# **HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Budget Committee**

## Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.00 pm

# (Immediately following the Finance, Personnel & Asset Management Committee

scheduled for 6.30pm)

<u>Large Front Room</u> Town Hall, South Lane, Hessle

#### **MINUTES**

Present:

Vice-Chair of Town Council – Cllr Jayne Langdale
Chair of Finance, Personnel & Asset Management – Cllr P Davison
Chair of Planning & Traffic – Cllr N Adams
Chair of Environment & Open Spaces – Cllr M Sutton
Plus one non Chair/Vice-Chair Councillor to attend – Cllr P Toogood

Mrs Kim Cooper - Clerk

Apologies: Cllr S. Craggs (Chair of Council) & Cllr R Harrison (Chair of Events & Communications)

## 134970 CHAIRMAN OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 15/01/25:

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

Cllr Sutton nominated Cllr Davison to act as Chairman of this Budget Committee for this meeting only.

(Sutton/Langdale)

**RESOLVED** to nominate Cllr Davison as Chairman of the Budget Committee for this meeting only. *There were no other nominations.* 

#### 134971 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

The Chairman will 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.

#### 134972 DISPENSATION – SETTING OF THE PRECEPT:

As the Proper Officer of Hessle Town Council, I hereby grant Councillors Adams, Davison, Langdale, Sutton, 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

(Chair/Sutton)
Noted and approved.

## 134973 HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2025/26 & PRECEPT FIGURE 2025/26:

To consider the budget heading figures and to arrive at the \*precept figure for 2025/26.

All figures to go to Full Council on 21st January 2025 for approval.

An updated forecasted financial report/budget is given for perusal at this meeting.

\*The Local Precept Demand from ERYC is required by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and the Clerk has informed East Riding Council that this will be sent after Hessle Town Councils Full Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

A copy of the letter received from ERYC with their final recommended and approved 2025/26 Council Tax Base figure for a Band D property for Hessle of 5577.90 is 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.

## (Chair/Sutton)

**RESOLVED** and **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that the Precept figure be set at £391,903.25 (Option 4) which equates to a 15% (14.99% actual) increase for a Hessle Band D property from £61.10 to £70.26 which is an increase of £9.16 per annum or £0.916p per month for 10 months calculated on the 2025/2026 Hessle Town Council Tax Base figure of 5577.90 set by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, and that 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 2025/2026 and this process has been conducted in accordance with the law, regulations and proper practices to ensure public money is safeguarded and accounted for.

Vote: 4 in favour, 1 abstention