

**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY 2012 AT 6.00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths (Chairman), R. J. Laight (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. S. J. Baxter, C. J. Bloore, Dr. D. W. P. Booth JP, Mrs. J. M. Boswell, J. R. Boulter, J. S. Brogan, M. A. Bullivant, Ms. M. T. Buxton, R. A. Clarke, S. R. Colella, Mrs. R. L. Dent, K. A. Grant-Pearce, Miss P. A. Harrison, R. Hollingworth, Mrs. H. J. Jones, P. Lamm, B. Lewis F.CMI, L. C. R. Mallett, Mrs. C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, E. J. Murray, J. A. Ruck, C. R. Scurrall, Mrs. E. M. Shannon, S. P. Shannon, Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP, Mrs. C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, C. J. Tidmarsh, L. J. Turner, M. J. A. Webb, P. J. Whittaker and C. J. K. Wilson

97/11 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dr. B. T. Cooper, R. J. Deeming, S. J. Dudley and R. J. Shannon.

98/11 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

99/11 **PETER RIPPINGTON**

The Chairman held a minute's silence in memory of Mr. Peter Rippington, a teacher at Alvechurch Church of England Middle School, who had lost his life in a tragic coach accident.

Councillor R. Hollingworth paid tribute to Mr. Rippington and referred to the effect of the accident on the children at the School.

Having been moved by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor E. J. Murray, it was

**RESOLVED** that the Council write to the School and to Mr. Rippington's family to convey its condolences.

100/11 **JESS VARNISH**

The Chairman referred to Jess Varnish, a professional track cyclist originally from the Bromsgrove area, who was a member of the British Track Cycling Team. Jess Varnish and her team sprint partner had achieved great success in the UCI Track Cycling World Cup held the previous weekend.

The Chamber supported the Chairman in asking the Chief Executive to convey its congratulations to Jess Varnish on her achievements to date and to wish her every success in the forthcoming London Olympics.

101/11 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2012 were submitted.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

102/11 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SPECIAL CABINET MEETING HELD ON 22ND FEBRUARY 2012**

(i) **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2012/13 – 2014/15**

The recommendations from the Cabinet were moved by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. A. Sherrey. Thanks were extended to officers for their hard work in connection with the Medium Term Financial Plan and to the Budget Jury and other stakeholders for their contributions to the budget process.

On a requisition under Council Procedure Rule 17.5, the following details of voting on the recommendations were recorded:

For the recommendations: Councillors Mrs. S. J. Baxter, Dr. D. W. P. Booth, Mrs. J. M. Boswell, J. R. Boulter, J. S. Brogan, M. A. Bullivant, R. A. Clarke, S. R. Colella, Mrs. R. L. Dent, K. A. Grant-Pierce, Miss P. A. Harrison, R. Hollingworth, Mrs. H. J. Jones, R. J. Laight, P. Lammass, B. Lewis, J. A. Ruck, C. R. Scurrall, Mrs. M. A. Sherrey, Mrs. C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, C. J. Tidmarsh, L. J. Turner, M. J. A. Webb and P. J. Whittaker (25);

Against the recommendations: Councillors C. J. Bloore, Ms. M. T. Buxton, L. C. R. Mallett, Mrs. C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, E. J. Murray, Mrs. E. M. Shannon, S. P. Shannon and C. J. K. Wilson (9);

Abstentions: 0

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) that the revenue bids identified as high in Appendix A of the report be included within the Medium Term Financial Plan as follows:

2012/13	£78,000
2013/14	£43,000
2014/15	£43,000

- (b) that the savings and additional income identified in Appendix B of the report be included within the Medium Term Financial Plan as follows:

2012/13	£814,000
2013/14	£1,549,000
2014/15	£2,282,000

- (c) that the capital bids identified as high in Appendix C of the report be included within the Medium Term Financial Plan as follows:

2012/13	£631,000
2013/14	£3,526,000
2014/15	£5,253,000

- (d) that the use of balances totalling £113,000 for 2012/13 be approved;
- (e) that the Pay Policy as set out in Appendix E of the report be approved.

(ii) **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2012/13 – 2014/15**

The recommendations from the Cabinet were moved by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. A. Sherrey.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) that the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy 2012/13 - 2014/15 and Prudential Indicators set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved;
- (b) that the Authorised Limit for borrowing at £7,500,000 if required be approved;
- (c) that the maximum level of investment to be held within each organisation (i.e. Bank or Building Society) be set as detailed in the report at £3,000,000 subject to market conditions;
- (d) that the unlimited level for investment in Debt Management Account Deposit Facility be approved; and
- (e) that the Treasury Management Policy as set out in Appendix 2 of the report be approved.

103/11 **COUNCIL TAX 2012/13**

Members received a report of the Executive Director (Finance & Resources) with regard to the setting of the Council Tax for 2012/13.

Having been moved by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. A. Sherrey, it was

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations set out as an Appendix to these minutes, setting a Council Tax for 2012/13 of £192.85 for a Band D unparished property be approved.

104/11 **BOUNDARY REVIEW REPORT ON PROPOSED COUNCIL SIZE**

Members received a report of the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services which referred to the review of the size of the Council (i.e. number of elected representatives) being undertaken by the Boundary Commission in response to a request from the Council. As part of the review the Council had been invited to make a recommendation on the most appropriate size and to provide evidence to support this.

Councillor R. Hollingworth thanked officers for producing the report and expressed the view that it would not be worthwhile discussing the matter as the Chamber would not be able to agree a size that was acceptable to all.

Having been moved by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor P. M. McDonald, it was

**RESOLVED** that Group Leaders make their own submissions on the future size of the Council to the Boundary Commission before 5 March 2012.

The meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.

Chairman