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23 February 2017

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the COUNCIL held on Thursday 23 February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City.

PRESENT: Councillors P.Mabbott (Mayor)

T.Bailey, R.Basch, J.Beckerman, H.Beckett, D.Bell,
D.Bennett, J.Boulton, S.Boulton, H.Bower, H.Bromley,
N.Chapman, A.Chesterman, M.Cook, M.Cowan, J.Cragg,
I.Dean, J.Dean, J.Fitzpatrick, B.Fitzsimon, C.Gillett,
G.Hayes, M.Holloway, K.Holman, S.Johnston,
T.Kingsbury, M.Larkins, M.Levitt, S.Markiewicz,
G.Michaelides, H.Morgan, N.Pace, M.Perkins, H.Quenet,
B.Sarson, P.Shah, N.Taylor, F.Thomson, K.Thorpe,
R.Trigg, J.Weston, P.Zukowskyj

OFFICIALS Chief Executive (M.Saminaden)
PRESENT: Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) (K.Ng)
Executive Director (Housing and Communities) (S.Russell)
Head of Law and Administration (M.Martinus)
Head of Resources (T.Neill)
Governance Services Manager (G.R.Seal)
Communications Officer (T.Underwood)
Governance Services Officer (S.Hulks)

45. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M.Birleson, L.Brandon, J.Broach, L.Chesterman, S.Roberts and L.Sparks (Deputy Mayor).

46. MINUTES

The Minutes of the special meeting held on 6 February 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

47. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS

Councillors M.Cook, M.Cowan, S.Johnston and P.Zukowskyj declared non-pecuniary interests in the item on the Agenda as appropriate as Members of Hertfordshire County Council.

48. COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2017/18

Report of the Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) on setting the Council Tax for 2017/18 in accordance with statutory requirements.

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48.1. Amendment

An amendment to the recommendations was moved by Councillor M.Cowan and seconded by Councillor T.Bailey:-

“That in the interests of transparency and fair comparison, this Council resolves that all publicity it produces relating to the change in Council Tax for 2017/18 must also refer to the new bin charge, and show the total effect on Band D taxpayers ie an increase of £40.00.”

On being put to the meeting there voted:-

FOR the amendment – 15
AGAINST the amendment – 27

and the amendment was declared LOST.

48.2. Recommendations

The recommendations were then put to the meeting and it was

RESOLVED:
(27 voting for and 15 against)

Voting FOR: J.Beckerman, D.Bell, D.Bennett, J.Boulton, S.Boulton, H.Bower, H.Bromley, N.Chapman, J.Cragg, I.Dean, J.Dean, B.Fitzsimon, C.Gillett, K.Holman, S.Johnston, T.Kingsbury, M.Levitt, P.Mabbott, S.Markiewicz, G.Michaelides, H.Morgan, N.Pace, M.Perkins, B.Sarson, N.Taylor, F.Thomson, R.Trigg

Voting AGAINST: T.Bailey, R.Basch, H.Beckett, A.Chesterman, M.Cook, M.Cowan, J.Fitzpatrick, G.Hayes, M.Holloway, M.Larkins, H.Quenet, P.Shah, K.Thorpe, J.Weston, P.Zukowskyj

- (1) That it be noted that at the Cabinet and Special Council meeting on 10 January and 6 February 2017 respectively, the following amounts for the year 2017/18 were agreed in accordance with regulations made under Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the “Act”).
 - (a) The gross 2017/18 Tax base for the District is 41,273.50 equivalent Band D properties before the application of a collection rate.
 - (b) 40,324.2 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations), as its Council Tax Base for the year 2017/18;

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including deductions for council tax support and a collection rate of 97.70%.

- (2) Part of the Council's Area being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate;

	<u>100%</u> <u>TAXBASE</u>	<u>97.70%</u> <u>TAXBASE</u>
Ayot St Lawrence	70.9	69.3
Ayot St Peter	119.2	116.5
Essendon	431.1	421.2
Hatfield	11206.1	10948.3
North Mymms	4325.2	4225.7
Northaw & Cuffley	3343.0	3266.1
Welwyn	4556.2	4451.4
Welwyn Garden City	16683.5	16299.8
Woolmer Green	538.3	525.9

- (3) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2017/18 in accordance with sections 31 - 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- (a) £151,196,911 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act, taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
- (b) £141,434,993 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) £9,761,918 being the amount by which the aggregate at (3)(a) above exceeds the aggregate at (1)(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year.
- (d) £242.09 being the amount at (3)(c) above, all divided by the Council tax base at (1)(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
- (e) £2,211,946 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £187.24 being the amount at (3)(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (3)(e) by (1)(b) 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 special item relates.

(g) Part of the Council's area:

Being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (3)(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at (2) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34 (3) 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.

	Band D Amount £
Ayot St Lawrence	198.77
Ayot St Peter	200.12
Essendon	228.17
Hatfield	265.45
North Mymms	228.36
Northaw & Cuffley	271.21
Welwyn	274.89
Welwyn Garden City	216.27
Woolmer Green	234.25

(h) Part of the Council's Area:

Amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (3)(g) 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.

Valuation bands £

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Ayot St Lawrence	132.51	154.60	176.68	198.77	242.94	287.11	331.28	397.54
Ayot St Peter	133.41	155.65	177.88	200.12	244.59	289.06	333.53	400.24
Essendon	152.11	177.47	202.82	228.17	278.87	329.58	380.28	456.34
Hatfield	176.97	206.46	235.96	265.45	324.44	383.43	442.42	530.90
North Mymms	152.24	177.61	202.99	228.36	279.11	329.85	380.60	456.72

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Northaw & Cuffley	180.81	210.94	241.08	271.21	331.48	391.75	452.02	542.42
Welwyn	183.26	213.80	244.35	274.89	335.98	397.06	458.15	549.78
Welwyn Garden City	144.18	168.21	192.24	216.27	264.33	312.39	360.45	432.54
Woolmer Green	156.17	182.19	208.22	234.25	286.31	338.36	390.42	468.50

- (4) That it be noted that for the year 2017/18 the major precepting authorities, Hertfordshire County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire have stated the amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

(a) Hertfordshire County Council

Hertfordshire County Council								
	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Ayot St Lawrence	830.55	968.98	1,107.40	1,245.83	1,522.68	1,799.53	2,076.38	2,491.66
Ayot St Peter	830.55	968.98	1,107.40	1,245.83	1,522.68	1,799.53	2,076.38	2,491.66
Essendon	830.55	968.98	1,107.40	1,245.83	1,522.68	1,799.53	2,076.38	2,491.66
Hatfield	830.55	968.98	1,107.40	1,245.83	1,522.68	1,799.53	2,076.38	2,491.66
North Mymms	830.55	968.98	1,107.40	1,245.83	1,522.68	1,799.53	2,076.38	2,491.66
Northaw & Cuffley	830.55	968.98	1,107.40	1,245.83	1,522.68	1,799.53	2,076.38	2,491.66
Welwyn	830.55	968.98	1,107.40	1,245.83	1,522.68	1,799.53	2,076.38	2,491.66
Welwyn Garden City	830.55	968.98	1,107.40	1,245.83	1,522.68	1,799.53	2,076.38	2,491.66
Woolmer Green	830.55	968.98	1,107.40	1,245.83	1,522.68	1,799.53	2,076.38	2,491.66

(b) Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire

Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire								
	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Ayot St Lawrence	101.33	118.22	135.11	152.00	185.78	219.56	253.33	304.00
Ayot St Peter	101.33	118.22	135.11	152.00	185.78	219.56	253.33	304.00
Essendon	101.33	118.22	135.11	152.00	185.78	219.56	253.33	304.00
Hatfield	101.33	118.22	135.11	152.00	185.78	219.56	253.33	304.00
North Mymms	101.33	118.22	135.11	152.00	185.78	219.56	253.33	304.00
Northaw & Cuffley	101.33	118.22	135.11	152.00	185.78	219.56	253.33	304.00
Welwyn	101.33	118.22	135.11	152.00	185.78	219.56	253.33	304.00
Welwyn Garden City	101.33	118.22	135.11	152.00	185.78	219.56	253.33	304.00
Woolmer Green	101.33	118.22	135.11	152.00	185.78	219.56	253.33	304.00

- (5) That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (3)(h) and (4)(a) and (b) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2017/18 for each part of its area and for each categories of dwellings.

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Part of the Council's Area								
	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Ayot St Lawrence	1,064.39	1,241.80	1,419.19	1,596.60	1,951.40	2,306.20	2,660.99	3,193.20
Ayot St Peter	1,065.29	1,242.85	1,420.39	1,597.95	1,953.05	2,308.15	2,663.24	3,195.90
Essendon	1,083.99	1,264.67	1,445.33	1,626.00	1,987.33	2,348.67	2,709.99	3,252.00
Hatfield	1,108.85	1,293.66	1,478.47	1,663.28	2,032.90	2,402.52	2,772.13	3,326.56
North Mymms	1,084.12	1,264.81	1,445.50	1,626.19	1,987.57	2,348.94	2,710.31	3,252.38
Northaw & Cuffley	1,112.69	1,298.14	1,483.59	1,669.04	2,039.94	2,410.84	2,781.73	3,338.08
Welwyn	1,115.14	1,301.00	1,486.86	1,672.72	2,044.44	2,416.15	2,787.86	3,345.44
Welwyn Garden City	1,076.06	1,255.41	1,434.75	1,614.10	1,972.79	2,331.48	2,690.16	3,228.20
Woolmer Green	1,088.05	1,269.39	1,450.73	1,632.08	1,994.77	2,357.45	2,720.13	3,264.16

- (6) That the budget estimates be noted and the 2017/18 General fund budget summary provided in Appendix A to the report be approved.

Meeting ended at 8.10 pm
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