

Minutes of the Meeting of the COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall on Wednesday 19th February 2020 at 6.00 pm.

Present: - Councillors

C Allen	E Hughes
H Armitage	C Jones
S Barber	C Kreidewolf
J Carnall	I Lockington
N Cenci	T Lockington
G Chisholm	N MacDonald
S Connelly	S Meudec
J Cook	J Parry
M Cook	E Phillips
K Cracknell	R Pope
S Darwin	A Rae
K E Elavalakan	L Richardson
D Ellesmere	J Riley
I Fisher	B Rudkin
S Gage	C Shaw
P Gardiner	C Smart
J Gibbs	P Smart
T Grant	J Smith
B Hall	L Trenchard
S Handley	R Vickery
E Harsant	C Wright
D Heaps	E Xhaferaj
O Holmes	

46. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Ross, Maguire and Studd.

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

It was **RESOLVED:**

that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2020 be signed as a true record.

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

It was **RESOLVED:**

that the Order of Business be as printed on the agenda.

49. To Receive any Declarations of Interest.

Item 10 – Pay Policy Statement.

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

50. Mayor's Communications.

The Mayor noted that her communications had been circulated electronically and highlighted the upcoming charity events and the Astra and Patrick performances by young people at the New Wolsey Studio on 28th and 29th February.

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

	Question from:	Question put to:	Question Title:
1.	Councillor Phillips	Councillor Ellesmere	Vacant Council Owned Commercial Property
2.	Councillor Pope	Councillor Ellesmere	Vacant Office Space
3.	Councillor Fisher	Councillor Ellesmere	Sproughton Park Enterprise
4.	Councillor Pope	Councillor P Smart	Aerobic and Anaerobic Digesters
5.	Councillor Fisher	Councillor Ellesmere	Ed Sheeran Concerts Project Closure Report
6.	Councillor Xhaferaj	Councillor Ellesmere	Bury Road Park and Ride
7.	Mr Croydon	Councillor Jones	Publicity about Planning and Climate Change
8.	Mr Croydon	Councillor Jones	Publicity about Planning and Climate Change
9.	Councillor Holmes	Councillor P Smart	Action on Climate Change

52. C/19/19 To Consider a Report from Councillors D Ellesmere and M Cook on the Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 (Including Budget 2020/21).

52.1 In accordance with Standing Orders Part 4, Section 1, Paragraph 12.3, the Mayor granted the first speaker from 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:

- i) that the document *“Financial Strategies and Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 Onwards”* including the Finance Strategy, Capital Strategy, and in particular the figures and estimates contained in it be approved;
- ii) that the change to Employer’s Pension contributions across the period 2021/22 to 2023/24, as set out in paragraphs 3.24 and 3.25 of the report, be approved;
- iii) that a Council Tax Requirement of £14,349,264 for 2020/21 including the investment and savings programmes identified in Section 3 of the *“Financial Strategies and Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 Onwards”* document be approved;
- iv) that the Ipswich Borough Council Tax levels for each property band for 2020/21, as set out in paragraph 8.6 of the report, be approved;
- v) that the Section 151 Officer be authorised to recommend to Council the remaining calculations of final Council Tax levels once all precepts and other levies have been received from the authorities concerned;
- vi) that the Capital Programme for 2020/21 and future years, together with the resources, shown in Section 6 of the *“Financial Strategies and Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 Onwards”* document be approved;
- vii) that the Prudential Indicators for 2020/21, as shown in Section 7 of the *“Financial Strategies and Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 onwards”* document, be approved;
- viii) that the Treasury Management Policy Statement for 2020/21, as shown in Section 7 of the *“Financial Strategies and Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 onwards”* document, be approved;
- ix) that the Minimum Revenue Provision levels, set out in Section 7 of the *“Financial Strategies and Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 Onwards”* document, be approved;
- x) that the contribution to the SRP (Shared Revenues & Benefits Partnership) be approved;
- xi) that the contribution to the Ipswich and Colchester Joint Museums Service be approved;
- xii) that from the 1st April 2020 properties that are unoccupied and unfurnished (Class C discount) receive a 25% reduction for the first 28 days with Council Tax then being payable in full (as detailed in paragraph 8.21 of the report).

The voting on the Budget proposals was as follows:

For the Budget	Against the Budget	Abstention
Allen	Carnall	Holmes
Armitage	Cenci	I Lockington
Barber	Fisher	T Lockington
Chisholm	Hall	
Connelly	Harsant	
J Cook	Phillips	
M Cook	Pope	
Cracknell	Vickery	
Darwin	Xhaferaj	
Elavalakan		
Ellesmere		
Gage		
Gardiner		
Gibbs		
Grant		
Handley		
Heaps		
Hughes		
Jones		
Kreidewolf		
MacDonald		
Meudec		
Parry		
Rae		
Richardson		
Riley		
Rudkin		
Shaw		
C Smart		
P Smart		
Smith		
Trenchard		
Wright		
Total		
33	9	3

53. **C/19/20 To Consider a Report from Councillor C Jones on the Extension of the Burlington Road Conservation Area.**

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

that **Option 1**, as detailed in paragraph 4.1 of the report, be approved and that the designation of the extension to the Burlington Road Conservation Area include properties numbered 3-23 and 4-36 Dalton Road; 1-21 and 30-64 London Road; 13-25 and 36-38 Clarkson Street; 42-50 Stevenson Road; 3 Benezet

Street; 21 Benezet Street; 24 Granville Street; 1 Clarkson Street and 5-7 Clarkson Street, as shown in the map at Appendix 1 to the report.

54. **C/19/21 To Consider a Report from Councillor C Jones on the Adoption of the Suffolk Coast European Sites Recreational Disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy Supplementary Planning Document.**

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

- i) that the Suffolk Coast European Sites Recreational Disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy Supplementary Planning Document be adopted;
- ii) that, up to and during the time of publication on the IBC website, the Planning and Development Operations Manager be authorised to make minor changes to the wording or layout of the SPD, provided that the changes do not materially alter the meaning of the document.

55. **C/19/22 To Consider a Report from Councillor S Meudec on the Pay Policy Statement 2020/21.**

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

that the Pay Policy Statement, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

56. **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 8.00 pm

Chair