

Minutes of the Meeting of the COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall on Wednesday 27th February 2019 at 6.00 pm.

Present: - Councillors

H Armitage	B Knowles
S Barber	C Kreidewolf
J Carnall	A Leeder
N Cenci	I Lockington
G Chisholm	N MacDonald
S Connelly	D Maguire
M Cook	S Meudec
K E Elavalakan	J Parry
D Ellesmere	E Phillips
R Fern	R Pope
I Fisher	L Reynolds
S Gage	J Riley
P Gardiner	A Ross
J Gibbs	B Rudkin
D Goldsmith	C Shaw
M Goonan	C Smart
T Grant	P Smart
B Hall	B Studd
S Handley	R Vickery
O Holmes	C Wright
S Ion	E Xhaferaj
C Jones	

55. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Allen, J Cook, Darwin, Harsant and Hughes.

56. To Confirm the Minutes from the Previous Council Meeting.

It was **RESOLVED:**

that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 January 2019 be signed as a true record.

57. To Confirm or Vary the Order of Business on the Agenda.

It was **RESOLVED:**

that the order of business be confirmed as printed on the Agenda.

58. To Receive any Declarations of Interest.

Item 8 – Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 (Including Budget 2019/20).

Councillor P Gardiner, as a Director of Ipswich Buses, declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item.

Councillor B Knowles, as a Director of Handford Homes, declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item.

Councillor C Kreidewolf, as a Director of Ipswich Borough Assets, Handford Homes, Ipserv and Ipserv Direct, declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item.

Councillor A Leeder, as a Director of Ipserv and Ipserv Direct, declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item.

Councillor I Lockington, as a Director of Ipswich Buses, declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item.

Councillor J Riley, as a Director of Ipswich Borough Assets, declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item.

Item 11 – Pay Policy Statement.

Councillor Armitage, whose partner was employed by the Council, declared a pecuniary interest in this item, and left the room during its consideration.

Councillor Fisher, whose partner was employed by the Council, declared a pecuniary interest in this item, and left the room during its consideration.

59. Mayor's Communications.

The Mayor explained that her communications had been circulated.

60. Councillors to answer questions asked in accordance with Rules of Procedure 9.

	Question put to:	Question from:	Question Title:
1.	Councillor Rudkin	Councillor Cenci	Sport and Leisure Subsidies
2.	Councillor M Cook	Councillor Pope	Calculation of New Homes Bonus
3.	Councillor Ross	Councillor Xhaferaj	ASB in Garrick Way and Castle Court
4.	Councillor Rudkin	Councillor Cenci	Sport and Leisure Budgets
5.	Councillor Ross	Councillor Reynolds	Taxi Licensing
6.	Councillor Ellesmere	Councillor Fisher	Precautionary measures on the Cornhill

7.	Councillor Meudec	Councillor Ion	Spending of Community Engagement Budget	Growth
8.	Councillor M Cook	Councillor Phillips	Council Tax Assumptions	Increase
9.	Councillor Ellesmere	Councillor Holmes	Discretionary Rate Relief	
10.	Councillor Ellesmere	Mr Croydon	Investment in Car Parks and Air Quality	

61. C/18/19 Council Tax Long Term Empty Premium and Care Leavers Discount

It was **RESOLVED** on a motion **MOVED** by Councillor Meudec and **SECONDED** by Councillor Fern:

- a) that an increase from 50% to 100% as a premium of Council tax for the properties that have been long term empty and unfurnished for more than two years be approved with effect from 1 April 2019.
- b) that a Council Tax premium of 200% for properties that have been long term empty and unfurnished properties for 5 years and over be approved from 1 April 2020.
- c) that a Council Tax premium of 300% for properties that have been long term empty and unfurnished properties 10 years and over be approved from 1 April 2021.
- d) that the Council Tax Care Leavers local discount policy be approved, providing a class of local discretionary Council Tax discounts of up to 100% for care leavers aged 18 – 25 years where Suffolk County Council held corporate parenting responsibility at the point at which the young person left care, to be administered under the provisions of Section 13A(1)(c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

62. C/18/20 Medium Term Financial Plan (Including Budget 2019/20)

62.1 In accordance with Standing Orders Part 4, Section 1, 12.3, the Mayor granted the Leader of each political group an extension of time for their opening speeches to a total of ten minutes.

It was **RESOLVED** on a motion **MOVED** by Councillor Ellesmere and **SECONDED** by Councillor M Cook:

- a) that the document *“Financial Strategies and Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 Onwards”* including the Finance Strategy, Capital Strategy, and in particular the figures and estimates contained in it be approved;
- b) that a Council Tax Requirement of £13,879,058 for 2019/20 including the investment and savings programmes identified in Section 3 of the

“Financial Strategies and Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 Onwards ”
document be approved;

- c) that the Ipswich Borough Council Tax levels for each property band for 2019/20, as set out in paragraph 8.6 of the report be approved;
- d) that the calculations of final Council Tax levels as set out in the report be approved;
- e) that changes in discretionary fees and charges anticipated to yield a net increase of 2.5% in income during 2019/20 onwards be approved;
- f) that the Resources Portfolio Holder be authorised, in consultation with other Portfolio Holders and the Section 151 Officer, to vary the fees and charges level, provided it achieves a similar yield for 2019/20 as approved in this report;
- g) that the Capital Programme for 2019/20 and future years, together with the resources, shown in Section 6 of the ***“Financial Strategies and Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 Onwards”*** document be approved;
- h) that the Prudential Indicators for 2019/20 as shown in Section 7 of the ***“Financial Strategies and Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 onwards”*** document be approved;
- i) that the Treasury Management Policy Statement for 2019/20 as shown in Section 7 of the ***“Financial Strategies and Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 onwards”*** document be approved;
- j) that the minimum Revenue Provision levels set out in Section 7 of the ***“Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20”*** document be approved;
- k) that the contribution to the SRP (Shared Revenues & Benefits Partnership) be approved;
- l) that the contribution to the Ipswich and Colchester Joint Museums Service be approved.

The voting on the Budget proposals was as follows:

For the Budget	Against the Budget	Abstention
Armitage	Carnall	Holmes
Barber	Cenci	Lockington
Chisholm	Fisher	
Connelly	Goldsmith	
M Cook	Hall	
Elavalakan	Ion	
Ellesmere	Phillips	
Fern	Pope	
Gage	Reynolds	

Gardiner	Vickery	
Gibbs	Xhaferaj	
Goonan		
Grant		
Handley		
Jones		
Knowles		
Kreidewolf		
Leeder		
MacDonald		
Maguire		
Meudec		
Parry		
Riley		
Ross		
Rudkin		
Shaw		
C Smart		
P Smart		
Studd		
Wright		
Total		
30	11	2

63. C/18/21 Ipswich Local Development Scheme Review

It was **RESOLVED** on a motion **MOVED** by Councillor Jones and **SECONDED** by Councillor Gardiner:

that the revised Local Development Scheme work programme as set out in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.20 above and Appendix 1 to the report, be adopted, and that it be brought into effect on 19 March 2019.

64. C/18/22 Public Spaces Protection Order

It was **RESOLVED** on a motion **MOVED** by Councillor Ross and **SECONDED** by Councillor Elavalakan:

that the Public Spaces Protection Orders for Dog Fouling, Urination and Defecation, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be adopted.

65. C/18/23 Pay Policy Statement

It was **RESOLVED** on a motion **MOVED** by Councillor M Cook and **SECONDED** by Councillor Grant:

- a) **that the Pay Policy Statement, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, including the new pay scales in line with the nationally agreed pay award**

be approved;

- b) that the Council's gender pay gap be noted;
- c) that the Chief Executive be authorised to take all necessary steps to enter into any necessary collective agreement with the Council's recognised trades unions to implement the pay award and to inform employees of their pay for 1 April 2019 onwards.

66. To Consider nominations/changes of Councillors to serve on Committees, Panels, Working Groups and Outside Bodies.

There were no changes to placings.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Chair