

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL - 9 FEBRUARY 2012

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 9 February 2012 at 4 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Dorrian, Fyfe, Grieve, Loughran, MacLeod, McCabe, McCallum, McIlwee, McKenzie, Moran, Nelson, Osborne, Rebecchi, White and Wilson.

Chair: Provost McCormick presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Business Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

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No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

119 Revenue Budget 2012/13, Capital Programme 2011/15 and Common Good Budget 2012/13 119

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer requesting the Council to agree the 2012/13 Revenue Budget, the 2011/15 Capital Programme and the 2012/13 Common Good Budget and thereafter agree the level of Band D Council Tax for the financial year 2012/13.

After discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved:-

- (1) that the Council agree to accept the conditions set out in the letter from the Cabinet Minister for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth dated 8 December 2011 and agree that the Council Leader respond by the deadline of 11 March 2012;
- (2) that the Council confirm the 2012/13 General Fund Revenue Budget detailed in appendix 3 of the Policy & Resources Committee budget report dated 7 February 2012;
- (3) that the Council agree the 2012/13 Common Good Fund Budget as set out in appendix 9 of the Policy & Resources Committee budget report of 7 February 2012;
- (4) that the 2012/15 Capital Programme be agreed in terms of the Coalition Administration's submission (appendix 1 to the minute);
- (5) that agreement be given to the proposals in respect of the General Fund Reserve on the basis of the Coalition Administration's submission taking into account the Chief Financial Officer's recommendation that the General Reserve Balance should not fall below £4.2m;
- (6) that the proposals in respect of the Clune Park Area and accelerated primary school investment included in the Coalition Administration's submission be agreed; and
- (7) that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2012/13 and that accordingly, the "Band D" Council tax be set at £1,198.

As an amendment, Councillor Nelson seconded by Councillor Brooks moved:-

- (1) that the Council agree to accept the conditions set out in the letter from the Cabinet Minister for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth dated 8 December 2011 and agree that the Council Leader respond by the deadline of 11 March 2012;
- (2) that the Council confirm the 2012/13 General Fund Revenue Budget detailed in appendix 3 of the Policy & Resources Committee budget report dated 7 February 2012;
- (3) that the Council agree the 2012/13 Common Good Fund Budget as set out in

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appendix 9 of the Policy & Resources Committee budget report of 7 February 2012;

(4) that the Budget proposals as contained in the SNP Group's submission (appendix 2 to the minute) be agreed; and

(5) that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2012/13 and that, accordingly the "Band D" Council Tax be set at £1,198.

As a further amendment, Councillor Blair seconded by Councillor Rebecchi moved:-

(1) that the Council agree to accept the conditions set out in the letter from the Cabinet Minister for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth dated 8 December 2011 and agree that the Council Leader respond by the deadline of 11 March 2012;

(2) that the Council confirm the 2012/13 General Fund Revenue Budget detailed in appendix 3 of the Policy & Resources Committee budget report dated 7 February 2012;

(3) that the Council agree the 2012/13 Common Good Fund Budget as set out in appendix 9 of the Policy & Resources Committee budget report of 7 February 2012;

(4) that the Budget proposals as contained in the Liberal Democrat Group's submission (appendix 3 to the minute) be agreed; and

(5) that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2012/13 and that, accordingly, the "Band D" Council Tax be set at £1,198.

On a vote between the 2 amendments, 3 Members voted for the amendment by Councillor Blair and 5 for the amendment by Councillor Nelson. The amendment by Councillor Blair then fell. On a vote between the amendment by Councillor Nelson and the motion by Councillor McCabe, 5 Members voted for the amendment and 12 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

(1) that the Council agree to accept the conditions set out in the letter from the Cabinet Minister for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth dated 8 December 2011 and agree that the Council Leader respond by the deadline of 11 March 2012;

(2) that the Council confirm the 2012/13 General Fund Revenue Budget detailed in appendix 3 of the Policy & Resources Committee budget report dated 7 February 2012;

(3) that the Council agree the 2012/13 Common Good Fund Budget as set out in appendix 9 of the Policy & Resources Committee budget report of 7 February 2012;

(4) that the 2012/15 Capital Programme be agreed in terms of the Coalition Administration's submission (appendix 1 to the minute);

(5) that agreement be given to the proposals in respect of the General Fund Reserve on the basis of the Coalition Administration's submission taking into account the Chief Financial Officer's recommendation that the General Reserve Balance should not fall below £4.2m;

(6) that the proposals in respect of the Clune Park Area and accelerated primary school investment included in the Coalition Administration's submission be agreed; and

(7) that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2012/13 and that accordingly, the "Band D" Council Tax be set at £1,198.

120 Resolution: Council Tax 2012/13

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Arising from the foregoing paragraph, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2012/13 and, accordingly, resolved to set the "Band D" Council Tax at £1,198.

Decided: that the "Band D" Council Tax for 2012/13 be set at £1,198.