

COUNCIL MEETING**21 February 2019****7.00 pm – 8.00 pm****Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud****3****Minutes****Membership:**

Martin Baxendale	P	Nick Hurst	A	Skeena Rathor	A
Dorcas Binns	P	Julie Job	P	Sue Reed	A
Catherine Braun	A	Haydn Jones	P	Mark Reeves	P
Chris Brine	P	John Jones	P	Steve Robinson	P
George Butcher	P	Norman Kay	P	Mattie Ross	P
Miranda Clifton	P	Darren Loftus	A	Tom Skinner	P
Nigel Cooper	P	Stephen Lydon	P	Nigel Studdert-Kennedy	P
Doina Cornell	P	John Marjoram	P	Haydn Sutton	A
Gordon Craig	A	Phil McAsey	A	Brian Tipper	P
Rachel Curley	P	Karen McKeown	P	Chas Townley	P
Stephen Davies	P	Jenny Miles*	P	Jessica Tomblin	A
Paul Denney	A	Dave Mossman	P	Ken Tucker	P
Jim Dewey	P	Gill Oxley	A	Martin Whiteside	P
Jonathan Edmunds	P	Keith Pearson	P	Tim Williams	P
Chas Fellows	P	Simon Pickering	P	Tom Williams	P
Colin Fryer	P	Gary Powell**	P	Debbie Young	P
Trevor Hall	P	Nigel Prenter	P		
**Chair *Vice-Chair		P = Present A = Absent			

Officers Present:

Chief Executive

Solicitor and Acting Monitoring Officer

Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer

Head of Community Services

Facilities Management Officer

Elections Manager

Democratic Services Officer

CL.049 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Braun, Craig, Denney, Hurst, Oxley, Rathor, Reed, Sutton and Tomblin.

CL.050 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

CL.051 MINUTES

Councillor Kay proposed two amendments to the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2019.

Minute CL.038(bv) Car Park Review 2018, to amend the second sentence in the fifth paragraph "A further report would be presented at the next meeting of Council because of budget implications. *Councillor Davies asked what the cost would be for not introducing the car parking charges and the Leader would send a reply.*"

The proposed amendment would now read "Councillor Davies asked about the cost of the consultation process leading to the original proposals and the Leader would send a reply."

Minute CL.038(c) Audit and Standards Committee – Procurement Update, to amend the second paragraph to now read "Members asked questions of the specific recommendations to Council and were told by Councillor Studdert-Kennedy that he would not respond to specific questions about the broader issues; on these there were no debate."

Cllr Whiteside seconded the amendments as a fair reflection of what was said at the meeting.

RESOLVED To approve the minutes of the Council's meetings held on 18 October 2018 and 24 January 2019, subject to the above amendments.

CL.052 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader requested that all members complete and return the Party Transaction Form that had been emailed to them as soon as possible.

CL.053 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

CL.054 RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**a Audit and Standards Committee – 29 January 2019****Treasury Management Strategy, Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2019/20**

Councillor Studdert-Kennedy, the Chair of Committee outlined the above report, highlighting the changes to the investment strategy to improve revenue. He emphasised that poor returns were due to a restricted market and inflation, drawing Members' attention to various paragraphs and tables contained within the report.

Several Members were concerned that ethics were taken into account when investments are made. Councillor Studdert-Kennedy stated that once an investment is made by the Section 151 Officer into a company you cannot trace where the money goes. The Council has a duty to obtain the best return, but Committee would do their best to achieve this.

On being put to the vote the Motion was carried.

- RESOLVED 1. To adopt the prudential indicators and limits for 2019/20 to 2021/22;**
2. To approve the treasury management strategy 2019/20, and the treasury prudential indicators;
 3. To approve the investment strategy 2019/20, and the detailed criteria for specified and non-specified investments; and
 4. To approve the MRP Statement 2019/20.

b Housing Committee – 5 February 2019

Tenant Representatives on Housing Committee

The Chair of the Housing Committee, Councillor Townley confirmed that the two current representatives had retired and thanked them for their work. External providers carried out the recruitment process and Letitia Gardiner and Juliette Smith had been appointed.

Councillor Miles seconded the Motion confirming that there had been a rigorous selection process and was pleased with the result.

Councillor Davies questioned why the cost of the selection process was not contained within the report? Councillor Townley would find out the cost and circulate the answer, but pointed out that it would be less than holding an election of 7,500 tenants.

Councillor Fryer commented that the tenants were the soul of the Housing Committee and it was about people.

Upon the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously

RESOLVED To appoint the Tenant Representatives elected for Housing Committee.

CL.055 SETTING THE AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX FOR 2019/20

The Leader outlined the above report, confirming that the amount payable was made up from several bodies. The Motion was seconded by Councillor Fryer.

There were no questions and no debate. Councillor Cooper highlighted an error in paragraph 4., the £ should be deleted.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001, a recorded vote was taken, the results of which are as follows:-

FOR: (24)	<u>Councillors</u>		
	Martin Baxendale	Colin Fryer	Gary Powell
	Chris Brine	Trevor Hall	Nigel Prenter
	George Butcher	Norman Kay	Stephen Robinson
	Miranda Clifton	Stephen Lydon	Mattie Ross
	Doina Cornell	John Marjoram	Chas Townley
	Rachel Curley	Karen McKeown	Ken Tucker
	Jim Dewey	Jenny Miles	Martin Whiteside
	Jonathan Edmunds	Simon Pickering	Tom Williams

NO: (0)

ABSTAIN: (15)	<u>Councillors</u>		
	Dorcas Binns	Haydn Jones	Tom Skinner
	Nigel Cooper	John Jones	Nigel Studdert-Kennedy
	Stephen Davies	Dave Mossman	Brian Tipper
	Chas Fellows	Keith Pearson	Tim Williams
	Julie Job	Mark Reeves	Debbie Young

On being put to the vote the Motion was carried.

RESOLVED To APPROVE the Council Tax Resolution as shown in Appendix A:

1. It be noted that the Council has calculated:

(a) the Council Tax Base 2019/20 for the whole Council area as 44,281.65 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")] and,

(b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix A column 2.

2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the for the Council's own purposes for 2019/20 (excluding Parish precepts) is £9,189,238.

3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2019/20 in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Act:

(a) £77,305,119 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) (a) to (f) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.

(b) £64,197,972 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) (a) to (d) of the Act.

(c) £13,107,147 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) 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 of the Act).

(d) £295.99 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a)) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (Basic Band 'D' including Parish precepts).

(e) £3,917,819 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix A).

(f) £207.52 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1 (a) above),

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. (Basic Band 'D' excluding Parish/Town Councils).

4. That it be noted that for the year 2019/20 Gloucestershire County Council and The Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands	Gloucestershire County Council			Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire
	(£)			(£)
	ASC	General	TOTAL	
DisrA**	51.51	667.21	718.72	139.16
A	61.81	800.66	862.47	166.99
B	72.12	934.09	1,006.21	194.83
C	82.42	1,067.54	1,149.96	222.66
D	92.72	1,200.98	1,293.70	250.49
E	113.32	1,467.87	1,581.19	306.15
F	133.93	1,734.75	1,868.68	361.82
G	154.53	2,001.64	2,156.17	417.48
H	185.44	2,401.96	2,587.40	500.98

* Banding proportions are shown in paragraph 25 of the report.

** Band DisrA provides for a discount for disabled people living in a band A property.

5. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(d) and 4 above, the Council in accordance with Section 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2019/20 for each of the categories of dwellings shown in Appendix C to this report.
6. The Council has determined that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2019/20 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992. As the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2019/20 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.

CL.056 DURSLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Councillor Pickering, Chair of Environment Committee outlined the above report. He commented that there had been a high turnout for the referendum, thanking the people of Dursley who had worked on this document which was important in the development control process.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Marjoram.

There were no questions asked. During debate Members outlined the importance of local communities producing a neighbourhood development plan which would form part of the statutory Development Plan for the District.

Councillor Tom Williams, Chair of Development Control Committee congratulated the people who had produced the Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan, stressing its importance. It would stand alongside the Council's Local Plan and National Planning Policy Framework, helping shape communities in the future.

In summing up Councillor Pickering reminded people that neighbourhood plans had in the past attempted to be used to block development, they should be designed for pro development.

Upon the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously

- RESOLVED 1. That the Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan is made part of the Development Plan for Stroud District.**
- 2. To delegate to the Director of Development Services, in agreement with the Qualifying Body, the correction of any further minor spelling, grammatical or typographical errors together with any improvements from a presentational perspective.**

CL.057 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Questions were submitted by Councillors Davies and Studdert-Kennedy. They were answered by the Leader, Councillor Cornell. Supplementary questions were also asked. (Refer to the [Council's webcast](#) and Item 8).

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Chair