

FULL COUNCIL

27 FEBRUARY 2024

Present:

Councillors Atkins, Bradford, Bullivant, Buscombe, Clarence (Chair), D Cox (Vice-Chair), Daws, Dawson, Farrand-Rogers, Foden, Gearon, Goodman-Bradbury, Hall, Hayes, Henderson, Jackman, James, Jeffries, Keeling, Lake, MacGregor, Morgan, Mullone, Nutley, Nuttall, Palethorpe, C Parker, P Parker, Parrott, Peart, Purser, Radford, Rogers, Rollason, Ryan, Sanders, Smith, Steemson, Swain, G Taylor, J Taylor, Webster, Williams and Wrigley

Apologies:

Councillors Hook and Thorne

Officers in Attendance:

Neil Blaney, Head of Place & Commercial Services

Trish Corns, Democratic Services Officer

Kay Fice, Scrutiny Officer

Martin Flitcroft, Chief Finance Officer & Head of Corporate Services

Tracey Hooper, Service Lead for Revenue, Benefits and Customer Support

Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer

Paul Nicholls, Food Health & Safety Manager

Fergus Pate, Economy and Delivery Manager

Mark Payne, Grounds Maintenance Officer

Amanda Pujol, Head of Community Services and Improvement

Estelle Skinner, Green Infrastructure Officer,

Rosanna Wilson, Corporate Procurement Officer

Paul Woodhead, Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer to the Council

14. MINUTES

It was proposed by the Leader Cllr Wrigley and seconded by Cllr Keeling that the Minutes of the meeting 16 January 2024 be approved.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 16 January 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair advised his civic event since the last meeting of the Council.

Cllr Nutley advised that a granite memorial that the late Cllr Huw Cox had crafted, would be mounted on the stone wall at the Ashburton PO Hub on St Davids Day 1 March 2024. He thanks Cllr Rogers for arranging the plaque.

Changes to committee places as set out on the agenda were noted.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Councillors declared an interest in agenda item 13 Notice of Motion 3 relating to Teignmouth hospital:

- Cllr Clarence by virtue of being a patient of Teign Estuary medical practice, Teignmouth.
- Cllr Williams by virtue of being a member of the original review Committee.
- Cllr Peart by virtue of membership on Devon County Council health and social care scrutiny Committee.
- Cllr James by virtue of membership of Teignmouth hospital board trust.
- Cllr Sanders by virtue of being a patient of Channel View medical group Teignmouth
- Cllr Wrigley by virtue of membership on Devon County Council health and social care scrutiny committee as Vice Chair, and the task and finish group.
- Cllr Nutley by virtue of membership of health and wellbeing centres
- Cllr Dawson by virtue of membership of the early discussion group.

17. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The public questions and responses attached to the agenda were noted.

Supplementary questions and answers can be viewed at the link below.

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18. BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2024/25

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources Cllr Keeling, presented the budget proposals as set out in the agenda report as recommended by Overview and Scrutiny Committees 1 and 2 and the Executive. The Chief Finance Officer and staff, and all who had contributed to identifying savings, including the Members of the Mid Term Financial plan task and finish group, were thanked.

The budget proposals included 2 hours parking for £1.00 in the multistorey car park, Newton Abbot for the duration of the Queen Street works.

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling and seconded by the Leader Cllr Wrigley that the budget be approved as set out in the agenda report.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr Bullivant and seconded by Cllr Purser that the budget be approved as set out in the agenda report with an amendment that 26 spaces in the multistorey car park, Newton Abbot be free of charge for 1 hour to replace on street parking spaces to be lost in Queen Street.

A vote was taken and the amendment was LOST.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr P Parker and seconded by Cllr Hall that the budget be approved as set out in the agenda report with an amendment

to introduce 2 hours parking on the top two floors of the multi storey car park, Newton abbot for £1 to take effect when the Queen Street works start on a permanent basis subject to normal annual budget review of fees and charges.

A vote was taken on the amendment and CARRIED, followed by a roll-call on the substantive amendment proposal as follows:

Recorded vote

For Cllrs Bullivant, Buscombe, Dawson, Farrand-Rogers, Foden, Goodman-Bradbury, Hall, Hayes, Henderson, Jackman, James, Jeffries, Keeling, Lake, Morgan, Nutley, Nuttall, Palethorpe, C Parker, Parrott, Peart, Purser, Rogers, Rollason, Sanders, Smith, Steemson, Swain, G Taylor, Webster, Williams and Wrigley
Total 32

Against Cllrs Bradford, Daws and J Taylor,
Total 3

Abstention Cllrs Atkins, Clarence, Gearon, MacGregor, P Parker, Radford and Ryan,
Total 7

The amendment was CARRIED

RESOLVED

The budget be approved as set out in the agenda report as follows with an amendment to introduce 2 hours parking on the top two floors of multi storey car park, Newton abbot for £1 to take effect when the Queen Street works start on a permanent basis subject to normal annual budget review of fees and charges.

- a That the Teignbridge band D council tax for 2024/25 is increased by 2.99% or £5.70 to £196.41 per annum
- b Maintaining 100% council tax support
- c That general reserves are increased to 12.7% of the net revenue budget for 2024/25 or £2.4 million
- d That £200,000 of the general reserve balance in any one year be available to the Executive to meet unexpected expenditure in addition to the agreed revenue budget
- e All other decisions with regard to budgetary change will be approved by reference to virement rules in the financial instructions
- f That the summary revenue budget for 2024/25 is £18.9 million as shown at appendix 4. In particular the revenue budget includes:
 - Assumptions of a 4.0% pay rise for 2024/25
 - Revenue contributions to fund capital are increased to £500,000 to support the capital budget

- Voluntary grants are maintained at current levels
 - A blue badge parking permit is introduced including a budget for a Technical Support Officer to administer the scheme
 - The councilors' community fund grant is maintained at £1,000 each
 - A payment of £1,000,000 to reduce the pension deficit
 - Provision for temporary resources to cover scrutiny support and Modern 25
- g That fees and charges are approved as shown summarised at appendix 6.
- h That the capital programme as shown at appendix 7 is approved. In particular this includes:
- Increasing jobs and homes through continuing support for housing whilst backing business and encouraging community-led planning. Work continues on the Teignbridge 100 affordable housing project with 7 units in Newton Abbot already built and delivered in addition to 29 units purchased in Dawlish, Teignmouth, Newton Abbot and Chudleigh for social and affordable rent and temporary accommodation. A provision of £6.8 million has been made for the construction of a *Passivhaus* extremely energy-efficient design social housing scheme in Sherborne House car park.
- Continuing investment for climate change projects following successful funding bids for low carbon heating and energy system improvements. Schemes have been completed at leisure sites and the Council offices with work underway to deliver a second phase at Broadmeadow Sports Centre. Further provisions are made under the Carbon Action Plan for investment in carbon reduction measures covering the Authority's Scope 1 & 2 carbon footprint, to include onsite renewable energy generation, thermal fabric improvements and energy efficiency improvements.
- Infrastructure delivery plan investment contributing to improving education, transport links, sports and open spaces.
- Regeneration investment aimed at improving town centres and stimulating growth in the local economy, including Newton Abbot market improvements, funded from Future High Street grant and borrowing. There is also an indicative £2 million provision for employment site investment to be funded through prudential borrowing. A business case will be brought to members for consideration once it is finalised.
- i That the Financial Plan 2024 to 2029 is approved as set out in appendix 8

- j That the prudential indicators are noted and the prudential limits approved all as set out in appendix 11
- k That the updated treasury management strategy statement and authorised lending list as set out in appendix 12 is approved together with the capital strategy in appendix 12a
- l That each scheme will be considered on its merits as explained at the end of appendix 12 to decide the calculation of minimum revenue provision for capital expenditure in 2024/25
- m That the council tax resolutions as recommended in appendix 15 are approved

19. EMPTY HOMES PREMIUM AND SECOND HOMES PREMIUM POLICY

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources presented the agenda report.

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by the Leader Cllr Wrigley and unanimously CARRIED ,

RESOLVED to

a) Apply the current premium of 100% for all dwellings which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (empty dwellings) after 1 year instead of 2, with effect from 1st April 2024.

b) Apply a premium of 100% for all dwellings which are unoccupied but substantially furnished with effect from 1st April 2025.

c) Approve the policy detailing the Council's approach to the levying of the empty and second homes premiums.

d) Authorise the S151 Officer to implement the policy in line with any guidance given by the Secretary of State.

20. CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED DEVON AND TORBAY COMBINED AUTHORITY DEVOLUTION DEAL

The Chair welcomed representatives from Devon County Council.

The Leader Cllr Wrigley presented the agenda report.

It was proposed by the Leader and seconded by the Executive Member for Corporate Resources Cllr Keeling that the recommendation as set out in the report be approved as follows:

That the response (as set out at paragraph 2 of the agenda report) to the consultation be approved, and that delegated authority be given to the Managing

Director in consultation with the Leader to add to the response if required following district-level briefing by the team at DCC on the 22 February and the debate at the Full Council meeting.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr Macgregor and seconded by Cllr J Taylor that *and the leader of the opposition* be added after *the Leader* in the third line of the above. The amendment was LOST.

The original proposal was voted on and CARRIED.

RESOLVED

That the response (as set out at paragraph 2 of the agenda report) to the consultation be approved, and that delegated authority be given to the Managing Director in consultation with the Leader to add to the response if required following district-level briefing by the team at DCC on the 22 February and the debate at the Full Council meeting.

21. WITHDRAWAL AND DISSOLUTION OF THE HEART OF THE SOUTH WEST JOINT COMMITTEE

The Leader presented the agenda report and proposed the recommendation as set out in the report. This was seconded by the Executive Member for Corporate Resources and unanimously.

RESOLVED

To approve the service of a notice of withdrawal on the constituent authorities and the Heart of the South West Joint Committee to be effective as soon as practical.

At this juncture the meeting was adjourned for a break.

22. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The Executive Member for open Spaces, Leisure, Sport, Resorts and Tourism Cllr Nutley presented the agenda report, thanked all staff involved for work on the contract, and proposed the recommendation as set out in the report.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Palethorpe.

RESOLVED

- a) Retender the Grounds Maintenance Contract for an initial 5-year period with the option to extend for a further 5 years using a restricted tender procedure.
- b) Let a contract at a fixed price of £662,740.
- c) Include an annual CPI (Consumer Price Inflation) increase at the anniversary each year of the contract.

d) Include a contract incentive payment of up to £15,000 measured by an annual customer survey alongside an assessment by the contract administrator to drive quality and performance.

e) Delegate authority to the Head of Place and Commercial Services to undertake the above.

23. QUEEN STREET, NEWTON ABBOT - PEDESTRIANISATION

The Chair referred to the agenda report.

It was proposed by The Leader Cllr Wrigley and seconded by Cllr Buscombe that the recommendation as set out in the agenda report be approved, to reaffirm support for delivery of the Queen Street pedestrian enhancement.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr Daws and seconded by Cllr J Taylor that the scheme be paused for further consultation with residents and traders to develop a scheme to meet the requirements of residents and traders of Newton Abbot.

Cllrs were referred to the agenda report with regards to timescales for the Future High Street Fund for an alternative scheme, in particular section 6 and paragraphs 6.5 and 6.9.

A vote was taken on the amendment and a recorded vote requested in accordance with Procedure Rule 4.13.5.

Recorded vote under Procedure Rule 4.13.5

For Cllrs Bradford, Daws, Gearon, Hall, Macgregor, P Parker, Radford, Ryan, and J Taylor

Total 9

Against Cllrs Bullivant, Buscombe, Dawson, Farrand-Rogers, Foden, Goodman-Bradbury, Hayes, Nutley, Palethorpe, C Parker, Parrott, Peart, Rollason, Sanders, Swain, G Taylor, Williams and Wrigley

Total 18

Abstention Cllrs Atkins, Lake, Purser, Rogers and Clarence

Total 5

Not Voted Cllrs Keeling and Nuttall

The amendment was LOST

The original proposal was voted on. A recorded vote was requested on the in accordance with Procedure Rule 4.13.5.

Recorded vote under Procedure Rule 4.13.5

For Cllrs Bullivant, Buscombe, Dawson, Farrand-Rogers, Foden, Goodman-Bradbury, Hayes, Nutley, Palethorpe, C Parker, Parrott, Peart, Rollason, Sanders, Swain, G Taylor, Williams and Wrigley

Total 18

Against Cllrs Atkins, Bradford, Daws, Gearon, Hall, MacGregor, Radford, Ryan and J Taylor

Total 9

Abstention Cllrs Clarence, Keeling, Lake, Nuttall, P Parker, Purser, and Rogers

Total 7

The proposal was CARRIED

RESOLVED

Support for delivery of the Queen Street pedestrian enhancement be reaffirmed.

24. MINUTES OF THE STRATA JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (JEC)

Councillors referred to the Minutes of the Strata Joint Executive Committee meeting held on 30 January 2024.

It was proposed by the Leader, Cllr Wrigley, seconded by Cllr Keeling and

RESOLVED

The Minutes of the meeting be noted and the 2024/25 Strata Business Plan be approved.

25. NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion 1

Cllr Bullivant presented the Motion on communication to residents regarding development in Newton Abbot.

Two-thirds of Members present did not agree to debate the matter and therefore the matter was referred to the Executive.

Motion 2

Cllr Bradford presented a Motion on support for care workers.

Two-thirds of Members present did not agree to debate the matter and therefore the matter was referred to the Executive.

Motion 3

Cllr Clarence presented a Motion on saving Teignmouth hospital from closure. This was seconded by Cllr MacGregor and

RESOLVED

The Secretary of State be asked to examine the case for the retention of Teignmouth Hospital, stopping the eventual closure and return it to a fully functioning Hospital with recuperation beds to help out a hard pressed NHS.

Motion 4

Cllr J Taylor presented a Motion on the live streaming of public council meetings.

Two-thirds of Members present did not agree to debate the matter and therefore the matter was referred to the Audit Scrutiny Committee

26. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

The circulated Member questions and responses was noted.

It was agreed that this be made available in the Members Newsletter together with the written responses and that any supplementary questions be deferred to next Full Council meeting.

CLLR C CLARANCE
Chair

The meeting started at 10am and finished at 5.20pm