



NOTES FOR MEETING OF COUNCIL – 22 FEBRUARY 2024

At the start of the meeting, the Lead Officer will confirm the Fire Evacuation Procedure.

The Lead Officer will announce that this meeting may be recorded and that anyone remaining at the meeting has provided their consent to any such recording – please see our protocol on [Attending and Reporting Meetings](#)

1. PRESENTATION FROM VISION4YOUTH

Abby Roper from Vision4Youth will be in attendance to give a short presentation on the work of the organisation and to answer a small number of questions from Members.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 January 2024.

Note: The only aspect of the Minutes that can be discussed is their accuracy. Members have been asked to email Committee Services in advance of the meeting if they have any questions on the accuracy of the Minutes.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence from Members*.

The Chairman will ask the Committee Services Officer if any apologies have been received.

***Note:** Members have been asked to email Committee Services in advance of the meeting as soon as they become aware they will be absent.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare disposable pecuniary, and any other, interests*.

The Chairman to state that, if any Members have any disclosable pecuniary or any other interests to declare in any of the items on the agenda, they should declare them at this point.

**Note: Members are asked to email Committee Services in advance of the meeting as soon as they are aware they may have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, and any other interests they may have with respect to matters which are to be considered at this meeting.*

5. COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 - QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

No questions received

6. COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14 – QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

No questions received

7. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

4 February	East Hants Civic Service
11 February	Mayor Gosport Civic Service
17 February	Church Crookham and Fleet Men’s Shed meeting
23 February	To attend - Ukraine Invasion Anniversary - One Minute Silence outside Civic Offices

8. CABINET MEMBERS’ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman will ask Cabinet Member whether they have any announcements of importance to the Council.

- The Leader of the Council, and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Direction, and Partnerships, Councillor Neighbour
- The Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Councillor Radley
- The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Councillor Bailey
- The Portfolio Holder for Digital and Communications, Councillor Clarke
- The Portfolio Holder for Planning Policy and Place, Councillor Cockarill
- The Portfolio Holder for Regulatory, Councillor Collins
- The Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Development Management, Councillor Oliver
- The Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Corporate Services, Councillor Quarterman

9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORTS

10. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

The Minutes of the following Committees, which met on the dates shown, are submitted.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.1, Members are allowed to put questions at Council without Notice in respect of any matters in the Minutes to the Leader of the Council or any Chairman of the relevant meeting at the time those Minutes are received by Council.

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Meeting	Date	Page Numbers	For Decision
Cabinet	01 January 2024	17 - 23	
Overview and Scrutiny (draft)	16 January 2024	24 – 30	

The Chairman will ask if there are any questions on the minutes of each Committee in turn, and to whom the question is to be put. After questions have been asked on that Committee’s minutes the Chairman of the relevant Committee will ask for a vote for any recommendations to Council contained in those minutes.

11. BUDGET 2024/25 (Pages 30 – 95)

Cllr Radley, Portfolio Holder for Finance will introduce this item. The Rules of Debate will apply with Members being limited to 3 minutes each for speeches during the debate. **(Rules attached at the end of the Crib)**

Recommendation

Cabinet recommends to Council that it:

- i. approves a 2.99% increase in Hart District Council’s Band D Council Tax Charge for 2024/25,
- ii. agrees changes to fees and charges for 2024/25 in line with the principles set out in this report and approves the full schedule included in Appendix 4,
- iii. approves the draft Revenue Budget for 2024/25 as summarised in paragraph 15 and Appendix 1, incorporating the baseline net service cost variations included in paragraph 17 and Appendix 1,
- iv. approves the Capital Bids as detailed in Appendix 2,
- v. approves the Medium-Term Financial Strategy as set out in Appendix 3,
- vi. notes the emerging pressures and risks set out in the report and the S151 Officer’s intention to undertake a mid-year review of detailed budgets,
- vii. approves the continuation of the capital receipt flexibility strategy detailed in the report under the Direction issued by the Government early in 2022,

viii. agrees not to change the Council's existing Council Tax Support Scheme other than the required statutory uprating.

There is a need for a recorded vote to be taken on this item

12. **COUNCIL TAX SETTING** (Pages 96 - 104)

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council agrees to the following council tax resolutions:

- A. The Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2024/25 (excluding Parish precepts) is £8,460,069.52
- B. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Sections 31 and 34 to 36 of the Act:

38,849,929 being the aggregate of the amounts the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act takes into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.

£26,175,014 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

£12,674,915 being the amount by which the aggregate at B(i) above exceeds the aggregate at B(ii) 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).

£296.90 being the amount at B(iii) above divided by 42,690.97, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).

£4,214,846 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per Column 2 of Appendix 1A).

£198.17 being the amount at B(iv) above less the result given by dividing the amount at B(v) above by 42,690.97, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

The amounts set out in column 6 of Appendix 1A for each part of the Council's area being the amounts given by adding to the amount at B(vi) above the amounts of the parish precepts relating to dwellings

in those parts of the Council's area mentioned in Appendix 1A divided in each case by the dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish Precept relates, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34 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.

The amounts set out in columns 1 to 9 of Appendix 1B for each part of the Council's area being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at B(vii) 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.

- C. For each financial year, a major precepting authority shall issue a precept or precepts in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. The draft Hampshire County Council's precept figures are subject to approval on 22 February 2024 and the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority's on 26 February, and these draft figures are listed below. In the event of changes arising for decisions made by the major precepting authorities (i.e. Hampshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire, and Hampshire Fire and Rescue), it is recommended that the Executive Director for Corporate Services & Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Finance, be authorised to update the final council tax calculations to reflect the final decisions of the major precepting authorities. The Council Tax requirement for the Hart District Council's own purposes for 2024/25 (excluding Parish precepts) is £8,460,069.52

Valuation Band	Hampshire County Council (HCC) (£)	HCC Adult Social Care (£)	Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire (£)	Hampshire Fire and Rescue (£)
A(R)	729.07	122.73	145.26	46.02
A	874.88	147.28	174.31	55.23
B	1,020.69	171.83	203.36	64.43
C	1,166.51	196.37	232.41	73.64
D	1,312.32	220.92	261.46	82.84
E	1,603.95	270.01	319.56	101.25
F	1,895.57	319.11	377.66	119.66
G	2,187.20	368.20	435.77	138.07
H	2,624.64	441.84	522.92	165.68

- D. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at B(viii) and Recommendation C above, the Council, in accordance with section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby **AGREES** to set the amounts shown in Appendix 1E of the report as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2024/25 for each of the categories of dwellings in each of the Parishes.
- E. That for the purposes of section 35 (2) (d) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, any expenses incurred by the District Council in the financial year 2024/25 in performing functions in a part of the district where elsewhere in the district are performed by a Parish Council, shall not be special expenses of the District Council.
- F. That the Council concludes the 2.99% increase in Council Tax for Hart District Council for 2024/25 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992.

There is a need for a recorded vote to be taken on this item.

13. TREASURY MANAGEMENT, STRATEGY STATEMENT, ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND CAPITAL STRATEGY (Pages 91 - 137)

Recommendation

Cabinet recommends to Council that approves:

- i. the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2024/25 and the revised Minimum Revenue Provision policy contained within it,
- ii. the Annual Investment Strategy for 2024/25; and
- iii. the Capital Strategy 2024/25.

Voting will be by a show of hands, and a recorded vote will only be required should the outcome not be unanimous.

14. OUTSIDE BODIES - FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS

NOTES:

Rules of Council:

When the Chairman asks, members must stop speaking at the time, and the Chairman may mute the microphone.

RULES OF DEBATE

No speeches until motion seconded

1. No speeches may be made after the mover has moved a proposal and explained the purpose of it until the motion has been seconded.

Secunder's speech

2. When seconding a motion or amendment, the Member may reserve their speech until later in the debate.

Content and length of speeches

3. No speech may exceed three minutes without the permission of the Chairman.

When a Member may speak again

4. A Member who has spoken on a motion may not speak again whilst it is the subject of debate, except:

1. to speak once on an amendment moved by another Member
2. to move a further amendment if the motion has been amended

5. If the first speech was on an amendment moved by another Member, to speak on the main issue (whether or not the amendment on which they spoke was carried)

1. in exercise of a right of reply
2. on a point of order
3. by way of personal explanation
4. by way of a point of information.

Amendments to motions

6. An amendment to a motion must be relevant to the motion, **may not have the effect of being a direct negative to the motion itself**, and will either be:

1. to refer the matter to an appropriate body or individual for consideration or reconsideration
2. to leave out words
3. to leave out words and insert or add others
4. to insert or add words

7. Only one amendment may be moved and discussed at any one time. No further amendment may be moved until the amendment under discussion has been disposed of.

8. If an amendment is not carried, other amendments to the original motion may be moved.

9. If an amendment is carried, the motion as amended takes the place of the original motion. This becomes the substantive motion to which any further amendments may be moved.

Right of reply

10. The mover of a motion has a right to reply at the end of the debate on the motion, immediately before it is put to the vote.

11. If an amendment is moved, the mover of the original motion has the right of reply at the close of the debate on the amendment but may not otherwise speak on it.

12. The mover of the amendment has no right of reply to the debate on his or her amendment.

Point of order

13. A Member may raise a point of order at any time whilst the specific item of business is under discussion. A point of order may only relate to an alleged breach of the Rules or the law. The Member must indicate the rule or law and the way in which he considers it has been broken.

Personal explanation

14. Members do not have an automatic right to reply simply because there are named in another Members speech. A Member may, however, make a personal explanation at any time. A personal explanation may only relate to some material part of an earlier speech by the Member in the debate which may appear to have been misunderstood. The procedure should not be used as a way to continue or expand the Members' original speech but should focus solely on clarifying any misunderstanding.

Point of information

15. A Member may raise a point of information during another Members' speech. It is within the absolute discretion of the Chairman to decide to accept the information. It is also within the discretion of the speaker to accept or decline the information. During the raising of this point of information the time allowed to the speaker will be extended to include the point of information.