

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
Budget Committee
Wednesday, 10th January 2024 at 7.30 pm
(Immediately following the Finance, Personnel & Asset Management Committee
scheduled for 7.00pm)
Large Front Room
Town Hall, South Lane, Hessle

MINUTES

Present:

Chair of Town Council – Cllr J Bovill

Chair of Finance, Personnel & Asset Management – Cllr P Davison

Chair of Planning & Traffic – Cllr N Adams

Councillor P Toogood

Councillor D Nolan

Councillor S Pickering

Mrs Kim Cooper - Clerk

Apologies: Cllrs P. Hardy (Vice-Chair of Town Council), Harrison (Chair of Events & Communications) & Sutton (Chair of Environment & Open Spaces)

134432 CHAIRMAN OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 10/01/24:

To nominate a Chairman of the Budget Committee for this meeting only.

(Nolan/Bovill)

RESOLVED to nominate Cllr Davison as Chairman of the Budget Committee for this meeting only.

There were no other nominations.

134433 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

The Chairman now read out the following – Members must declare their pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in items at this meeting – *rather than personal and prejudicial interests* – and ensure that they act appropriately.

None given.

134434 DISPENSATION – SETTING OF THE PRECEPT:

As the Proper Officer of Hessle Town Council, I hereby grant Councillors Adams, Bovill, Davison, Nolan, Pickering and Toogood dispensation pursuant to S33 (1) of the Localism Act 2011 to allow all those Councillors to participate in the discussion of, and participate in any vote on the setting of the precept for Hessle Town Council. The reason for this having regard to all the relevant circumstances I consider that without the dispensation, the number of persons prohibited from participating in the setting of the precept will be so great a proportion of the Council as to impede the transaction of the business.

Mrs Kim Cooper – Town Clerk

(Nolan/Pickering)

RESOLVED noted and approved.

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HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2024/25 & PRECEPT FIGURE 2024/25:

To consider the budget heading figures and to arrive at the *precept figure for 2024/25.

All figures to go to Full Council on 23rd January 2024 for approval.

An updated forecasted financial report was given to members at this meeting.

*The Local Precept Demand from ERYC is required by return on Friday 19th January 2024 and the Clerk has informed East Riding Council that this will be done after Hessle Town Councils Full Council meeting on 23rd January 2024.

A copy of the letter received from ERYC with their final recommended and approved 2024/25 Council Tax Base figure for Hessle was attached.

ERYC require a detailed breakdown of the precept figure to be displayed on the ERYC website (and ours) for information, and giving reasons for any changes. This only applies if the precept figure arrived at is £140,000.00 or above.

As in previous years Cllr Davison is invited or may kindly offer to prepare the above with the Clerk.

(Davison/Pickering)

RESOLVED and RECOMMEND to Full Council that with taking on additional services and increasing expenditure costs, that have been covered for a number of years with reserves which is unsustainable, and following proposals for additional budget funding received at this meeting from Councillor Nolan and Councillor Pickering to add £2,500.00 to the Events Budget to cover Hessle Town Council organising road closures for a Remembrance Day Parade requested by the Hessle British Legion and which is required to cover the ERYC legal paperwork, Health & Safety and Risk Assessments, Traffic Management, Marshalling and First Aid requirements (Councillor Pickering confirmed that he would arrange a Working Group in order to undertake the paperwork and necessary requirements) and for an amount to be added to the Civic Budget for new Mayoral Chains to replace the (now full) existing ones, the Precept figure be set at £330,374.00 This equates to a £12.44 per annum increase for a Hessle Band D property from £48.66 to £61.10, which is an increase of 25.57% or £1.036p per month (2024/2025 Hessle Town Council Tax Base figure = 5406.7) and the shortfall of £44,500 is transferred from Reserves. This follows discussions and the line by line calculations carried out by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Clerk and all members of the Budget Committee at this meeting, together with discussions by members of all other Committees at previous meetings held on Budget Requirements for 2024/2025 and that this process has been conducted in accordance with the law, regulations and proper practices to ensure public money is safeguarded and accounted for.