



New Forest
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Meeting Agenda

25 February 2021



SUMMONS

To All Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the District Council to be held on Microsoft Teams - Online on Thursday, 25 February 2021, at 6.30 pm



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AGENDA

Apologies

1. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 22)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2020 as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To note any declarations of interest made by members in connection with an agenda item. The nature of the interest must also be specified.

Members are asked to discuss any possible interests with Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (Pages 23 - 24)

To consider the report of the Audit Committee dated 29 January 2021.

6. REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE (Pages 25 - 26)

To consider the report of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee dated 8 January 2021.

7. REPORT OF THE HR COMMITTEE (Pages 27 - 28)

To consider the report of the HR Committee dated 14 January 2021.

8. REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (Pages 29 - 30)

To consider the report of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel dated 14 January 2021.

RECOMMENDED:

That the conclusions of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel in respect of the Call-In request, as outlined in the report, be noted.

9. REPORTS OF THE CABINET (Pages 31 - 36)

To consider the reports of the Cabinet dated:-

- 3 February 2021
- 17 February 2021 (to follow)

10. QUESTIONS

Under Standing Order 22.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION - SUSPENSION OF CAR PARKING CHARGES

In accordance with Standing Order 21, Cllr M Wade will move the following motion:-

“In response to the dire local economic situation for both New Forest District businesses and New Forest residents brought about by the Covid 19 pandemic and the resulting lockdowns. In order to support and stimulate local retailers and businesses, encourage New Forest residents to shop locally and help local people, this District Council will from the end of the current lockdown suspend for six months car parking charges in its town centre car parks.”

Under the provisions of Standing Order 41, the above motion, after being proposed and seconded (without speeches), should stand referred to the Cabinet, or to the Cabinet or such Committees or Panels as the Council may determine. However, the Chairman may allow the motion to be dealt with at this meeting if he considers it urgent, convenient or conducive to the despatch of business.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION - LGBT+ HISTORY MONTH

In accordance with Standing Order 21, Cllr J Davies will move the following motion:-

“This Council notes:

- *February is LGBT+ History Month; and*
- *the great strides our society has taken towards accepting and supporting the needs and rights of LGBT+ community, including the recognition of sexuality as a protected characteristic under equalities legislation; and*
- *that there are still huge challenges to be faced, including over a third of LGBT+ employees having experienced harassment or bullying at work.*

This Council therefore resolves:

- *to declare our support for the holding of a New Forest Pride event to celebrate the New Forest’s LGBT+ Community; and*
- *to fly the rainbow flag at Appletree Court throughout the month of February in support of LGBT+ History Month; and*
- *To ensure that all Council services, both directly provided and through partners, are fully accessible to all, regardless of their sexuality or gender identity; and*
- *To work to provide at least one gender neutral toilet where possible in every public building, including public conveniences, owned or operated by the Council.”*

Under the provisions of Standing Order 41, the above motion, after being proposed and seconded (without speeches), should stand referred to the Cabinet, or to the Cabinet or such Committees or Panels as the Council may determine. However, the Chairman may allow the motion to be dealt with at this meeting if he considers it urgent, convenient or conducive to the despatch of business.

13. QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS UNDER STANDING ORDER 22A

To ask questions of Portfolio Holders. Questions received will be tabled at the meeting. (Members are reminded that questions must be submitted to the Chief Executive or to the Monitoring Officer by not later than 12.00 noon on Wednesday 24 February 2021.)

14. COUNCIL TAX 2021/22 (Pages 37 - 48)

To set the Council Tax for 2021/22.

15. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

To consider any changes to the membership of Committees or Panels that might be proposed by the political groups.

16. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

17. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

The background report in relation to Health and Leisure Review – Preferred Bidder, which contains recommendations to the Council at item 9 of this agenda – Report of the Cabinet dated 17 February 2021 (to follow), contains exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

If required, the Chairman will move the following resolution:-

"That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and the press be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it."

Description of exempt information – Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Part II - Private Session

Members are reminded that reports and information relating to this session are not for publication and should be treated as strictly confidential.

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL – VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Background

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A live stream will be available on YouTube to allow the press and public to view meetings in real time and can also be found at the relevant meeting page on the Council's website, with this published agenda.

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The Chairman will read out Ground Rules at the start of the meeting for the benefit of all participants. All normal procedures for meetings apply as far as practicable, as the Government Regulations do not amend any of the Council's existing Standing Orders.

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- All participants are asked to mute their microphones when not speaking to reduce feedback and background noise. Please only unmute your microphone and speak when invited to do so by the Chairman.
- Councillors in attendance that have not indicated their wish to speak in advance of the meeting can make a request to speak during the meeting by using the "raise hand" feature in Microsoft Teams. Requests will be managed by the Chairman with support from Democratic Services. Please remember to "lower hand" when you have finished speaking.
- The chat facility should not be used unless raising a point of order or providing the wording for a motion.
- All participants are asked to refer to the report number and page number within the agenda and reports pack so that there is a clear understanding of what is being discussed at all times.

Voting

When voting is required on a particular item, each councillor on the committee will be called to vote in turn by name, expressing their vote verbally. The outcome will be announced to the meeting. A recorded vote will not be reflected in the minutes of the meeting unless this is requested in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

By casting their vote, councillors do so in the acknowledgement that they were present for the duration of the item in question.

Technology

If individuals experience technical issues, the meeting will continue providing that it is quorate and it is still practical to do so. The Chairman will adjourn the meeting if technical issues cause the meeting to be inquorate, the live stream technology fails, or continuing is not practical.

Agenda Item 1

7 DECEMBER 2020

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held on Monday, 7 December 2020.

- * Cllr Allan Glass (Chairman)
- * Cllr Derek Tipp (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

- * Alan Alvey
- * Diane Andrews
- * Ann Bellows
- * Sue Bennison
- * Geoffrey Blunden
- * Hilary Brand
- * Alex Brunsdon
- * Fran Carpenter
- * Louise Cerasoli
- * Mark Clark
- * Rebecca Clark
- * Steve Clarke
- * Jill Cleary
- * Anne Corbridge
- * Keith Craze
- * Kate Crisell
- * Jack Davies
- * Steve Davies
- * Arthur Davis
- * Sandra Delemare
- Philip Dowd
- * Jan Duke
- * Barry Dunning
- * Jacqui England
- * Andrew Gossage
- * Michael Harris
- * David Harrison
- * David Hawkins
- * Edward Heron

Councillors:

- * Jeremy Heron
- * Alison Hoare
- * Maureen Holding
- * Christine Hopkins
- * Mahmoud Kangarani
- * Joshua Kidd
- * Emma Lane
- * Martyn Levitt
- * Alexis McEvoy
- * Ian Murray
- * Alan O'Sullivan
- * Stephanie Osborne
- * Neville Penman
- * Caroline Rackham
- * Alvin Reid
- * Joe Reilly
- * Barry Rickman
- * Tony Ring
- * Steve Rippon-Swaine
- David Russell
- Ann Sevier
- * Mark Steele
- * Michael Thierry
- * Beverley Thorne
- * Neil Tungate
- * Alex Wade
- * Malcolm Wade
- * Christine Ward
- * John Ward

*Present

Officers Attending:

Bob Jackson, Grainne O'Rourke, Colin Read, Daniel Reynafarje, Andy Rogers, Manjit Sandhu, Claire Upton-Brown, Karen Wardle and Matt Wisdom

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dowd and Sevier.

106 MINUTES**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2020, be confirmed.

107 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interests by Members.

108 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**Remembrance**

The Chairman was most pleased to be able to observe the Armistice Day commemoration by laying a wreath at Appletree Court on behalf of all Members and officers of the Council, especially in socially restrictive times. He hoped all Members had taken the opportunity to view the short video released on the day. The Chairman was also able to lay a wreath at St Andrews in Fawley, a video of which was sent online to the local church congregation.

COVID-19

As the final Full Council meeting of 2020, the Chairman placed on record his sincere thanks to the Council and all communities in the New Forest, for responding throughout the year in extraordinary times with all the challenges presented by COVID-19.

109 LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**Southampton City of Culture 2025**

The Leader reported that with regret, the Council needed to cancel the all Member briefing scheduled for Tuesday 8 December 2020, on the Southampton City of Culture 2025 bid. A new date would be sought in the New Year when the technical issues that had required the December date to be cancelled, had been resolved to maximise attendance by Members, officers and local partners.

Celebrating Small Business in the New Forest

Retail businesses recently welcomed back customers for the first Saturday in over a month which coincided with the annual small business Saturday. Local retail and hospitality businesses had experienced a really challenging year, and as such it was vitally important to come out and support these enterprises which in turn supported local jobs and supply chains. The Leader highlighted the importance of this now more than ever.

This small business Saturday also marked the first of five days throughout December when the Council suspended car parking charges in town and village centres, which was one of several initiatives to encourage residents to get out and support the local economy safely.

110 REPORTS OF THE CABINET

The Leader of the Council presented the report of the Cabinet dated 4 November 2020 and moved the adoption of the recommendations.

Cllr E Heron seconded the motion.

Paragraph 2 – Draft Waste Strategy

A number of Members highlighted the interest generated by the public consultation. Views were expressed that such a radical step change was due in part to the significant shift in Government strategy. Concerns were raised that the number of responses to date to the public consultation on such a fundamental issue for the Council was disappointing and awareness needed to be greater.

Members hoped that the consultation would drive a meaningful impact on policy. One Member commented that they were reassured by recent question and answer sessions that a one size fits all approach was not necessarily appropriate for the New Forest and was confident that this would be acknowledged as part of the options moving forward.

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regulatory Services responded to the points raised by Members. It was reiterated that the matter was very much about consultation at this stage. Work would turn to the development of a business case following the outcomes of the public consultation, to benchmark against the service the Council currently provided and to ensure that any future model reduced waste, increased recycling and provided a good service to residents. The comments section of the consultation in particular was being closely monitored for those more detailed and nuanced views. Noting the concerns about the response to the public consultation, the Portfolio Holder considered that the number of responses was in fact good for a survey of this kind, with promotion across radio, online and printed media. Regardless of the future options, it was noted that the Council would need to comply with the emerging Government strategies on the Environment and Waste.

In response to requests from Members to vote on individual recommendations separately, the Chairman and Chief Executive confirmed that the Council's Standing Orders provided for a single vote on receiving the report of the Cabinet and adoption of the recommendations, taking account of any amendments, once all items and recommendations in the report had been called, speeches made and questions dealt with. No questions, speeches or amendments had been made in respect of any of the recommendations. Cllr McEvoy requested that it be recorded that she would have preferred the Council to vote on the individual recommendations of the report separately.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendations, be adopted.

The Leader of the Council then presented the report of the Cabinet dated 2 December 2020 and moved the adoption of the recommendations.

Cllr E Heron seconded the motion.

Paragraph 3 – Rural Housing and Right to Buy

A Member welcomed the consultation on this subject and supported the Council seeking to adopt the relevant powers in Section 157 of the Housing Act 1985, as much needed protection for the rural areas of the New Forest, helping to keep local properties occupied by local people.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendations, be adopted.

111 REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Cllr Rippon-Swaine presented the report of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel dated 15 October 2020, and moved the adoption of the recommendation set out on the Council agenda, to note the Panel's conclusions in respect of the Call-In request, as outlined in the report.

Cllr Bennison seconded the motion.

Some Members spoke with disappointment on the decision taken by the Portfolio Holder, highlighting the economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic and the unique nature of Totton as a town centre in the District. Concerns for residents and businesses were put forward some by local ward councillors.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Infrastructure highlighted the full and open debate at the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting. He was surprised at the opposition to the use of one of many tools to advocate more sustainable forms of transport, encouraging people to think a bit more carefully about travel. Equally, the cost of a District Council parking clock was considered an affordable option for car users, further supporting equitably across the District.

The Chairman of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel summarised by confirming that the Panel had spent a lot of time debating this issue and concluded that the decision taken by the Portfolio Holder was in accordance with agreed policy and budgets.

RESOLVED:

That the conclusions of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel in respect of the Call-In request, as outlined in the report, be noted.

Note – Cllrs M Clark, J Davies, Harrison, Kangarani, Rackham and M Wade requested that their dissent from the resolution above, be recorded.

112 QUESTIONS

There were none.

113 QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS UNDER STANDING ORDER 22A

Cllr J Davies moved, in accordance with Standing Order 64, that Standing Order 40A.1 be suspended, thereby removing the time limit for a maximum period of 30 minutes in total on this item.

Cllr M Clark seconded the motion.

The Chairman reminded Members that ordinarily, any questions that fell outside of the 30 minute time limit were dealt with in writing and included in the minutes of the Council meeting. Whilst he considered that these arrangements had served the Council well for a number of years, he was happy to put the motion to a vote for the Council to determine.

The motion was put to the vote and lost.

Questions were put and answered under Standing Order 22A as follows:-

- Cllr Craze to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Rickman, on COVID-19 recovery for local businesses.
- Cllr Clarke to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regulatory Services, Cllr Hoare, on more sustainable forms of transport.
- Cllr Tungate to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Investment and Corporate Services, Cllr J Heron, on Microsoft Teams.
- Cllr Davis to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Cllr Harris, on the Local Restrictions Support Grant.
- Cllr Bellows to the Portfolio Holder for Housing Services, Cllr Cleary, on Greener Housing.
- Cllr Penman to the Portfolio Holder for Community Affairs, Cllr Andrews, on the installation of Careline units during COVID-19.
- Cllr Rackham to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Infrastructure, Cllr E Heron, on parking in Totton town centre.
- Cllr A Wade to the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Wellbeing, Cllr Steele, on the Health and Leisure Review.
- Cllr Kangarani to the to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Rickman, on Overview and Scrutiny Panel chairs.
- Cllr M Wade to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regulatory Services, Cllr Hoare on the Council's carbon footprint.

The following questions were dealt with in writing:-

- Cllr J Davies to the Portfolio Holder for Housing Services, Cllr Cleary, on the delivery of social housing.
- Cllr Brand to the Portfolio Holder for Housing Services, Cllr Cleary, on the application process for social housing.
- Cllr Osborne to the Portfolio Holder for Housing Services, Cllr Cleary, on the application process for social housing.
- Cllr Delemare to the Portfolio Holder for Housing Services, Cllr Cleary, on the application process for social housing.
- Cllr A Wade to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regulatory Services, Cllr Hoare, on the Draft Waste Strategy consultation.

Note – a copy of the full questions and replies are attached to these minutes.

114 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

There were no changes.

CHAIRMAN

FULL COUNCIL – 7 DECEMBER 2020 – QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS UNDER STANDING ORDER 22A

First Questions

Question 1

From Cllr Keith Craze to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Barry Rickman

Given the communications that the Council's COVID-19 Recovery Task and Finish Group established with local businesses this year, when looking at the current potential future business environment, how effective has establishing a mutual rapport been and will be?

Answer:

I have been delighted by the positivity, debate and sharing of information that has taken place in the Local Economy Task and Finish Group. Over the past months we have heard how a range of local businesses from different sectors and the impact Covid 19 has had on them. What we have learnt from the Task and Finish meetings has helped inform policies for discretionary grants and has also supported officers in securing additional grant funding from the LEP. However I am certain that as we move into 2021 the impact of Covid 19 will continue to be felt within our economy and the work of the Task and Finish Group has not finished! We know that key sectors of our economy, such as the hospitality sector, will require significant support over the coming months and the skills agenda will be more important than ever. The Council cannot solve these issues alone and it's critical that we collaborate with different partners sharing information, knowledge and resources to support the residents and businesses within our district. The Local Economy Task and Finish Group will continue to be a forum for bringing partners together to inform and prioritise how we support the economy of the New Forest in these unprecedented times.

Question 2

From Cllr Steve Clarke to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regulatory Services, Cllr Alison Hoare

With the Government's recent announcement that the sale of new cars wholly powered by petrol and diesel will cease by 2030 and that £1.3bn will be invested in electric charging points, can I ask the Portfolio Holder what the Council can do, to assist this change from petrol or diesel to a more sustainable form of transport?

Answer:

In terms of our priorities, a reduction in vehicle journeys must be our main focus and we have achieved that this year internally with the number of staff that we now have who can work from home. But we are aware that people especially in our rural communities will still need to travel to our local Towns and Villages and therefore the Council has been planning for this announcement for some time. I am pleased to report that the installation of 25 electric vehicle charging points in 9 of our car parks with improved signage and bay markings was completed last Friday 4th December with all 25 units now available for the public to use.

Note – in response to a supplementary question in relation to future installations, the Portfolio Holder confirmed that four new spaces had been approved in Lyndhurst with charging points, expected to be completed by the middle of 2021. Furthermore, a new rapid charging point would be replacing the existing one in the Ringwood Furlong car park. The Council's Planning

Department were requiring applications to make provision for charging points and it was expected that a more detailed update could be made to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel in early 2021.

Question 3

From Cllr Neil Tungate to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Investment and Corporate Services, Cllr Jeremy Heron

Is this Council proposing to migrate from Skype to Microsoft Teams in the near future?

Answer:

From 18 January 2021 next year, all video conferencing will migrate to Microsoft Teams. The migration process for this is well underway. This upgrade is ahead of the original planned timescales for the work in 2023, which has been brought forward due to the emerging ICT requirements of the Council. The roll out of Microsoft Teams is part of the Council's ongoing investment in ICT, which has already seen our data storage virtualised in a public cloud, the replacement of HR software and a new Accounting platform. The telephony system has been updated to allow calls to be answered wherever an internet connection can be made. However, ICT is not static. To remain up to date, we must continue to evolve which is why a paper was taken through Cabinet last month which showed a further forecast expenditure of £2.17m, as we need to see both our content management and regulatory services systems replaced. Without the investment made in ICT, this Council could not have maintained the delivery of services for the community that it did through the past year.

Question 4

From Cllr Arthur Davis to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Cllr Michael Harris

How many businesses in the New Forest in general and in Totton in particular have been supported by the Local Restrictions Support Grant?

Answer:

There are two grants being distributed at this time. The Local Restrictions Grant is to all businesses, paid on the basis of a calculation against business rates. The Additional Restrictions Grant picks up those businesses not covered by a business rate calculation via a local scheme. As of the end of 7 December, 1,411 businesses have been paid a total of £2,173,382 through the Local Restrictions Support Scheme. We have also issued a further £90,394 to an additional 85 businesses under the Additional Support Scheme.

Turning to Totton in particular, as of the 2 December, 93 businesses had received a total of £139,050.

Question 5

From Cllr Ann Bellows to the Portfolio Holder for Housing Services, Cllr Jill Cleary

Following on from the PM's recent announcement to put the green agenda at the fore of what we do as a nation, could the Housing Portfolio Holder tell me what we are doing, as a Housing Authority, to respond to the green agenda?

Answer:

This is a very timely question and I thank the member for it. Members will be aware that, as Housing Authority, we assume a number of roles. Not only do we own a large number of council dwellings, we are also building new properties. We also have responsibilities for the Private Sector who will need to react so that, they too, implement better ways of ensuring more energy efficient homes to contribute to the ultimate objective of net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Members, whilst 2050 might seem a very long way off, the hard work must start now. That is why the newly created Council's Greener Housing Task and Finish Group was set up. That Group, under the Chairmanship of the Chairman of the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel, is leading the way when it comes to this Council proactively taking steps to play its part, as Housing Authority, in bringing about a greener housing environment. That Group has already put in place an ambitious Work Programme to analyse and understand what more we can and must do, to rise to the challenge of significantly reducing our carbon emissions. They will be looking at how best to go about retrofitting our existing stock recognising that this Council is already carrying out work to make our council stock greener through our extensive medium and longer term programme of capital works, which includes better insulated roofs, more efficient boilers and of course, double glazing.

We will also be looking critically when we build new properties to make sure the build standards that we adopt, produce energy efficient homes with real cost benefits to our tenants in running them.

We will also be looking to use our influence in persuading the Private Sector to likewise think green when it comes to their own housing. There are a huge raft of measures, including grants, that the Government are pushing and we will play our part in assisting the take-up in this regard.

Members, coming out of the Greener Housing Task and Finish Group will be a Greener Housing Strategy, which I am delighted about. This will complement our other Housing Strategies and demonstrate that this Council means business when it comes to delivering excellent Housing Services.

Question 6

From Cllr Neville Penman to the Portfolio Holder for Community Affairs, Cllr Diane Andrews

How has the pandemic effected the number of installations of Careline units?

Answer:

The installation of careline services between March and November 2019 in comparison for the same period this year shows a decrease of 22% in new customer installations. This reduction is attributed to the Government lockdown in March of this year. Although Appletree Carelines was deemed to be an essential service, the main customer cohort fell into the shielding group of being clinically vulnerable or extremely clinically vulnerable. Whilst protecting those most at risk from Covid 19, this initially reduced the installation of new services to customers.

Following a review of operational procedures and the undertaking of comprehensive risk assessments, this enabled careline installations to resume to near normal levels. From August of this year, careline installations were increasingly higher year on year. Following the second lockdown, this again impacted and reduced new careline installations.

Overall, the comparison of new installations between August and November of this year, with that of 2019, show a small decrease of just over 3%.

Appletree Careline continues to provide much needed care monitoring and response services for our most vulnerable residents at this difficult time in a Covid compliant manner. The focus is now on widening the traditional customer base to increase installations over the coming months.

The team recently received praise and thanks from the family of an Appletree Careline customer, who having sadly endured a burglary, activated their lifeline for assistance. The team were able to quickly deploy help with the Police having detained the person responsible. It is responses like this that demonstrates not only the reassurance and benefit of Appletree Careline 24 hour service, but also the additional protection it provides to its customers.

Question 7

From Cllr Caroline Rackham to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Infrastructure, Cllr Edward Heron

The last time parking in Totton town centre was discussed Cllr Heron said he would be undertaking some consultation and would take that into account before making the decision about imposing charges on our car parks. I wonder how many people Cllr Heron has managed to consult with and how many of them agreed that charges would be a good idea?

Answer:

The consultation was undertaken in accordance with that set out in my Decision Report of 11 September. That included notification to statutory consultees such as the County Council, bus companies, the Road Haulage Association etc. Letters were sent to 21 businesses located adjacent to the car park, a notice was placed in a local publication (Hampshire Independent) which was published on 23 October, the consultation was published on the Council's website, and most importantly, notices were placed in all the affected car parks. From that, seven objections were received in response to the Council's proposals. Along with that, I did meet with a resident in Totton who is a business owner, at a ward councillor's request and I have been talking to people about these proposed changes. There are some businesses which are very concerned about charges within Totton. When many of those are explained the long and short stay clock options, many of their concerns are alleviated. But also, speaking to other people across the District who have been paying for parking for quite a number of years, they are somewhat surprised that there has not been a level playing field with Totton in this regard.

Note – in response to a supplementary question in relation to a possible delay to the introduction of charges, the Portfolio Holder highlighted the significant debate on this issue at the recent Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel and confirmed that he did not intend to revisit the timing in light of the fairness across the District of the approach.

Question 8

From Cllr Alex Wade to the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Wellbeing, Cllr Mark Steele

As I have experience as a past member of the Task & Finish Group in the previous Administration looking at the leisure centre privatisation process I was appalled to see the customer focus group set up at that time now refusing to be part of the process and the

recent closure, due to the Covid virus. Is it really possible to continue to with process which seeks to privatise the management of those leisure centres? Isn't it time to stop and wait until it will be possible to more accurately predict future income and strategy for the leisure centres?

Answer:

We are of course disappointed that the Customer Focus Group (CFG) feel they cannot continue but we respect their decision. We will continue to invite the CFG members to our next stakeholder meeting and we are planning to hold virtual customer forums in mid-January with any preferred bidder, which will be publicised in early January. I know that some CFG members have already indicated that they will attend the customer forums. Input from the CFG was very valuable, and feedback from them has been reflected in work on the review at each stage.

The service has for many years been an excellent health and leisure service for the area, but with a subsidy. This position continues to be unsustainable. The partnering procurement process has shown that bidders can provide a service that meets the Council's objectives of 'working with partners to create active communities by providing affordable, accessible leisure facilities, dedicated to improving physical and mental health and wellbeing and establishing a sustainable healthy lifestyle legacy for future generations.'

Best and Final Offers from bidders are due on the 9th December, the bids will then be fully evaluated and discussed with the Task and Finish Group.

Note – in response to a supplementary question in relation to due diligence, the Portfolio Holder confirmed that the objective has always been about sustaining the future health and leisure services and therefore it was only right to wait until the conclusion of the procurement process.

Question 9

From Cllr Mahmoud Kangarani to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Barry Rickman

Following the extraordinary admission made to the Council's recent Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Panel of £225,000 of public funding going to a single organisation without anything to show for it, is it now time for this Conservative Administration to give up its fox role in the henhouse, and allow Opposition Members of this Council to chair independent scrutiny committees, normal in other Councils, to ensure that this disastrous mistake never happens again?

Answer:

With regard to the Chairmen of Overview and Scrutiny Panels, the election of a Chairman for each of this Council's four Overview and Scrutiny Panels is a matter for each Panel to determine at their first meeting following the Council's Annual Meeting in May. Other Councils was mentioned in the question so it is worth noting that the nearby authority of Eastleigh (Liberal Democrat administration) have all of their Overview and Scrutiny Committees chaired by Liberal Democrat Councillors. However I would like to reiterate that it is a matter for each Overview and Scrutiny Panel or Committee in any local authority to determine who the right person is for the position of Chairman.

In response to a supplementary question about future arrangements, the Leader of the Council was confident that the proper procedures had been followed in this subject and

remained in the view that providing specific space within the District for innovation and start up businesses was critical to the local economy.

Question 10

From Cllr Malcolm Wade to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regulatory Services, Cllr Alison Hoare

Can the Portfolio Holder advise what our current carbon footprint is and the amount it has been affected by operational changes due to Covid-19?

Answer:

Thank you for your question which is very topical given the last 9 months of living in very difficult times and working in very alternative ways. The CO2 for our vehicle fleet which comprises of 190 vehicles has remained fairly static over the COVID 19 period with the majority of vehicles still being used for their daily tasks and on occasions additional hired vehicles needed for increased cleaning activities and social distancing of operational staff. I am pleased to report that the trial of the 4 electric vehicles is progressing well with the vehicles covering 41,500 miles in the last 12 months with associated savings of 10,130 kg on CO2 emissions compared to an equivalent Diesel vehicle.

Where we have seen significant differences is in our buildings, where we can see that for the first half of 2019/20 financial year the amount of CO2 produced was 1,346 tonnes, but this has reduced to 907 tonnes for the first half of this financial year, an overall decrease of 33% - (38% at the health and leisure centres). The main reason for this is the reduction in the use of our buildings due to the ability for staff to work from home as well as Leisure centres being closed for a period of time during the first lockdown.

There is a relationship to expenditure as well as we can also see a reduction on gas and electricity costs over the same two periods which have decreased by 18% when comparing the 1st half of 2020/21 with 2019/20.

Note – in response to a supplementary question regarding the Council's overall carbon footprint, the Portfolio Holder confirmed she would be happy to supply this outside of the meeting once confirmed.

The following questions fell outside of the 30 minute time limit and were dealt with in writing:-

Question 11

From Cllr Jack Davies to the Portfolio Holder for Housing Services, Cllr Jill Cleary

Based on the assumption that a third of the 600 affordable properties the council aims to deliver by 2026 will be social housing (although there is no guarantee of there even being that many) it will take more than 50 years for the Council to meet current demand for social housing across the district. Does the Portfolio Holder accept that the current rate at which this council delivers social housing is not good enough?

Answer:

Before addressing our own position on affordable housing delivery, a couple of wider points are worth making.

Firstly, it must be remembered that we are not the only affordable housing provider operating in the New Forest.

Whilst we are certainly working VERY hard to establish the Council as the preferred provider of affordable housing in every situation, Housing Associations are also actively pursuing openings and providing homes for rent and shared-ownership in our District. Last year Sovereign Housing Association provided homes for rent in Fordingbridge and this year, both Vivid and Sovereign have rented homes coming forward. Aster are also progressing a larger scale development of homes for rent and shared ownership to serve Totton. Our relationships with Housing Associations operating in our District are very positive and it is right that this is so, after all, this Council gets allocations rights to the affordable housing that they bring forward. People on our Housing Register directly benefit from these allocations.

Secondly, we are all aware of the commitments and policies that have been made to affordable housing in our Local Plan, as part of larger market housing developments. Whilst it is difficult to predict just how many of these affordable homes will come forward and how soon, we expect a significant number to be provided for rent, including Social Rent.

So what of our own “in-house” delivery plans?

Our ambition to achieve at least 600 additional council owned homes by 2026 is modelled on our financial capacity as well as our estimated delivery capacity. In the first two years of the 8 year programme, we proudly delivered 147 homes from a variety of sources and all of these were delivered for social rent. This year we have the scope to deliver another 45 homes for social rent so we are already within a hairs breadth of our overall 8 year tenure target, but we won't stop there.

As Members of the Cabinet will know, our very first homes for Shared Ownership and Affordable Rent are in the process of completing and these new tenures will sit comfortably alongside our homes for social rent.

These new models, not only meet a Housing Strategy objective and broaden our scope as an affordable housing provider, they also enable us to optimise our financial capacity, AND to compete for more opportunities, giving greater access to openings that could include homes for social rent.

Members, we are actively working alongside Homes England to maximise grant funding and already, we have had tremendous success in this regard. This helps our money go further. Members, this Administration will do all it can to help those in housing need within our District. We are making great strides like never before and I am most proud of our achievements.

Question 12

From Cllr Hilary Brand to the Portfolio Holder for Housing Services, Cllr Jill Cleary

In September 2019, more than 3000 people were on the waiting list for social housing. Following the move to a new system from January 2020 where every existing applicant was made to submit a new application, that number has now fallen to fewer than 2000. Does the Portfolio Holder accept that such a massive drop indicates many people on the waiting list have not been able to register for this new system?

Answer:

Members, this is also a timely question as we near the first anniversary of the Council's new housing allocation system. The new Allocation Policy, approved by Full Council in April 2019, was the first major policy change since the launch of Choice Based Lettings in the District in 2002. The policy required a comprehensive overhaul to meet changing housing demands and our strategic aims to reduce homelessness.

As Members will know, during the consultation period, we made it clear we fully expected the number of applicants on the register to reduce as a result of prioritising those households in housing need. Following comprehensive reviews of the existing applicant base, we identified a significant number of dormant applications, or applicants who were not in housing need, which the previous system permitted. As an example, one applicant had remained on the register for 24 years, without placing a single bid for a home.

Our plans to support existing applicants to re-apply were presented to both members and our Multi-agency Homelessness Forum, who all gave their full support to the extensive methods made available to these existing applicants. Vulnerable households, who did not apply, were all contacted and assisted in person where necessary, to ensure they got on the new Register.

Members, since January this year we have verified and approved 1,500 applications, with 300 of those households being housed or offered a social housing property. We continue to support 100s of vulnerable people each year with their applications. The new allocation policy and system is ensuring those in the most need secure a home and I applaud it.

Question 13

From Cllr Stephanie Osborne to the Portfolio Holder for Housing Services, Cllr Jill Cleary

Can the Portfolio Holder for Housing conduct a review of the way individuals can be assisted when applying for housing?

Several examples that have come to light suggests that those who find completing forms correctly a great challenge or a struggle have been unfairly disadvantaged. Especially since the NFDC office in Hythe was closed throughout the pandemic.

Answer:

Members, I would like to reassure you that advice and assistance with applying to the housing register is very much part and parcel of the support provided by both the Homesearch and Homelessness Teams. As Portfolio Holder, I know first hand, of many vulnerable households who have been promptly and carefully guided through the application process.

Members will be reassured that our team of officers are able to take applications over the phone where the applicant has no other way of being supported. We have set up further sources of help through our longstanding partnership with Citizens Advice and in Hythe, we established drop-in sessions at The Crossings, which have now recommenced, and whose volunteers have supported many applicants apply.

Members, we greatly value the work of The Crossings in the Hythe community and just recently supported them, and subsequently congratulated them, on their successful bid to receive Government funding to support homeless households in the local community. We

look forward to continuing our work alongside them in supporting vulnerable people in our area.

Question 14

From Cllr Sandra Delemare to the Portfolio Holder for Housing Services, Cllr Jill Cleary

Referring to Cllr Osborne's question on housing, can the whole process be reviewed and made easier with neighbouring Councils and more available for residents to downsize and upsize as their situations change? Death of partner, family size increasing, or the need to relocate for work or to be near relatives for care. This seems to be a common and efficient method in those European countries where renting properties seems to be much more common.

For example: An NFDC resident has a 3 bed property and garden and would like to relocate to a 1 bed flat in Eastleigh thereby freeing up that property to the NFDC. However, their health and mental health situation means any barriers would be too upsetting to endure.

Answer:

Members, there are a number of options available to such a tenant in this situation. During our Allocation Policy review we recognised that freeing up under-occupied social housing would increase the supply of much needed family housing. As a result, we gave greater priority to those wishing to move within the New Forest, by awarding them a Band 2 priority, to help move them much quicker to more suitable accommodation.

I am sure many Members will know that moving from social housing in one local authority area to another is also possible through the Mutual Exchange process. This is a well established process and works well.

Members, I am happy to ask the Service Manager for Housing Options to make contact with Cllr Delemare so that we can offer personalised advice and support to assist the tenant with her proposed move.

Second Questions

Question 15

From Cllr Alex Wade to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regulatory Services, Cllr Alison Hoare

As the survey closes this week for the Waste Strategy proposals, does the Portfolio Holder agree that the consultation for this important issue should have been more accessible for residents unable to access the online survey or visit information offices? And that many affected residents won't have their voices heard? And that four weeks ahead is simply not long enough?

Answer:

The engagement period will have run for over 4 weeks once it comes to a close on 10th December. The aim of the survey is to gather views on how the "preferred option" which was agreed by the cross party Task and Finish Group, for waste and recycling collections would affect them. The results of this survey can then be taken into account in the Council's future decision making, alongside more detailed financial information, to determine how we will meet our environmental aims and comply with future legislation.

The survey has been available online and in hard copy format available from information offices, and we have also sent out survey forms in the post to residents who have requested this, to ensure that everyone who wishes to provide feedback can do so. Officers from the Council have also fully engaged with the Council's refuse collection teams who have also been given the opportunity to provide feedback. The consultation has also been advertised in the local papers and radio.

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

(Meeting held on 29 January 2021)

1. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2021/22 TO 2023/24 AND TREASURY INDICATORS (Minute No 72)**

The Committee has considered the Council's Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2021/22 to 2023/24, including the Annual Treasury Management Investment Strategy for 2021/22 (and the remainder for 2020/21) and Treasury Indicators for the same period.

Following detailed consideration by the Committee, the policies and approvals sought are:

Treasury Management Strategy Statement

The Treasury Management Strategy Statement sets out how the Council's treasury service will support the capital expenditure and financing decisions taken over the three year period from 2021/22 to 2023/24. The day to day treasury management function and the limitations on activity through treasury indicators are also set out in the statement.

The report had been prepared prior to the adoption of the Capital Programme for 2021/22 and subsequent years. Therefore, the target indicators may be subject to minor variation. These indicators are targets only and minor adjustments will not be reported.

Any adjustments to the treasury management limits will be reported.

Treasury Management Investment Strategy

Treasury risk management at the Council is conducted within the framework of the CIPFA Treasury Management in Public Services: Code of Practice 2017 Edition (the CIPFA Code). The report fulfils the Council's legal obligation under the Local Government Act 2003 to have regard to the CIPFA Code. The Treasury Management Investment Strategy sets out the Council's criteria for choosing investment counterparties and limiting exposure to the risk of loss.

This Strategy is shown in Annex A to Committee Report 6. (The Committee noted a minor update to the figure in the table at Appendix B to Annex A, where the Unsecured figure in the first column should have read 8.9 instead of 2.9.)

The above policies and parameters provide an approved framework within which officers undertake the day to day treasury activities.

This Strategy aims to strike a balance between allowing for current investment levels to continue, whilst also considering the Council's intention to directly invest in both commercial and residential property.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) ***That the Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22 to 2023/24 including the Annual Treasury Management Investment Strategy for 2021/22 (and the remainder for 2020/21) and the Treasury Indicators contained within Annex A of Audit Committee Report 6 of the Audit Committee agenda, be approved, subject to the update to Annex A as set out above.***
- (b) ***That authority be delegated to the Section 151 Officer, (who in turn delegates to Hampshire County Council's Director of Corporate Resources, as agreed in the Service Level Agreement, to manage all Council investments (other than the high yield investment portfolio) and borrowing, according Treasury Management Strategy Statement as appropriate.***

2. INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2021/22 (Minute No 73)

The Committee also considered the Investment Strategy for 2021/22, which the Council must produce to comply with statutory guidance.

The Investment Strategy is attached at Appendix B and incorporates all of the Council's investment activities, which consist of:

- **Treasury Management Investments** (see Item 1 above)
- **Commercial Investments**

The Commercial investments section of the strategy combines properties which have been in NFDC ownership for several years, as well as the accumulation of property investment strategies that have been adopted more recently by this Council.

Although the primary purpose of these adopted strategies is to support the economic sustainability and regeneration within the District and provide additional housing to support New Forest residents and communities, the strategies also generate a revenue return, hence being prevalent to this investment strategy. The strategy considers the contribution made by these investments, the security, the risk assessment process and liquidity.

The strategy sets out various performance indicators, designed to assist readers understand the implications of the Council's investing activities on the general fund, and the forecast yields expected from the differing investment categories.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Investment Strategy for 2021/22, as set out in Appendix 1 of Audit Committee Report 7 of the Audit Committee agenda, be approved.

**CLLR A O'SULLIVAN
CHAIRMAN**

REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

(Meeting held on 8 January 2021)

1. FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2021-2022 - LICENSING SERVICE (MINUTE NO. 25)

As part of the annual review of budgets, the Committee has reviewed non-statutory fees and charges for the Licensing Service for 2021/2022.

The Committee noted that the Coronavirus pandemic has had a significant impact on the economy, and businesses in the New Forest have been affected by a reduction in trade and loss of income. The Service has worked with the businesses to assist them in continuing to operate as far as possible.

In order to further support the continuation of those businesses who have struggled financially this year, the Committee is recommending not raising licensing fees for 2021/22. It is proposed that fees be fully reviewed for 2022/23, when the impact of the pandemic should be known and the business climate will be more stable. Any financial implications have been reported for budgetary control and as part of the financial plan.

RECOMMENDED:

That the recommended fees for the financial year 2021/22 as set out in Appendix A to General Purposes and Licensing Committee Report 4 of the Committee agenda, be agreed.

**CLLR S J CLARKE
CHAIRMAN**

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REPORT OF HR COMMITTEE
(Meeting held on 14 January 2021)

1. PAY POLICY STATEMENT (MINUTE NO 53)

The Committee has considered and supports the proposed Pay Policy Statement 2021/22.

The Localism Act 2011 requires Councils to prepare a pay policy statement each financial year. The statement must set out the Council's policies for the financial year relating to the remuneration of its Chief Officers, the remuneration of its lowest paid employees and the relationship between the remuneration of its Chief Officers and other employees.

The National Pay Award for 2021-22 is being negotiated nationally, and once agreed the Pay Policy statement for this financial year will be updated. The Committee note that the statutory provisions governing exit payments to local government workers are in the process of reform. This Pay Policy Statement will be updated to take account of any further legislative changes as and when they occur.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Pay Policy Statement 2020-21 as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 5 of the HR Committee agenda be approved.

COUNCILLOR B RICKMAN
CHAIRMAN

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REPORT OF ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

TO THE LEADER AND COUNCIL

(Meeting held on 14 January 2021)

1. CALL-IN REQUEST – CHANGES TO SHORT AND LONG STAY SPACES IN WINSOR ROAD, CIVIC CENTRE AND WESTFIELD ROAD CAR PARK AND THE INTRODUCTION OF CHARGES IN CIVIC CENTRE AND WESTFIELD ROAD CAR PARKS, TOTTON

The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel considered the call-in request from Cllr Rackham, in relation to a Portfolio Holder decision to implement changes to the short and long stay spaces in three car parks in Totton (Winsor Road, Civic Centre and Westfield Road) and the introduction of car parking charges in the Civic Centre and Westfield Road Car Parks, following a statutory consultation process.

The Panel heard from Cllr Rackham who spoke about the changes to the long and short stay spaces and the impact this would have to businesses, and users of the doctors surgery, community centre, etc. She raised concerns about the number of town centre long stay spaces being replaced with short stay spaces.

Cllr Rackham as part of her call-in request also raised concerns about the consultation process, noting that only seven responses had been received, of which none had been supportive of the proposed changes. Cllr Rackham reported that she had received 50 responses in opposition to the proposals via her facebook page.

Cllr Rackham felt that the introduction of charges would influence people to shop in areas offering free parking, thereby reducing the footfall in the town centre and have a detrimental impact on the local businesses in Totton. It would also encourage people to park in residential streets rather than use the car parks to avoid parking charges. She reminded the Panel that the coronavirus pandemic was having an impact on the economy and that the businesses in Totton should be given additional support to enable the town centre to recover, and therefore delaying the implementation of parking charges for 6 months to 1 year would help local businesses.

The Panel noted that a consultation exercise had been carried out on the proposed changes, with signage erected in the car parks affected as well as in adjacent streets. The proposals had also been advertised in the local media, as part of the statutory process and through social media.

The decision to adjust the balance of long and short stay car parking spaces had been proposed, based on evidence of the need for more short stay spaces in the town centre following an independent car parking survey. It was therefore proposed that all the spaces in Winsor Road car park be short stay, all the long stay spaces in the Civic Centre would be changed to short stay and 40 spaces in the Westfield Road Car Park would become short stay. This would support local businesses with spaces becoming available more frequently for customers.

Cllr Edward Heron, the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Infrastructure, having heard the points raised by Cllr Rackham and other members of the Panel addressed the meeting. He acknowledged that some of the points raised had already been discussed at the last meeting, through the previous call-in.

He spoke about the layout of spaces and the fact the Council wanted to increase the capacity in car parks. The provision of short stay spaces in the town centre was a priority for the Council. Those who required parking all day could use car parks

further away from the main centre, leaving town centre parking available for customers of local businesses and services.

The Portfolio Holder gave a commitment to continue to monitor the distribution of car parking spaces across the District, and that should a need to make changes be identified it would be responded to.

The Portfolio Holder recognised the challenges for local business, but also acknowledged the challenges for the public sector. The introduction of charges brought conformity to all areas across the District. The cost to purchase a short stay car parking clock was not considered to be a barrier when compared to the cost to maintain a motor vehicle.

The Panel concluded the following:

- i) That the decision was within the Council's policy and budget; and
- ii) That it was not necessary for the policy and budget to be reviewed as a result of the decision; and
- iii) That the Portfolio Holder decision taken on 4 December in relation to short and long stay spaces and to introduce charges to car parks in Totton was supported.

**COUNCILLOR STEVE RIPPON-SWAINE
CHAIRMAN**

REPORT OF CABINET

(Meeting held on 3 February 2021)

1. COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY – REPORT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (MINUTE NO 158)

The start to 2021 has seen someone admitted to hospital every 30 seconds in England with coronavirus. The importance of staying home and reducing contact with others remains the best action everyone can take to save lives.

With 200 people being vaccinated every minute and jabs given to nearly 10 million people at the time of the Cabinet meeting, there is light at the end of the tunnel. The Leader and Cabinet welcome the many wonderful stories of how the New Forest community are pulling together to support each other, including help with the online booking of appointments.

The Leader and Cabinet would like to place on record their thanks to all the NHS staff who are part of the vaccination programme locally, and to the many volunteers who continue to offer invaluable support and assistance.

Council staff continue to work tirelessly, administering the Government backed business support schemes, visiting supermarkets and other food retailers to support them with continuing to implement Covid measures, alongside offering many other premises such as garden centres and building merchants advice.

The Council continues to work alongside health colleagues to set up vaccine and testing sites, and ensuring the clinically vulnerable can access food shopping, medicines and befriending services. Not to mention the provision of all the day to day services our residents expect.

In late January, the Local Tracing Service went live in the New Forest District, alongside a bid being put forward for a community testing site at Totton Health and Leisure Centre for critical and essential workers.

The Cabinet encourage residents to look at the information on the Council's website for how the Council may be able to help. It is recognised that the community and businesses of the New Forest all did so well during 2020 to come together to support the local economy, protect jobs and enable the general wellbeing of residents.

The Portfolio Holder for Housing Services would like to highlight the progress of the Greener Housing Task and Finish Group, lead by the Chairman of the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel. There is a clear direction to bring greener housing initiatives to Council tenants, especially those on lower incomes. Furthermore, the Cabinet are pleased to report on the recent award of over £250,000 from Central Government to install 50 heat pumps in tenants' homes where there is no mains gas supply. This will make a huge difference to these homes and lead to a reduction in energy bills for tenants. The work of the Task and Finish Group continues, and it is anticipated that a Greener Housing Strategy will be brought forward in due course.

The Portfolio Holder for Economic Development would like to highlight that approximately half of the business grants reported at the Cabinet meeting have been distributed under the discretionary grants schemes organised by the Council, assisting those smaller businesses not covered by some of the earlier Government lead initiatives.

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regulatory Services would like to highlight that the take your litter home campaign in the Summer of 2020 resulted in a reduction of over 10 tonnes of litter throughout the Summer on the beaches within the District. It is hoped that this progress will continue into 2021, with a focus on reducing litter from cars.

The Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Wellbeing would like to place on record his thanks to those people supporting the efforts at Applemore Leisure Centre for vaccinations, and it is hoped that positive news will soon be received in relation to the bid for a testing site at Totton.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Infrastructure would like to highlight the recent Government award of £13.4M for repairs to the Redbridge Causeway, a vital link in this part of the District. In conjunction with Hampshire County Council funding, a total of £25M is being committed to ensure the availability of this route into the future.

2. PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN S157 HOUSING ACT 1985 TO RESTRICT ONWARD DISPOSALS OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES SOLD UNDER THE RIGHT TO BUY (RTB) IN DESIGNATED RURAL AREAS, NATIONAL PARK AND AREAS OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY WITHIN THE NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AREA (MINUTE NO 159)

The Cabinet, having considered the results of the recent consultation exercise, are recommending to Council the adoption of the restrictions set out in section 157 of the Housing Act 1985, and the proposed policy at Appendix 1 to Cabinet Report 5 of the Cabinet Agenda.

The initiative and policy, supported in draft by the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel at their December 2020 meeting, helps preserve the remaining Council properties in specified areas, for people with a local connection.

A number of consultation responses were received, with very strong support expressed for the Council using its powers to preserve former council homes within the National Park and Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and for the introduction of the proposed policy to ensure that former Council housing is sold or let to people with a local connection. Consultation responses for the inclusion of a waiver were more mixed, however a greater number of respondents expressed support for the waiver than did not. Taking all of the responses into account, the Cabinet is recommending that the Council proceeds to adopt the proposed policy in full and without amendment.

Cabinet also endorse the additional benefits of this initiative, in both assisting residents in the rural areas of the New Forest to live and work locally, and to give confidence to rural parishes to consider the District Council as a reliable provider to work with to deliver affordable housing.

RECOMMENDED:

(a) That the restrictions set out in S157 of the Housing Act 1985 and the proposed policy at Appendix 1 to Cabinet Report 5 of the Cabinet Agenda, be adopted; and

(b) That Executive Heads and Service Managers, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing Services, be authorised to make decisions on waivers set out in the Local Restrictions Policy.

3. FREEPORTS BID (MINUTE NO 160)

The Cabinet, having welcomed the detailed discussions at recent Overview and Scrutiny Panels, and the ongoing engagement with Solent Enterprise Partnership, agreed to support the bid to Government for the creation of a Freeport within the Solent.

Freeports are a flagship Government programme that will play an important part in the UK's economic recovery following the coronavirus pandemic, contributing to the levelling up agenda by bringing jobs, investment and prosperity to some of the most deprived communities across the four nations of the UK. The Cabinet understands that there is likely to be seven winning Freeports in England, and one or more in each devolved administration. Successful bidders will be asked to set out a full business case to be submitted in late Summer 2021.

The Leader of the Council has written a letter confirming the District Council's support to the bid, a copy of which is attached to the minutes of the Cabinet meeting.

It is hoped that the initiative will support the economic regeneration of the area of the New Forest through to Havant. This also covers Southampton, the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth. The bid includes the major ports of Southampton, Portsmouth and Marchwood, together with the airport at Eastleigh. A successful bid will potentially create 52,000 jobs for the future.

As this is the beginning of the process, it is anticipated that there will be stiff competition for the bids. If successful, the long term benefits to residents, particularly in the East of the District and along the waterside, are significant. Training and skills opportunities may be presented and the overall scheme has the opportunity to level up areas of the New Forest and bring wider benefit to the South and the UK economy as a whole. Working with local partners on this issue is also likely to present opportunities to work together on other initiatives and deliver the wider benefits of partnership working.

4. COMMUNITY GRANTS 2021/22 (MINUTE NO 161)

The Cabinet, having considered the recommendations of the Community and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Panel, and the detailed work and considerations of the Community Grants Task and Finish Group, approved Community Grant awards totalling £127,000 in revenue grants and £80,300 in capital grants for inclusion in the Medium Term Financial Plan and proposed budget for 2021/22. The detailed awards are outlined in appendices 1 and 2 to Cabinet Report 7 of the Cabinet Agenda.

The Cabinet also supported the proposal to bring grants to the Care Groups into scope for the task and finish process during 2021, for consideration in the 2022/23 budget.

The Cabinet note the intent to publish a joint Portfolio Holder Decision Notice to confirm the Service Level Agreements to enable the continuation of the transportation themed grants across the District.

The Cabinet would like to thank the Members involved in the process for identifying grant awards through a full and robust virtual application and interview process, demonstrated in the diversity across the community of grants to be awarded in supporting the arts, sport, mental health, people with disabilities, young people, families, schools, charities, museums and beyond.

5. ASSET MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME AND GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22 (MINUTE NO 162)

The Cabinet, having considered the discussions and recommendations of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Panel, agreed the schedule of projects as included at appendices 2 and 3 to Cabinet Report 8 of the Cabinet Agenda, for adoption by the Council.

The Cabinet recognise the discussions and debate on individual projects that will be taken forward by the relevant Portfolio Holders, including some Task and Finish Group deliberations. However, this is the financial paper to agree the proposed revenue funded Asset Maintenance and Replacement programme (AMR) and General Fund Capital programme for 2021/22, setting out the necessary expenditure and outline budgets to 2023/24.

The AMR programme represents a significant element of the Council's annual net expenditure. The General Fund budget requirement for 2021/22 is £1.706m, broadly in line with the sum as allowed for in the latest Medium Term Financial Plan. The Cabinet is committed to the continuation of its investment in ICT and the financial implications to deliver the strategy 2018-22 will be included in the appropriate Medium Term Financial Plan reports to the Cabinet.

The Cabinet recognise that the asset maintenance and capital programme always presents a challenge to the authority in matching resources to aspirations. The Cabinet consider that the programme presented within the report both delivers for services and can be accommodated within the Council's financial resources.

RECOMMENDED:

That the schedule of projects as included at appendices 2 and 3 to Cabinet Report 8 of the Cabinet Agenda, be approved within the 2021/22 budget.

6. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2021/22 (MINUTE NO 163)

The Cabinet, having considered the discussions and recommendations of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Panel, agreed the Capital Strategy 2021/22, as outlined in Cabinet Report 9 of the Cabinet Agenda, including the MRP statement, for adoption by the Council.

The Capital Strategy is a high level document, giving an overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management come together, with an overview of current activities and the implications for future financial sustainability. By producing this strategy report, the Council is following statutory guidance issued by the Government in January 2018.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Capital Strategy 2021/22 as included in Cabinet Report 9 of the Cabinet Agenda, be approved, including the adoption of the MRP Statement, as follows:-

“For capital expenditure that has been incurred, and which has given rise to a CFR, the MRP policy for expenditure other than that incurred on investment property and dwellings, shall be to charge revenue an amount equal to the depreciation of any asset financed by loan. The MRP policy specific to investment properties and dwellings financed by loan, shall be to charge revenue an amount equivalent to the sum of borrowing utilised, over a repayment period of 50 years.”

7. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES – SCHEME TO APPLY FROM 1 APRIL 2021 (MINUTE NO 164)

The Council is required annually to make a scheme of members' allowances, which must be published.

The current scheme, proposed to be made as the scheme to apply from 1 April 2021, provides for the annual adjustment of allowances by the Local Government staff employees' national pay award annual percentage increase. No other changes are possible without a recommendation from the Independent Remuneration Panel.

RECOMMENDED:

That the current scheme of members' allowances be made as the scheme to apply from 1 April 2021.

**COUNCILLOR B RICKMAN
CHAIRMAN**

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COUNCIL – 25 FEBRUARY 2021

THE 2021/22 COUNCIL TAX

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Members are required to calculate and set the Council Tax for 2021/22.
- 1.2 The level of tax is determined by the spending needs of this Council, Hampshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority and the Town and Parish Councils. Although the District Council has no control over the expenditure of the other organisations, it has to ensure that the Council Tax is set at the right level to meet the combined budgets.
- 1.3 Members will have considered earlier in this agenda the recommended General Fund revenue budget for 2021/22, which is outlined in Section 3 below. Any changes made at that stage could change the Council Tax figures shown in this report.
- 1.4 The recommended Council Tax for every District Council area is shown in paragraph 10.6 of this report.
- # 1.5 Appendix 1 attached to this report supplements the prescribed layout of the recommendations by showing how the figures used in paragraph 10.3 have been arrived at.

2. THE 2021/22 COUNCIL TAX BILL

- 2.1 This report recommends a Council Tax level of £1,923.90 for 2021/22. This is an average figure based on a band 'D' property and is an increase of £87.55 (4.77%) over the equivalent figure for 2020/21.
- # 2.2 Each dwelling falls into one of eight valuation bands (A to H) for tax purposes. More details are given in Appendix 2.
- 2.3 The tax level is based upon the 2021/22 budgets of all precepting authorities in this area. The District, County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner and Fire and Rescue Authority elements of the total tax bill are the same throughout the area but the Town/Parish Councils each determine their own tax levels. There are 8 bands of Council Tax for each of the 37 Town/Parish areas, giving 296 separate tax figures.

- 2.4 If the recommendations in this report are accepted there will be a range of Band D Council Tax levies from £1,830.70 to £1,968.08. The average figures are as follows :-

	2020/21	2021/22	INCREASE	
	AVERAGE £	AVERAGE £	£	%
New Forest District Council	178.36	183.36	5.00	2.80
Hampshire County Council	1,286.28	1,350.45	64.17	4.99
Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire	211.46	226.46	15.00	7.09
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority	69.06	70.43	1.37	1.98
	1,745.16	1,830.70	85.54	4.90
Parish/Town Councils	91.19	93.20	2.01	2.20
	1,836.35	1,923.90	87.55	4.77

- 2.5 The proposed 2021/22 Council Tax for all areas is shown in paragraph 10.5 of this report.
- 2.6 There is a discount of 25% where only one adult lives in a dwelling, reductions for disabled persons whose homes have certain facilities, and a Council Tax Reduction scheme for persons with low incomes.
- 2.7 Council Tax bills can be payable by instalments from 1 April. The date of the first instalment only may have to be delayed slightly to ensure that there is a statutory period of 14 days between the date the bills are issued and the date the first payment becomes due.
- 2.8 More detailed information on the Council Tax, including a summary of how it is spent is available on our website: www.newforest.gov.uk/counciltax.

3. NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

- 3.1 The proposed 2021/22 General Fund budget requirement, elsewhere on this agenda, totals £19,291,410. After deducting retained Business Rates, Government support and collection fund adjustments of £6,174,050, the District Council needs to raise £13,117,360 through Council Tax. This would require a District Council Tax of £183.36 for a Band D property, which means there is an increase of £5.00 (2.80%) over the equivalent figure for 2020/21.

4. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

- 4.1 Hampshire County Council will meet on the 25 February 2021 and set its precept upon this Council at £96,609,437. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £1,350.45, which represents an increase of £64.17 (4.99%) over the equivalent 2020/21 figure.

5. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR HAMPSHIRE AUTHORITY

- 5.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire set a precept of £16,200,654 upon this Council. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £226.46, which represents an increase of £15.00 (7.09%) over the equivalent 2020/21 figure.

6. HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

- 6.1 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority met on the 10 February 2021 and set its precept upon this Council at £5,038,471. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £70.43, which represents an increase of £1.37 (1.98%) over the equivalent 2020/21 figure.

7. TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

- # 7.1 The Town and Parish Council precepts (Council Tax Requirements) for 2021/22 are detailed in Appendix 3 and total £6,667,152. This is an increase of £148,032 from 2020/21 and results in an average Band D Council Tax for 2021/22 of £93.20, an increase of £2.01 (2.20%) from 2020/21.

8. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising directly from this report.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no environmental implications arising directly from this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council is recommended to resolve:

- 10.1 That it be noted that on 7 December 2020 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base for the year 2021/22:

- (a) for the whole Council area as 71,538.70 [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 as in the attached Appendix 3.
- 10.2 To calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council’s own purposes for 2021/22 (excluding Parish Precepts) is £13,117,360.
- 10.3 That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2021/22 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) £140,444,412 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) £120,659,900 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) £19,784,512 being the amount by which the aggregate at 10.3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 10.3(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) £276.56 being the amount at 10.3(c) above (Item R), all divided by the Council Tax Base, Item T (10.1(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) £6,667,152 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 4).
 - (f) £183.36 being the amount at 10.3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 10.3(e) above by Item T (10.1(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.

(g)

LOCAL COUNCIL AREA

	£
ASHURST & COLBURY	230.97
BEAULIEU	198.95
BOLDRE	210.22
BRAMSHAW	206.86
BRANSGORE	241.72
BREAMORE	214.27
BROCKENHURST	225.85
BURLEY	200.34
COPYTHORNE	202.49
DAMERHAM	224.85
DENNY LODGE	218.05
EAST BOLDRE	225.11
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY	214.30
EXBURY & LEPE	183.36
FAWLEY	320.74
FORDINGBRIDGE	294.65
GODSHILL	231.98
HALE	234.98
HORDLE	232.11
HYDE	206.38
HYPHE & DIBDEN	295.46
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	293.50
LYNDHURST	251.26
MARCHWOOD	302.40
MARTIN	221.51
MILFORD-ON-SEA	228.53
MINSTEAD	214.25
NETLEY MARSH	207.73
NEW MILTON	290.84
RINGWOOD	281.77
ROCKBOURNE	260.75
SANDLEHEATH	213.43
SOPLEY	265.18
SWAY	233.27
TOTTON & ELING	318.48
WHITSBURY	205.12
WOODGREEN	218.55

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 10.3(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 10.1(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 for the full amounts of Council Tax.

LOCAL COUNCIL AREA	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
ASHURST & COLBURY	153.99	179.64	205.31	230.97	282.30	333.62	384.96	461.94
BEAULIEU	132.64	154.73	176.85	198.95	243.17	287.37	331.59	397.90
BOLDRE	140.15	163.50	186.86	210.22	256.94	303.65	350.37	420.44
BRAMSHAW	137.91	160.89	183.88	206.86	252.83	298.80	344.77	413.72
BRANSGORE	161.15	188.00	214.86	241.72	295.44	349.15	402.87	483.44
BREAMORE	142.85	166.65	190.46	214.27	261.89	309.50	357.12	428.54
BROCKENHURST	150.57	175.66	200.76	225.85	276.04	326.23	376.42	451.70
BURLEY	133.57	155.81	178.08	200.34	244.87	289.38	333.91	400.68
COPYTHORNE	135.00	157.49	179.99	202.49	247.49	292.49	337.49	404.98
DAMERHAM	149.91	174.88	199.87	224.85	274.82	324.78	374.76	449.70
DENNY LODGE	145.37	169.59	193.82	218.05	266.51	314.96	363.42	436.10
EAST BOLDRE	150.08	175.08	200.10	225.11	275.14	325.16	375.19	450.22
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY	142.87	166.67	190.49	214.30	261.93	309.55	357.17	428.60
EXBURY & LEPE	122.25	142.61	162.99	183.36	224.11	264.85	305.61	366.72
FAWLEY	213.83	249.46	285.10	320.74	392.02	463.29	534.57	641.48
FORDINGBRIDGE	196.44	229.17	261.91	294.65	360.13	425.61	491.09	589.30
GODSHILL	154.66	180.42	206.21	231.98	283.54	335.08	386.64	463.96
HALE	156.66	182.76	208.87	234.98	287.20	339.42	391.64	469.96
HORDLE	154.75	180.52	206.32	232.11	283.70	335.27	386.86	464.22
HYDE	137.59	160.51	183.45	206.38	252.25	298.11	343.97	412.76
HYPHE & DIBDEN	196.98	229.80	262.63	295.46	361.12	426.78	492.44	590.92
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	195.67	228.27	260.89	293.50	358.73	423.95	489.17	587.00
LYNDHURST	167.51	195.42	223.34	251.26	307.10	362.93	418.77	502.52
MARCHWOOD	201.61	235.19	268.80	302.40	369.61	436.80	504.01	604.80
MARTIN	147.68	172.28	196.90	221.51	270.74	319.96	369.19	443.02
MILFORD-ON-SEA	152.36	177.74	203.14	228.53	279.32	330.10	380.89	457.06
MINSTEAD	142.84	166.63	190.45	214.25	261.87	309.47	357.09	428.50
NETLEY MARSH	138.49	161.56	184.65	207.73	253.90	300.06	346.22	415.46
NEW MILTON	193.90	226.20	258.53	290.84	355.48	420.10	484.74	581.68
RINGWOOD	187.85	219.15	250.46	281.77	344.39	407.00	469.62	563.54
ROCKBOURNE	173.84	202.80	231.78	260.75	318.70	376.64	434.59	521.50
SANDLEHEATH	142.29	166.00	189.72	213.43	260.86	308.29	355.72	426.86
SOPLEY	176.79	206.25	235.72	265.18	324.11	383.04	441.97	530.36
SWAY	155.52	181.43	207.35	233.27	285.11	336.95	388.79	466.54
TOTTON & ELING	212.33	247.70	283.10	318.48	389.26	460.03	530.81	636.96
WHITSBURY	136.75	159.53	182.33	205.12	250.71	296.29	341.87	410.24
WOODGREEN	145.71	169.98	194.27	218.55	267.12	315.68	364.26	437.10

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 10.3(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.

- 10.4 That it be noted that Hampshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts for 2021/22 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 below:

PRECEPTING AUTHORITY

PRECEPTING AUTHORITY	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	900.30	1,050.35	1,200.40	1,350.45	1,650.55	1,950.65	2,250.75	2,700.90
POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR HAMPSHIRE AUTHORITY	150.97	176.14	201.30	226.46	276.78	327.11	377.43	452.92
HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY	46.95	54.78	62.60	70.43	86.08	101.73	117.38	140.86
	1,098.22	1,281.27	1,464.30	1,647.34	2,013.41	2,379.49	2,745.56	3,294.68

- 10.5 That the Section 151 Officer be given delegated authority to implement any variation to the overall level of Council Tax arising from the final notification of the Hampshire County Council precept.
- 10.6 That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 10.3(h) and 10.4 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 2021/22 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	1,252.21	1,460.91	1,669.61	1,878.31	2,295.71	2,713.11	3,130.52	3,756.62
BEAULIEU	1,230.86	1,436.00	1,641.15	1,846.29	2,256.58	2,666.86	3,077.15	3,692.58
BOLDRE	1,238.37	1,444.77	1,651.16	1,857.56	2,270.35	2,683.14	3,095.93	3,715.12
BRAMSHAW	1,236.13	1,442.16	1,648.18	1,854.20	2,266.24	2,678.29	3,090.33	3,708.40
BRANSGORE	1,259.37	1,469.27	1,679.16	1,889.06	2,308.85	2,728.64	3,148.43	3,778.12
BREAMORE	1,241.07	1,447.92	1,654.76	1,861.61	2,275.30	2,688.99	3,102.68	3,723.22
BROCKENHURST	1,248.79	1,456.93	1,665.06	1,873.19	2,289.45	2,705.72	3,121.98	3,746.38
BURLEY	1,231.79	1,437.08	1,642.38	1,847.68	2,258.28	2,668.87	3,079.47	3,695.36
COPYTHORNE	1,233.22	1,438.76	1,644.29	1,849.83	2,260.90	2,671.98	3,083.05	3,699.66
DAMERHAM	1,248.13	1,456.15	1,664.17	1,872.19	2,288.23	2,704.27	3,120.32	3,744.38
DENNY LODGE	1,243.59	1,450.86	1,658.12	1,865.39	2,279.92	2,694.45	3,108.98	3,730.78
EAST BOLDRE	1,248.30	1,456.35	1,664.40	1,872.45	2,288.55	2,704.65	3,120.75	3,744.90
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY	1,241.09	1,447.94	1,654.79	1,861.64	2,275.34	2,689.04	3,102.73	3,723.28
EXBURY & LEPE	1,220.47	1,423.88	1,627.29	1,830.70	2,237.52	2,644.34	3,051.17	3,661.40
FAWLEY	1,312.05	1,530.73	1,749.40	1,968.08	2,405.43	2,842.78	3,280.13	3,936.16
FORDINGBRIDGE	1,294.66	1,510.44	1,726.21	1,941.99	2,373.54	2,805.10	3,236.65	3,883.98
GODSHILL	1,252.88	1,461.69	1,670.51	1,879.32	2,296.95	2,714.57	3,132.20	3,758.64
HALE	1,254.88	1,464.03	1,673.17	1,882.32	2,300.61	2,718.91	3,137.20	3,764.64
HORDLE	1,252.97	1,461.79	1,670.62	1,879.45	2,297.11	2,714.76	3,132.42	3,758.90
HYDE	1,235.81	1,441.78	1,647.75	1,853.72	2,265.66	2,677.60	3,089.53	3,707.44
HYPHE & DIBDEN	1,295.20	1,511.07	1,726.93	1,942.80	2,374.53	2,806.27	3,238.00	3,885.60
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	1,293.89	1,509.54	1,725.19	1,940.84	2,372.14	2,803.44	3,234.73	3,881.68
LYNDHURST	1,265.73	1,476.69	1,687.64	1,898.60	2,320.51	2,742.42	3,164.33	3,797.20
MARCHWOOD	1,299.83	1,516.46	1,733.10	1,949.74	2,383.02	2,816.29	3,249.57	3,899.48
MARTIN	1,245.90	1,453.55	1,661.20	1,868.85	2,284.15	2,699.45	3,114.75	3,737.70
MILFORD-ON-SEA	1,250.58	1,459.01	1,667.44	1,875.87	2,292.73	2,709.59	3,126.45	3,751.74
MINSTEAD	1,241.06	1,447.90	1,654.75	1,861.59	2,275.28	2,688.96	3,102.65	3,723.18
NETLEY MARSH	1,236.71	1,442.83	1,648.95	1,855.07	2,267.31	2,679.55	3,091.78	3,710.14
NEW MILTON	1,292.12	1,507.47	1,722.83	1,938.18	2,368.89	2,799.59	3,230.30	3,876.36
RINGWOOD	1,286.07	1,500.42	1,714.76	1,929.11	2,357.80	2,786.49	3,215.18	3,858.22
ROCKBOURNE	1,272.06	1,484.07	1,696.08	1,908.09	2,332.11	2,756.13	3,180.15	3,816.18
SANDLEHEATH	1,240.51	1,447.27	1,654.02	1,860.77	2,274.27	2,687.78	3,101.28	3,721.54
SOPLEY	1,275.01	1,487.52	1,700.02	1,912.52	2,337.52	2,762.53	3,187.53	3,825.04
SWAY	1,253.74	1,462.70	1,671.65	1,880.61	2,298.52	2,716.44	3,134.35	3,761.22
TOTTON & ELING	1,310.55	1,528.97	1,747.40	1,965.82	2,402.67	2,839.52	3,276.37	3,931.64
WHITSBURY	1,234.97	1,440.80	1,646.63	1,852.46	2,264.12	2,675.78	3,087.43	3,704.92
WOODGREEN	1,243.93	1,451.25	1,658.57	1,865.89	2,280.53	2,695.17	3,109.82	3,731.78

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Background Papers

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APPENDIX 1

SOURCE OF FIGURES SHOWN IN PARAGRAPH 10.3 OF THE REPORT

(a) (b) (c)

For the purposes of the recommendation, the estimated total net revenue expenditure of the Council for 2021/22 has to be shown i.e. including General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budgets and Town/Parish Council precepts: -

	Expenditure	Income	Council Tax Requirement
	£	£	£
General Fund	104,354,490	91,237,130	13,117,360
HRA	29,422,770	29,422,770	0
Town/Parish Precept	6,667,152	0	6,667,152
	<u>140,444,412</u>	<u>120,659,900</u>	<u>19,784,512</u>
	(a)	(b)	(c)

(d) This is the combined District Council and Town/Parish Council Tax at Band D: -

	£
District	183.36
Average Town/Parish	93.20
	<u>276.56</u>

(e) £6,667,152 is the total of the Town/Parish Council precepts as shown in Appendix 3.

(f) £183.36 is the District Council Tax at Band D. The sequence of figures in 10.3 (a) to (f) is intended to start from estimated total net 2021/22 expenditure, deduct grants and precepts and arrive at the net District Council Tax figure.

(g) This shows the Combined District and Town/Parish Council Tax for each area at Band D.

(h) Shows the figures in (g) for each valuation band.

APPENDIX 2

VALUATION BANDS

All dwellings have been valued by the Inland Revenue for the purpose of Council Tax. Valuations are based on property prices at April 1991. There are eight valuation bands and each dwelling has been placed into one of these bands according to its assessed value at that time. Band A is the lowest. The higher the band, the higher the charge will be. See the table below: -

BAND	RANGE OF VALUES	PROPORTION
A	Values not exceeding £40,000	£1.00
B	Values exceeding £40,000 but not exceeding £52,000	£1.17
C	Values exceeding £52,000 but not exceeding £68,000	£1.33
D	Values exceeding £68,000 but not exceeding £88,000	£1.50
E	Values exceeding £88,000 but not exceeding £120,000	£1.83
F	Values exceeding £120,000 but not exceeding £160,000	£2.17
G	Values exceeding £160,000 but not exceeding £320,000	£2.50
H	Values exceeding £320,000	£3.00

For every £1.00 of Council Tax for a band 'A' property, a band 'B' property will be charged £1.17 - and so on. Any discounts and reductions would make the difference less than this.

Taxpayers in band 'A' who fulfil the criteria for a reduction under the Disability Reduction Regulations will receive a reduction on their bill equivalent to the difference between the band 'A' and band 'B' charge.

APPENDIX 3

SUMMARY OF LOCAL COUNCIL REQUIREMENTS

LOCAL COUNCIL	2021/22			
	COUNCIL	TAX BASE	COUNCIL	COUNCIL
	TAX		TAX PER	TAX
	REQUIREMENT		BAND D	INC. / (-) DEC.
	£	PROPERTIES	£	FROM
				2020/21
				£
ASHURST AND COLBURY	44,101	926.30	47.61	6.11
BEAULIEU	8,000	513.10	15.59	0.17
BOLDRE	28,466	1,059.80	26.86	0.31
BRAMSHAW	8,000	340.40	23.50	0.30
BRANGSORE	106,510	1,825.00	58.36	0.00
BREAMORE	5,566	180.10	30.91	0.19
BROCKENHURST	80,566	1,895.90	42.49	0.00
BURLEY	13,467	792.90	16.98	0.00
COPYTHORNE	23,360	1,221.00	19.13	0.26
DAMERHAM	9,936	239.50	41.49	1.24
DENNY LODGE	5,717	164.80	34.69	-1.20
EAST BOLDRE	16,000	383.20	41.75	2.63
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE AND IBSLEY	19,175	619.80	30.94	-0.31
EXBURY AND LEPE	0	119.40	0.00	0.00
FAWLEY	632,419	4,603.50	137.38	9.74
FORDINGBRIDGE	261,897	2,353.20	111.29	0.94
GODSHILL	11,075	227.80	48.62	0.00
HALE	13,700	265.40	51.62	-0.16
HORDLE	117,864	2,417.80	48.75	0.55
HYDE	11,800	512.50	23.02	-0.05
HYTHE AND DIBDEN	830,198	7,406.10	112.10	0.79
LYMINGTON AND PENNINGTON	824,210	7,483.20	110.14	2.17
LYNDHURST	100,000	1,472.80	67.90	-0.67
MARCHWOOD	244,948	2,057.70	119.04	2.33
MARTIN	7,523	197.20	38.15	0.90
MILFORD-ON-SEA	128,897	2,853.80	45.17	3.13
MINSTEAD	11,500	372.30	30.89	0.35
NETLEY MARSH	19,890	816.10	24.37	0.79
NEW MILTON	1,130,212	10,515.30	107.48	0.16
RINGWOOD	531,856	5,404.30	98.41	1.45
ROCKBOURNE	12,948	167.30	77.39	3.54
SANDLEHEATH	8,316	276.60	30.07	0.95
SOPLEY	32,000	391.10	81.82	18.16
SWAY	85,145	1,706.10	49.91	6.85
TOTTON AND ELING	1,270,850	9,405.10	135.12	2.61
WHITSBURY	2,200	101.10	21.76	4.10
WOODGREEN	8,840	251.20	35.19	1.58
	6,667,152	71,538.70	93.20	

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