	203.18	228.58	279.38	330.17	380.97	457.16
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	165.49	193.08	220.66	248.24	303.40	358.57	413.73	496.48
LYNDHURST	133.28	155.49	177.71	199.92	244.35	288.77	333.20	399.84
MARCHWOOD	167.96	195.95	223.95	251.94	307.93	363.91	419.90	503.88
MARTIN	121.09	141.27	161.45	181.63	221.99	262.35	302.72	363.26
MILFORD-ON-SEA	125.79	146.75	167.72	188.68	230.61	272.54	314.47	377.36
MINSTEAD	121.09	141.28	161.46	181.64	222.00	262.37	302.73	363.28
NETLEY MARSH	112.76	131.55	150.35	169.14	206.73	244.31	281.90	338.28
NEW MILTON	134.89	157.37	179.85	202.33	247.29	292.25	337.22	404.66
RINGWOOD	152.65	178.09	203.53	228.97	279.85	330.73	381.62	457.94
ROCKBOURNE	153.16	178.69	204.21	229.74	280.79	331.85	382.90	459.48
SANDLEHEATH	115.65	134.92	154.20	173.47	212.02	250.57	289.12	346.94
SOPLEY	148.10	172.78	197.47	222.15	271.52	320.88	370.25	444.30
SWAY	123.26	143.80	164.35	184.89	225.98	267.06	308.15	369.78
TOTTON & ELING	175.57	204.83	234.09	263.35	321.87	380.39	438.92	526.70
WHITSBURY	118.36	138.09	157.81	177.54	216.99	256.45	295.90	355.08
WOODGREEN	120.75	140.88	161.00	181.13	221.38	261.63	301.88	362.26

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(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) That it be noted that Hampshire County Council, the Hampshire Police Authority and the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts for 2012/13 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 below:

PRECEPTING AUTHORITY

PRECEPTING AUTHORITY	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	691.92	807.24	922.56	1,037.88	1,268.52	1,499.16	1,729.80	2,075.76
HAMPSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY	97.50	113.75	130.00	146.25	178.75	211.25	243.75	292.50
HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY	40.92	47.74	54.56	61.38	75.02	88.66	102.30	122.76
	830.34	968.73	1,107.12	1245.51	1,522.29	1,799.07	2,075.85	2,491.02

- (5) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(h) and 4. above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011), hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2012/13 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings shown on the next page:-

LOCAL COUNCIL AREA	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ASHURST & COLBURY	952.71	1,111.50	1,270.28	1,429.07	1,746.64	2,064.21	2,381.78	2,858.14
BEAULIEU	944.67	1,102.11	1,259.56	1,417.00	1,731.89	2,046.78	2,361.67	2,834.00
BOLDRE	946.49	1,104.24	1,261.99	1,419.74	1,735.24	2,050.74	2,366.23	2,839.48
BRAMSHAW	944.73	1,102.19	1,259.64	1,417.10	1,732.01	2,046.92	2,361.83	2,834.20
BRANSGORE	963.72	1,124.34	1,284.96	1,445.58	1,766.82	2,088.06	2,409.30	2,891.16
BREAMORE	948.77	1,106.89	1,265.02	1,423.15	1,739.41	2,055.66	2,371.92	2,846.30
BROCKENHURST	955.28	1,114.49	1,273.71	1,432.92	1,751.35	2,069.77	2,388.20	2,865.84
BURLEY	945.73	1,103.35	1,260.97	1,418.59	1,733.83	2,049.07	2,364.32	2,837.18
COPYTHORNE	942.04	1,099.05	1,256.05	1,413.06	1,727.07	2,041.09	2,355.10	2,826.12
DAMERHAM	956.31	1,115.70	1,275.08	1,434.47	1,753.24	2,072.01	2,390.78	2,868.94
DENNY LODGE	953.67	1,112.62	1,271.56	1,430.51	1,748.40	2,066.29	2,384.18	2,861.02
EAST BOLDRE	959.29	1,119.17	1,279.05	1,438.93	1,758.69	2,078.45	2,398.22	2,877.86
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY	954.39	1,113.46	1,272.52	1,431.59	1,749.72	2,067.85	2,385.98	2,863.18
EXBURY & LEPE	961.50	1,121.75	1,282.00	1,442.25	1,762.75	2,083.25	2,403.75	2,884.50
FAWLEY	998.12	1,164.47	1,330.83	1,497.18	1,829.89	2,162.59	2,495.30	2,994.36
FORDINGBRIDGE	984.83	1,148.96	1,313.10	1,477.24	1,805.52	2,133.79	2,462.07	2,954.48
GODSHILL	963.83	1,124.46	1,285.10	1,445.74	1,767.02	2,088.29	2,409.57	2,891.48
HALE	955.27	1,114.48	1,273.69	1,432.90	1,751.32	2,069.74	2,388.17	2,865.80
HORDLE	960.21	1,120.24	1,280.28	1,440.31	1,760.38	2,080.45	2,400.52	2,880.62
HYDE	943.29	1,100.50	1,257.72	1,414.93	1,729.36	2,043.79	2,358.22	2,829.86
HYPHE & DIBDEN	982.73	1,146.51	1,310.30	1,474.09	1,801.67	2,129.24	2,456.82	2,948.18
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	995.83	1,161.81	1,327.78	1,493.75	1,825.69	2,157.64	2,489.58	2,987.50
LYNDHURST	963.62	1,124.22	1,284.83	1,445.43	1,766.64	2,087.84	2,409.05	2,890.86
MARCHWOOD	998.30	1,164.68	1,331.07	1,497.45	1,830.22	2,162.98	2,495.75	2,994.90
MARTIN	951.43	1,110.00	1,268.57	1,427.14	1,744.28	2,061.42	2,378.57	2,854.28
MILFORD-ON-SEA	956.13	1,115.48	1,274.84	1,434.19	1,752.90	2,071.61	2,390.32	2,868.38
MINSTEAD	951.43	1,110.01	1,268.58	1,427.15	1,744.29	2,061.44	2,378.58	2,854.30
NETLEY MARSH	943.10	1,100.28	1,257.47	1,414.65	1,729.02	2,043.38	2,357.75	2,829.30
NEW MILTON	965.23	1,126.10	1,286.97	1,447.84	1,769.58	2,091.32	2,413.07	2,895.68
RINGWOOD	982.99	1,146.82	1,310.65	1,474.48	1,802.14	2,129.80	2,457.47	2,948.96
ROCKBOURNE	983.50	1,147.42	1,311.33	1,475.25	1,803.08	2,130.92	2,458.75	2,950.50
SANDLEHEATH	945.99	1,103.65	1,261.32	1,418.98	1,734.31	2,049.64	2,364.97	2,837.96
SOPLEY	978.44	1,141.51	1,304.59	1,467.66	1,793.81	2,119.95	2,446.10	2,935.32
SWAY	953.60	1,112.53	1,271.47	1,430.40	1,748.27	2,066.13	2,384.00	2,860.80
TOTTON & ELING	1,005.91	1,173.56	1,341.21	1,508.86	1,844.16	2,179.46	2,514.77	3,017.72
WHITSBURY	948.70	1,106.82	1,264.93	1,423.05	1,739.28	2,055.52	2,371.75	2,846.10
WOODGREEN	951.09	1,109.61	1,268.12	1,426.64	1,743.67	2,060.70	2,377.73	2,853.28

48. PAY POLICY (REPORT C)

Councillor M S Wade declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item as a family member worked for the authority. He left the meeting during consideration of the item.

The Council considered a proposed Pay Policy statement.

RESOLVED:

That the Pay Policy Statement for 2012/13, attached at appendix 1 to Report C, be approved.

49. DELEGATION OF POWERS TO OFFICERS**RESOLVED:**

- (a) that the Terms of Reference of the Planning Development Control Committee be amended to include the determination of all matters relating to The Planning Act 2008, the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009, The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessments) Regulations 2011 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010; with the predecessor legislation being deleted;
- (b) That the scheme of delegation of powers to the officers be updated to replace the superseded legislation with equivalent delegations under the new legislation; and also that the following additional delegation be granted:

***Planning Act 2008
Infrastructure Planning
(Environmental Impact
Assessment) Regulations
2009***

***To respond to
consultations under the
Act***

***Head of Planning and
Transportation, or
Development Control
Manager, or Area Planning
Officer, or Principal
Planning Officer, or Senior
Planning Officer; or
Planning Officer***

50. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS.

No changes to committees and panels were proposed by the political groups.

In response to a question from the Leader of the Opposition, the Conservative Group Secretary, Cllr Mrs Cleary, reported that the question of the membership of the Group of on Councillor had not been resolved. If changes to Committees and Panels became necessary a report would be made to the Council.

CHAIRMAN

Attachment: Minute No. 44 – Appendices 1 and 2