



## Borough of Douglas

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Town Hall,

Douglas,

27<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

At a SPECIAL MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 10.00 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2016, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the TOWN HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

**COUNCILLOR MRS SARA DAWN ANDREA HACKMAN, JP**

Councillor

Mrs C.A. Corlett

Mr S.R. Pitts

Mr D.J. Ashford

Mrs R. Chatel

Ms C.R. Turner

Mr D.W. Christian, MBE, JP

Mrs C.E. Malarkey

Miss D.A.M. Pitts

Mr R.H. McNicholl

Mr J.E. Skinner

Mrs C.L. Wells

Ms K. Angela

Mrs E.C. Quirk

Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr Councillor G.J. Faragher and Mr Councillor S.C. Cain, JP.

The Chief Executive and Town Clerk, the Director of Finance, the Director of Housing and Property and the Assistant Chief Officer (Environment) were in attendance

## 1. **Papers before the Council**

Members had before them:

- (1) Minutes of Pensions Committee meeting as contained in Clause C1 held on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 in relation to revenue estimates for 2016/17.
- (2) Minutes of Housing Committee meeting as contained in Clause C1 held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 in relation to revenue estimates for 2016/17.
- (3) Minutes of Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> January and Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.
- (4) The Director of Finance's budget report and estimates of expenditure for the year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2016, incorporating amendments made by the respective Committees.

## 2. **Pensions Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 – Clause C1**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Councillor Ms K. Angela, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in Clause C1 of report of meeting held Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically and the Motion was carried unanimously.

## 3. **Housing Committee – 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 – Clause C1**

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in Clause C1 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically and the Motion was carried unanimously.

## 4. **Executive Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**

### **Borough Rate 2016/2017**

Motion moved by Mr. Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr. Councillor D.J. Ashford, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in report of special meetings held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 and containing the recommendation;

*'That in accordance with Section 11 of the Local Government Act 2006, a Borough Rate of **FOUR HUNDRED AND TWO PENCE** in the pound, a nil percent increase on the net annual value of all rateable property in the Borough be levied for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017.'*

together with the associated Budget Report and Estimates be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

Further Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, seconded by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, "That the Council consider the Motion in Committee."

Question put on Motion to move into Committee; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

On resumption of proceedings in Council:

Amendment moved by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, seconded by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, "That the proposed changes in car park charges be not approved and that they remain the same as 2015/16."

Question put on Amendment. On division being challenged, a vote was taken electronically and the Amendment was approved unanimously.

Amendment moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, "That the Noble's Park Water Play Area (LS00081) – deleted from the schedule, be reinstated in the 2016/17 budget."

Question put on Amendment; a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the Amendment: Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, Councillor Ms C.R. Turner, Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells – **5**

**Against:** Councillor Mrs C.A. Corlett, Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey, Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, Councillor Ms K. Angela, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor – **9**

Motion failed.

Question put on substantive Motion; a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the Motion: Councillor Mrs C.A. Corlett, Mr Councillor D.J. Ashford, Councillor Mrs R. Chatel, Councillor Ms C.R. Turner, Councillor Mr D.W. Christian, Councillor Mrs C.E. Malarkey, Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts, Mr

Councillor R.H. McNicholl, Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, Councillor Ms K. Angela, Councillor Mrs E.C. Quirk, the Mayor – **13**

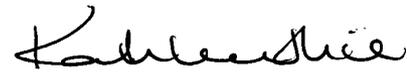
**Against:** Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts – **1**

Motion carried.

5. **Borough Rate 2016/2017 – Press Statement**

The Council unanimously authorised the issue of the usual press statement in relation to the fixing of the Borough Rate by the Town Clerk and Chief Executive, subject to removal of the word ‘unanimous.’

The Council rose at 1.25pm.



Town Clerk & Chief Executive