

Minutes of the **Council**
of the **Test Valley Borough Council**
held by Microsoft Teams
on 26 February 2021 at 5.30 pm

Attendance:

Councillor M Hatley (Chairman)

Councillor M Cooper (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor N Adams-King
Councillor I Andersen
Councillor G Bailey
Councillor D Baverstock
Councillor C Borg-Neal
Councillor Z Brooks
Councillor P Bundy
Councillor T Burley
Councillor J Burnage
Councillor D Coole
Councillor C Donnelly
Councillor A Dowden
Councillor C Dowden
Councillor D Drew
Councillor C Ecclestone
Councillor M Flood
Councillor N Gwynne

Councillor K Hamilton
Councillor V Harber
Councillor I Jeffrey
Councillor A Johnston
Councillor L Lashbrook
Councillor P Lashbrook
Councillor N Lodge
Councillor N Matthews
Councillor R Meyer
Councillor K North
Councillor P North
Councillor J Parker
Councillor R Rowles
Councillor T Tasker
Councillor C Thom
Councillor A Ward
Councillor A Warnes

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Prayers

The Chief Executive read out prayers prepared by Reverend Canon Jill Bentall who was not able to be present at the meeting.

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Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Cross, Dass and Gidley.

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Public Participation

No members of the public had registered to speak.

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Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

414 **To approve the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 27 January 2021**

Councillor A Dowden thanked the Leader for the response to his question at the last Council meeting regarding Youth Outreach project which will now take place in March.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 January 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

415 **Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor thanked Councillors L and P Lashbrook for arranging a contingency broadband connection to join the meeting today following problems with their broadband.

The Mayor paid tribute to the Covid vaccinations teams across the country. The number of people that have been vaccinated has been enormous due to the support and resilience of everyone involved.

416 **To receive and adopt Committee reports**

416.1 **Minutes of Meetings**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the following Committees and Cabinet meetings be received.

Southern Area Planning Committee – 12 January 2021

Cabinet – 13 January 2021

Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 20 January 2021

Northern Area Planning Committee – 28 January 2021

General Purposes Committee – 10 February 2021

Cabinet – 10 February 2021

Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 17 February 2021

Northern Area Planning Committee – 18 February 2021

Southern Area Planning Committee – 23 February 2021

416.2 To adopt Recommendations from the following:

416.2.1 Cabinet – 10 February 2021

416.2.1.1 Revenue Budget and Council Tax Proposals 2021/22

The Finance Portfolio Holder introduced the item by delivering her annual budget speech. Following the introduction by Government of a new law in 2014 relating to certain budget decisions, the Council was required to take a recorded vote on both this item and item 10 of the agenda, To adopt a resolution relating to the Council Tax for 2021/22.

Cllr C Dowden moved an amendment that Council Tax should be increased in line with inflation.

The latest CPI figure for January 2021 shows inflation is currently 0.7%. If this increase were applied to the Council Tax charge, the increase would be £1.02 and take the charge.

The budget report assumes that the Andover Special Expenses Levy will increase in line with the main TVBC precept. Keeping with that principle, the increase in the Levy would also be slightly reduced, from the proposed figure of £20.12 to a revised figure of £19.92 for a band D property.

The proposed amendment was as follows:

1. That the Revised Forecast for 2020/21 as set out in Column 3 of Annex 1 be approved.
2. That the Savings Options, Income Generation Proposals, Revenue Pressures and Covid-19 impacts as set out in Annexes 2 - 5 be approved.
3. That subject to recommendation 2 above and taking due regard of the Head of Finance & Revenues' comments in Annex 9, the budget for 2021/22 as set out in Column 6 of Annex 1 be approved. This would require a change to the Transfers to Earmarked Reserve row (5,114.4 becomes 5,192.2); TVBC Precept (7492.6 becomes 7,418.1) and Andover Levy (333.3 becomes 330.0)
4. That subject to recommendations 2 and 3 above, the revenue estimates for each Service contained in Annex 8 be approved.
5. That a Council Tax Requirement for 2021/22 of £9,511,269 be approved.

6. That a Special Expenses Levy of £330,035 be made in respect of the area of Andover to cover the cost of maintaining burial grounds, sports grounds and playgrounds.
7. That a general precept of £7,418,088 be levied for the year 2021/22.
8. That the Medium Term Forecast contained in Annex 7 be noted. The transfers to earmarked reserves base change would increase to 6,534.2 from 6,456.4 (reflecting the reversal of the one-off additional draw from reserves in 2021/22). The forecast budget gap for 2022/23 would increase from 2,561.1 to 2,638.9 and for 2023/24 would increase from 2,868.7 to 2,946.5
9. That a Band D Council Tax excluding Parishes and Special Expenses of £147.43 in 2021/22 be approved – an increase of £1.02 on 2020/21 levels.
10. That a draw of £18,700 from the Collection Fund Equalisation Reserve, as detailed in paragraph 4.7, be approved.
11. That a draw of £219,500 from the Budget Equalisation Reserve, as detailed in paragraph 4.11, be approved.

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services took the vote on the amendment to the motion, Members voted as follows;

For	Against	Abstained
Cooper	Hatley	
Baverstock	Adams King	
Burnage	Andersen	
A Dowden	Bailey	
C Dowden	Borg Neal	
Gwynne	Brooks	
Harber	Bundy	
Parker	Burley	
Rowles	Coole	
Thom	Donnelly	
Warnes	Drew	
	Ecclestone	
	Flood	
	Hamilton	
	Jeffrey	
	Johnston	
	L Lashbrook	
	P Lashbrook	
	Lodge	
	Matthews	
	Meyer	
	K North	
	P North	

	Tasker	
	Ward	
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Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services took the vote on the original motion, Members voted as follows;

For	Against	Abstained
Adams-King	Baverstock	
Andersen	Burnage	
Bailey	Coole	
Borg-Neal	Cooper	
Brooks	A Dowden	
Bundy	C Dowden	
Burley	Ecclestone	
Donnelly	Gwynne	
Drew	Harber	
Flood	Parker	
Hamilton	Rowles	
Hatley	Thom	
Jeffrey	Warnes	
Johnston		
L Lashbrook		
P Lashbrook		
Lodge		
Matthews		
Meyer		
K North		
P North		
Tasker		
Ward		
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Resolved:

1. That the Revised Forecast for 2020/21 as set out in Column 3 of Annex 1 to the report be approved.
2. That the Savings Options, Income Generation Proposals, Revenue Pressures and Covid-19 impacts as set out in Annexes 2 – 5 to the report be approved.
3. That subject to recommendation 2 above and taking due regard of the Head of Finance & Revenues' comments in Annex 9, the budget for 2021/22 as set out in Column 6 of Annex 1 be approved.

4. That subject to recommendations 2 and 3 above, the revenue estimates for each Service contained in Annex 8 to the report be approved.
5. That a Council Tax Requirement for 2021/22 of £9,573,702 be approved.
6. That a Special Expenses Levy of £333,348 be made in respect of the area of Andover to cover the cost of maintaining burial grounds, sports grounds and playgrounds.
7. That a general precept of £7,492,556 be levied for the year 2021/22.
8. That the Medium Term Forecast contained in Annex 7 to the report be noted.
9. That a Band D Council Tax excluding Parishes and Special Expenses of £148.91 in 2021/22 be approved – an increase of £2.50 on 2020/21 levels.
10. That a draw of £18,700 from the Collection Fund Equalisation Reserve, as detailed in paragraph 4.7, be approved.
11. That a draw of £141,700 from the Budget Equalisation Reserve, as detailed in paragraph 4.11, be approved.
12. That delegated authority be given to the Head of Finance & Revenues in consultation with the Leader, Finance Portfolio Holder and the Chief Executive to make changes to the budget following Cabinet to take account of new issues, changes to figures notified by Parish Councils or any late changes in the final Local Government Finance Settlement.

417 **To adopt a resolution relating to the Council Tax 2021/22**

The Finance Portfolio Holder presented details of the Council Tax for 2021/22.

The Worshipful the Mayor reminded members that a recorded vote was required on this item.

The Finance Portfolio Holder introduced the item by delivering her annual budget speech. Following the introduction by Government of a new law in 2014 relating to certain budget decisions, the Council was required to take a recorded vote on both this item and item 7.2.1.1 on the agenda, To adopt a resolution relating to the Council Tax for 2021/22.

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services took the vote, Members voted as follows;

For	Against	Abstained
Adams-King	Baverstock	
Andersen	Burnage	
Bailey	Coole	
Borg-Neal	Cooper	
Brooks	A Dowden	
Bundy	C Dowden	
Burley	Ecclestone	
Donnelly	Gwynne	
Drew	Harber	
Ecclestone	Parker	
Flood	Rowles	
Hamilton	Thom	
Hatley	Warnes	
Jeffrey		
Johnston		
L Lashbrook		
P Lashbrook		
Lodge		
Matthews		
Meyer		
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P North		
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Ward		
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Resolved:

1. That approval is noted of the revised revenue forecast for the year 2020/2021 and the revenue estimates for the year 2021/2022, together with the revised capital programme for the year 2020/2021 and the capital programme for the year 2021/2022.

2. That for the purposes of Section 35(2)(d) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act), the sum of £333,348, being the aggregate sum of expenses in relation to public halls, burial grounds, sports grounds and playgrounds incurred by the Council in performing in the parish of Andover the functions not performed by the Town Council, shall be treated as Special Expenses and any expenditure other than the £333,348 herein specified shall be treated as general expenses. The Special Expenses sum equates to an amount of £20.12 per Band D Council Tax.

3. That it be noted that the Head of Finance & Revenues has calculated the Council Tax Base for 2021/2022 for the whole Borough area as 50,316 (Item T in the formula in Section 33(1) of the Act) and, in those parts of its area to which a Parish/Town precept relates, as per the table below:

Parish of	Tax Base	Parish of	Tax Base
Abbotts Ann	641	Lockerley	371
Ampfield	897	Longparish	331
Amport	563	Longstock	215
Andover Town	16,568	Melchet Park & Plaitford	132
Appleshaw	276	Michelmersh & Timsbury	452
Ashley	39	Monxton	140
Awbridge	353	Mottisfont	150
Barton Stacey	408	Nether Wallop	399
Bossington	23	North Baddesley	2,491
Braishfield	355	Nursling & Rownhams	2,385
Broughton	556	Over Wallop	791
Bullington	61	Penton Grafton	354
Charlton	865	Penton Mewsey	175
Chilbolton	539	Quarley	79
Chilworth	667	Romsey Extra	2,425
East Dean	94	Romsey Town	5,767
East Tytherley	92	Sherfield English	329
Enham Alamein	254	Shipton Bellinger	505
Facombe	45	Smannell	142
Fyfield	136	Stockbridge	345
Goodworth Clatford	416	Tangley	297
Grateley	260	Thruxton	289
Houghton	220	Upper Clatford	645
Hurstbourne Tarrant	390	Valley Park	3,009
Kimpton	170	Vernham Dean	290
King's Somborne	719	Wellow	1,511
Leckford	65	West Tytherley, Frenchmoor & Buckholt	308
Linkenholt	24	Wherwell	252
Little Somborne	41	Total	50,316

4. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2021/2022 in accordance with Sections 32 to 34 and 36 of the Act and subsequent regulations:

- 4(a) £108,711,746** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish/Town Councils.
- 4(b) £99,122,696** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3) of the Act.
- 4(c) £9,589,050** being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (Item R in the formula in Section 33(1) of the Act).
- 4(d) £190.58** being the amount at 4(c) above (Item R), divided by 3 above (Item T), calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 33 of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish/Town precepts).
- 4(e) £2,096,494** being the aggregate amount of all special items (the amount at 2 above and Parish/Town precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- 4(f) £148.91** being the amount at 4(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(e) above by 3 above (Item T), 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/Town precept relates.
- 4(g) Part of the Council's area:**

Parish of	£	Parish of	£
Abbotts Ann	198.48	Melchet Park & Plaitford	174.67
Ampfield	192.93	Michelmersh & Timsbury	183.20
Amport	169.34	Monxton	202.48
Andover Town	190.13	Mottisfont	192.30
Appleshaw	196.01	Nether Wallop	258.35
Awbridge	176.69	North Baddesley	205.36
Barton Stacey	200.91	Nursling & Rownhams	175.33
Braishfield	208.36	Over Wallop	189.37
Broughton	198.37	Penton Grafton	177.16
Bullington	196.45	Penton Mewsey	217.48
Charlton	172.03	Quarley	188.15
Chilbolton	175.81	Romsey Extra	172.15
Chilworth	193.89	Romsey Town	203.77

Parish of	£	Parish of	£
East Dean	185.26	Sherfield English	179.31
East Tytherley	192.74	Shipton Bellinger	210.30
Enham Alamein	178.26	Smannell	168.26
Fyfield	215.09	Stockbridge	207.75
Goodworth Clatford	215.56	Tangley	199.42
Grateley	181.22	Thrupton	201.68
Houghton	205.73	Upper Clatford	173.82
Hurstbourne Tarrant	188.14	Valley Park	161.87
Kimpton	204.79	Vernham Dean	183.39
King's Somborne	236.25	Wellow	194.56
Lockerley	199.28	West Tytherley, Frenchmoor & Buckholt	194.93
Longparish	215.07	Wherwell	184.62
Longstock	188.44	All other parts of the Council's area	148.91

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 4(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 Council Tax Base for that part of the Council's area, 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.

4(h) Part of the Council's area:

Valuation Bands

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish of								
Abbotts Ann	132.32	154.37	176.42	198.48	242.59	286.69	330.80	396.96
Ampfield	128.62	150.06	171.49	192.93	235.80	278.67	321.55	385.86
Amport	112.89	131.71	150.52	169.34	206.97	244.60	282.23	338.68
Andover Town	126.75	147.88	169.00	190.13	232.38	274.63	316.88	380.26
Appleshaw	130.67	152.45	174.23	196.01	239.57	283.12	326.68	392.02
Awbridge	117.79	137.43	157.05	176.69	215.95	255.22	294.48	353.38
Barton Stacey	133.94	156.26	178.58	200.91	245.56	290.20	334.85	401.82
Braishfield	138.90	162.06	185.20	208.36	254.66	300.96	347.26	416.72

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish of								
Broughton	132.24	154.29	176.32	198.37	242.45	286.53	330.61	396.74
Bullington	130.96	152.80	174.62	196.45	240.10	283.76	327.41	392.90
Charlton	114.68	133.80	152.91	172.03	210.26	248.49	286.71	344.06
Chilbolton	117.20	136.74	156.27	175.81	214.88	253.95	293.01	351.62
Chilworth	129.26	150.80	172.34	193.89	236.98	280.06	323.15	387.78
East Dean	123.50	144.09	164.67	185.26	226.43	267.60	308.76	370.52
East Tytherley	128.49	149.91	171.32	192.74	235.57	278.40	321.23	385.48
Enham Alamein	118.84	138.65	158.45	178.26	217.87	257.48	297.10	356.52
Fyfield	143.39	167.29	191.19	215.09	262.89	310.68	358.48	430.18
Goodworth Clatford	143.70	167.66	191.60	215.56	263.46	311.36	359.26	431.12
Grateley	120.81	140.95	161.08	181.22	221.49	261.76	302.03	362.44
Houghton	137.15	160.01	182.87	205.73	251.45	297.16	342.88	411.46
Hurstbourne Tarrant	125.42	146.33	167.23	188.14	229.95	271.76	313.56	376.28
Kimpton	136.52	159.28	182.03	204.79	250.30	295.81	341.31	409.58
King's Somborne	157.50	183.75	210.00	236.25	288.75	341.25	393.75	472.50
Lockerley	132.85	155.00	177.13	199.28	243.56	287.85	332.13	398.56
Longparish	143.38	167.28	191.17	215.07	262.86	310.65	358.45	430.14
Longstock	125.62	146.57	167.50	188.44	230.31	272.19	314.06	376.88
Melchet Park & Plaitford	116.44	135.86	155.26	174.67	213.48	252.30	291.11	349.34
Michelmersh & Timsbury	122.13	142.49	162.84	183.20	223.91	264.62	305.33	366.40
Monxton	134.98	157.49	179.98	202.48	247.47	292.47	337.46	404.96
Mottisfont	128.20	149.57	170.93	192.30	235.03	277.76	320.50	384.60
Nether Wallop	172.23	200.94	229.64	258.35	315.76	373.17	430.58	516.70
North Baddesley	136.90	159.73	182.54	205.36	250.99	296.63	342.26	410.72
Nursling & Rownhams	116.88	136.37	155.84	175.33	214.29	253.25	292.21	350.66

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish of								
Over Wallop	126.24	147.29	168.32	189.37	231.45	273.53	315.61	378.74
Penton Grafton	118.10	137.79	157.47	177.16	216.53	255.90	295.26	354.32
Penton Mewsey	144.98	169.15	193.31	217.48	265.81	314.14	362.46	434.96
Quarley	125.43	146.34	167.24	188.15	229.96	271.77	313.58	376.30
Romsey Extra	114.76	133.90	153.02	172.15	210.40	248.66	286.91	344.30
Romsey Town	135.84	158.49	181.12	203.77	249.05	294.33	339.61	407.54
Sherfield English	119.54	139.46	159.38	179.31	219.16	259.00	298.85	358.62
Shipton Bellinger	140.20	163.57	186.93	210.30	257.03	303.76	350.50	420.60
Smannell	112.17	130.87	149.56	168.26	205.65	243.04	280.43	336.52
Stockbridge	138.50	161.58	184.66	207.75	253.92	300.08	346.25	415.50
Tangley	132.94	155.11	177.26	199.42	243.73	288.05	332.36	398.84
Thrupton	134.45	156.86	179.27	201.68	246.50	291.31	336.13	403.36
Upper Clatford	115.88	135.19	154.50	173.82	212.45	251.07	289.70	347.64
Valley Park	107.91	125.90	143.88	161.87	197.84	233.81	269.78	323.74
Vernham Dean	122.26	142.64	163.01	183.39	224.14	264.89	305.65	366.78
Wellow	129.70	151.33	172.94	194.56	237.79	281.03	324.26	389.12
West Tytherley, Frenchmoor & Buckholt	129.95	151.61	173.27	194.93	238.25	281.56	324.88	389.86
Wherwell	123.08	143.59	164.10	184.62	225.65	266.67	307.70	369.24
All other parts of the Council's area	99.27	115.82	132.36	148.91	182.00	215.09	248.18	297.82

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 4(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.

5. That in accordance with Section 52B of the Act, the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for the year 2021/2022 is not excessive.

6. That the following details in respect of precept authorities are noted:

6(a) For the year 2021/2022, the Hampshire County Council have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>
<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
900.30	1,050.35	1,200.40	1,350.45	1,650.55	1,950.65	2,250.75	2,700.90

6(b) For the year 2021/2022, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>
<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
150.97	176.14	201.30	226.46	276.78	327.11	377.43	452.92

6(c) For the year 2021/2022, the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>
<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
46.95	54.78	62.60	70.43	86.08	101.73	117.38	140.86

7. That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4(h) and 6(a), 6(b) and 6(c) above, the Council, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for each of its areas for the year 2021/2022 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish of								
Abbotts Ann	1230.54	1435.64	1640.72	1845.82	2256.00	2666.18	3076.36	3691.64
Ampfield	1226.84	1431.33	1635.79	1840.27	2249.21	2658.16	3067.11	3680.54
Ampport	1211.11	1412.98	1614.82	1816.68	2220.38	2624.09	3027.79	3633.36
Andover Town	1224.97	1429.15	1633.30	1837.47	2245.79	2654.12	3062.44	3674.94
Appleshaw	1228.89	1433.72	1638.53	1843.35	2252.98	2662.61	3072.24	3686.70
Awbridge	1216.01	1418.70	1621.35	1824.03	2229.36	2634.71	3040.04	3648.06
Barton Stacey	1232.16	1437.53	1642.88	1848.25	2258.97	2669.69	3080.41	3696.50
Braishfield	1237.12	1443.33	1649.50	1855.70	2268.07	2680.45	3092.82	3711.40
Broughton	1230.46	1435.56	1640.62	1845.71	2255.86	2666.02	3076.17	3691.42
Bullington	1229.18	1434.07	1638.92	1843.79	2253.51	2663.25	3072.97	3687.58
Charlton	1212.90	1415.07	1617.21	1819.37	2223.67	2627.98	3032.27	3638.74
Chilbolton	1215.42	1418.01	1620.57	1823.15	2228.29	2633.44	3038.57	3646.30
Chilworth	1227.48	1432.07	1636.64	1841.23	2250.39	2659.55	3068.71	3682.46
East Dean	1221.72	1425.36	1628.97	1832.60	2239.84	2647.09	3054.32	3665.20
East Tytherley	1226.71	1431.18	1635.62	1840.08	2248.98	2657.89	3066.79	3680.16
Enham Alamein	1217.06	1419.92	1622.75	1825.60	2231.28	2636.97	3042.66	3651.20
Fyfield	1241.61	1448.56	1655.49	1862.43	2276.30	2690.17	3104.04	3724.86
Goodworth Clatford	1241.92	1448.93	1655.90	1862.90	2276.87	2690.85	3104.82	3725.80
Grateley	1219.03	1422.22	1625.38	1828.56	2234.90	2641.25	3047.59	3657.12
Houghton	1235.37	1441.28	1647.17	1853.07	2264.86	2676.65	3088.44	3706.14
Hurstbourne Tarrant	1223.64	1427.60	1631.53	1835.48	2243.36	2651.25	3059.12	3670.96
Kimpton	1234.74	1440.55	1646.33	1852.13	2263.71	2675.30	3086.87	3704.26
King's Somborne	1255.72	1465.02	1674.30	1883.59	2302.16	2720.74	3139.31	3767.18
Lockerley	1231.07	1436.27	1641.43	1846.62	2256.97	2667.34	3077.69	3693.24
Longparish	1241.60	1448.55	1655.47	1862.41	2276.27	2690.14	3104.01	3724.82

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish of								
Longstock	1223.84	1427.84	1631.80	1835.78	2243.72	2651.68	3059.62	3671.56
Melchet Park & Plaitford	1214.66	1417.13	1619.56	1822.01	2226.89	2631.79	3036.67	3644.02
Michelmersh & Timsbury	1220.35	1423.76	1627.14	1830.54	2237.32	2644.11	3050.89	3661.08
Monxton	1233.20	1438.76	1644.28	1849.82	2260.88	2671.96	3083.02	3699.64
Mottisfont	1226.42	1430.84	1635.23	1839.64	2248.44	2657.25	3066.06	3679.28
Nether Wallop	1270.45	1482.21	1693.94	1905.69	2329.17	2752.66	3176.14	3811.38
North Baddesley	1235.12	1441.00	1646.84	1852.70	2264.40	2676.12	3087.82	3705.40
Nursling & Rownhams	1215.10	1417.64	1620.14	1822.67	2227.70	2632.74	3037.77	3645.34
Over Wallop	1224.46	1428.56	1632.62	1836.71	2244.86	2653.02	3061.17	3673.42
Penton Grafton	1216.32	1419.06	1621.77	1824.50	2229.94	2635.39	3040.82	3649.00
Penton Mewsey	1243.20	1450.42	1657.61	1864.82	2279.22	2693.63	3108.02	3729.64
Quarley	1223.65	1427.61	1631.54	1835.49	2243.37	2651.26	3059.14	3670.98
Romsey Extra	1212.98	1415.17	1617.32	1819.49	2223.81	2628.15	3032.47	3638.98
Romsey Town	1234.06	1439.76	1645.42	1851.11	2262.46	2673.82	3085.17	3702.22
Sherfield English	1217.76	1420.73	1623.68	1826.65	2232.57	2638.49	3044.41	3653.30
Shipton Bellinger	1238.42	1444.84	1651.23	1857.64	2270.44	2683.25	3096.06	3715.28
Smannell	1210.39	1412.14	1613.86	1815.60	2219.06	2622.53	3025.99	3631.20
Stockbridge	1236.72	1442.85	1648.96	1855.09	2267.33	2679.57	3091.81	3710.18
Tangley	1231.16	1436.38	1641.56	1846.76	2257.14	2667.54	3077.92	3693.52
Thrupton	1232.67	1438.13	1643.57	1849.02	2259.91	2670.80	3081.69	3698.04
Upper Clatford	1214.10	1416.46	1618.80	1821.16	2225.86	2630.56	3035.26	3642.32
Valley Park	1206.13	1407.17	1608.18	1809.21	2211.25	2613.30	3015.34	3618.42
Vernham Dean	1220.48	1423.91	1627.31	1830.73	2237.55	2644.38	3051.21	3661.46
Wellow	1227.92	1432.60	1637.24	1841.90	2251.20	2660.52	3069.82	3683.80

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish of								
West Tytherley, Frenchmoor & Buckholt	1228.17	1432.88	1637.57	1842.27	2251.66	2661.05	3070.44	3684.54
Wherwell	1221.30	1424.86	1628.40	1831.96	2239.06	2646.16	3053.26	3663.92
All other parts of the Council's area	1197.49	1397.09	1596.66	1796.25	2195.41	2594.58	2993.74	3592.50

418 To receive and adopt Committee reports

418.1 To adopt Committee reports from the following

418.1.1 Cabinet 10 February 2021

418.1.1.1 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2021/22

Resolved:

1. That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and the Annual Investment Strategy for 2021/22 as set out in the report be approved.
2. That the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy, as shown in paragraph 4.4 be approved.
3. That the Prudential Indicators as set out in Annex 1 to the report be approved.

418.1.1.2 Capital Strategy 2021/21 – 2025/26

Resolved:

That the updated Capital Strategy 2020/21 to 2025/26 to the report be approved.

419 Questions under Rule 11.1

There were no questions under Rule 11.1

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Questions under Rule 11.2

Question 1

Councillor Ecclestone asked the Leisure and Community Portfolio Holder a number of questions regarding the Longmeadow Hall in Andover.

- Can the portfolio holder confirm that some GBP 9675 was paid to Romsey Community School Ltd and charged to the residents of Andover via the Levy?

Councillor Jeffrey replied that over the last four years, no funding that has been paid to Romsey Community School or Romsey Community Service Ltd (RCS) who manage the centre that has subsequently ended up being charged to the levy.

- Can the portfolio holder confirm that Romsey Community School Ltd is a commercial company and **not** a Community Interest Corporation?

Councillor Jeffrey replied that information regarding the status Romsey Community Services Ltd is freely available on the Companies House website

- Can the portfolio holder reassure councillors and Andover residents that none of the directors of the Romsey Community School have any connection to TVBC members of officers (past or present).

Councillor Jeffrey replied that he had no knowledge of whether the directors have 'any connection' to TVBC members or officers past or present.

- RCS has paid up share capital of one pound only. As at the 31st of August 2019, the company had liabilities of GBP388,640. Can the portfolio holder assure councillors and the Andover public that no part of the levy monies were employed (either directly or indirectly) to subsidise the interest that RCS must pay on these debts?

Councillor Jeffrey replied that the sum charged to the Special Expenses Levy represents works carried out to the fabric of the building in accordance with the Council's lease obligations.

- Can the portfolio holder confirm that Romsey Community School Ltd is wholly-owned by an organisation called Gateway Multi-Academy Trust (a company limited by guarantee).

Councillor Jeffrey replied that this information is freely available at Companies House. Share capital / liabilities listed are those stated in the last set of accounts submitted on the 26th March 2020 held on Companies House.

Romsey Community Services Ltd is controlled by Gateway Multi Academy Trust (which is the Academy Trust for Romsey Community School) and holds 100% of the company's share capital.

- Over and beyond all the former, can the portfolio holder inform councillors and Andover ratepayers as to why a commercial company from Romsey is running the Longmeadow hall and NOT a local community association?

The services provided from the Longmeadow Centre are for the benefit of the local community and include education, skills training and family support.

With strong links between Romsey Community School, Harrow Way Community School and Andover Adult & Family Learning an agreement was reached for Romsey Community Services Ltd to take over and continue to offer the services provided by Andover Adult & Family Learning.

Romsey Community Services Ltd have also been a longstanding partner of the Test Valley Partnership and have played a significant role in supporting the community response in regards to COVID and over the years key government programmes such as Supporting Families.

- Councillor Ecclestone commented that the £9,675 charged out in the Andover Levy was charged out in a spreadsheet which the previous Head of Finance had sent to him last year so it was recorded that this was charged out to the Andover Levy.

Councillor Flood reported that the £9,675 referred to by Councillor Ecclestone is part of Test Valley's leasehold responsibility for maintaining the property. She will discuss this with Councillor Ecclestone.

Question 2

Councillor Ecclestone asked the Finance Portfolio Holder to provide a year by year summary of the subsidy to the community hall, formerly called the Rendezvous that was paid by Andover Levy contributors since 2010? Will the residents be subsidising the commercial tenant, Valley Leisure, going forward?

Councillor Flood explained that part of the maintenance costs of The Rendezvous was first included in the Andover Levy in 2014/15. The Andover Levy is fully recalculated on a triennial basis, with reviews carried out in advance of the 2014/15, 2017/18 and 2020/21 financial years. The amount included for the Rendezvous at each review was £11,461 in 2014/15, £12,228 in 2017/18 and £2,866 in 2020/21. In years between full recalculations the amount of the levy has largely been increased, or frozen, in line with this Council's main precept. Valley Leisure will be taking a commercial tenancy of the Rendezvous and can confirm that no costs in respect of the Rendezvous feature in the budget proposals before us today for the Andover Levy.

Question 3

Councillor Parker asked the Planning Portfolio Holder “What were the results of the latest Housing Delivery Test for both north and south areas and what is the consequential risk of the presumption in favour of sustainable development rule having to be applied in either area?”

Councillor Adams King replied that the test is a percentage measurement of the number of homes delivered against the number of homes required over a rolling three year period. The consequence of applying the presumption in favour is to take away the primacy of the local plan in determining residential planning applications. However there are several steps to reach before that is triggered based on how severe the shortfall in delivery is.

- If housing delivery falls below 95% the authority needs to publish an action plan of how it intends to get delivery back on track.
- If housing delivery falls below 85% a 20% buffer is applied to the Council’s five year land supply. This is instead of the 5% buffer required by Government guidance for all authorities
- If housing delivery falls below 75% then the presumption in favour of sustainable development is applied.

The level of construction and completions on housing sites across the Borough has put the Council in a healthy position with the most recent delivery test results for the Borough being at 173%. The consequence of this result is that it does not trigger Cllr Parker’s concern of the presumption in favour of sustainable development.

Bringing forward the next local plan, our proposals for the two masterplans and, more pressingly, unlocking the back log of applications caused by nitrates will help continue to keep the Council in that positive position.

Councillor Parker asked a supplementary question ‘ Given that our borough Local Plan is now over 5 years old, could you confirm that the next housing delivery test will be against the local housing needs formula rather than numbers in our Local Plan?’

Councillor Adams- King is confident that the Local Plan is still robust and at a forthcoming Cabinet meeting he will bring a paper that confirms that the Local Plan has been assessed by the Planning Advisory Service who have stress tested it against the NPPF and checked it is up to date. There are no major differences with the national target compared with our Local Plan however in future years there are pressing issues to deal with such as the nitrates issue and a new Local Plan.

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Pay Policy Statement 2021/22

Consideration was given to a report of the Leader which gave details of the Council's Pay Policy Statement 2020/21

Section 38(1) of the Localism Act 2011, required English and Welsh local authorities to produce and publish a pay policy statement for each financial year. The Pay Policy Statement assembled the required statutory information from the Council's existing policies and presents them as a single document to meet the requirements of the Localism Act.

Resolved:

That the Pay Policy Statement attached at Annex 1 to the report be approved.

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Revised Calendar of Meetings 2020/21

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Portfolio Holder which set out proposals to extend the time between regular meetings of Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny in order to facilitate the business of the Council in a timelier manner and to better align with the Council's reporting deadlines.

The revised Council Calendar of meetings 2021/22 provides a schedule which increases the length of time between regular ordinary meetings of Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny to allow Members and officers more time to progress business and report back to future meetings in a more effective way and to better aligns with the Council's reporting deadlines.

Resolved:

- 1. As a pilot and with effect from 19 May 2021, the frequency of Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny meetings be moved from a 4 week to a 5/6 weekly cycle, for the municipal year 2021/22.**
- 2. A review of the new arrangements be reported to Council in February 2022.**
- 3. That the draft Calendar of Meetings for 2021/22, as set out in the Annex to the report, be approved.**

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Notice of Motion - Rule 12

1. Councillor Adams-King proposed and Councillor Bundy seconded the following motion;

That the Council supports the principle of a South Hampshire Green Belt designation for the countryside surrounding the cities of Southampton and Portsmouth, and continues to support the Partnership for South Hampshire in its work on investigating the rationale and justification for an appropriate Green Belt designation or other forms of protection for the countryside to prevent coalescence of our towns and villages.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

2. Councillor Coole proposed and Councillor Ecclestone seconded the following motion;

That for the 2021/22 budget, Precept and Levy and in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, Council Resolves to:

Remove Grounds Maintenance as a Special Item and that only grounds maintenance incomes and expenses arising from the maintenance of the Special Items, are charged to the appropriate Special Items.

Upon being put to the vote the Motion was lost.

3. Councillor Coole proposed and Councillor Ecclestone seconded the following motion;

That in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, Council Resolves to:

Apologise to both past and current residents of the Parish of Andover for subjecting them to double taxation since the formation of Andover Town Council in 2010.

Ensure that from 2022/23, both the current and future residents of the Parish of Andover are no longer subjected to double taxation by terminating the Andover Special Expenses Levy, by means of either transferring the Special Items to the Borough Budget or transferring them to Andover Town Council.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was lost.

4. Councillor Coole proposed and Councillor Ecclestone seconded the following motion;

That for the 2021/22 budget, Precept and Levy and in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, Council Resolves to confirm the list of items set out in the agenda are Special Items and that their incomes and expenses are duly charged to the Andover Special Expenses Levy:

It was suggested that the Andover Levy be discussed as an Overview and Scrutiny round table discussion and confirmed by the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee and therefore Councillor Coole agreed to withdraw this motion.

5. Councillor Coole withdrew the motion;

That in accordance with the amended Constitution adopted in April 2019, the Council:

Instructs the Section 151 Officer to effect the retrospective payment of the SRA allowance due to the Minority Opposition Group Leader since May 2019 and in accordance with Council Resolutions passed since January 2019 and the amended Constitution adopted in April 2019.

6. Councillor Coole withdrew the motion

Approves that Part Six Section Two of the Constitution be amended from Minority Opposition Group Leader to "Opposition Group Leaders".

Adopts the Role Description for all Opposition Group Leaders as set out in the agenda.

7. Councillor Coole withdrew the motion:

In response to the UK Government's commitment to the British National (Overseas) residents of Hong Kong, Council Resolves to:

Write to the Secretaries of State for the Home Office and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, informing them that Test Valley Borough Council both invites and welcomes Hong Kong British National (Overseas) residents who wish to take up residency in Test Valley and contribute towards its multicultural and economic development.

Promote and support the multicultural and economic opportunities this immigration will bring to Test Valley.

The UK Government has recognised the political and security turmoil in the former British Colony of Hong Kong, following the Chinese imposition of its national security legislation, which constitutes a clear breach of the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration, undermining the "one country, two systems" framework. The UK Government has responded with its "path to citizenship" initiative, which is open to more than five million Hong Kong residents. Anyone holding a British National (Overseas) Visa and their dependents, have the right to move to the Britain and eventually apply for permanent residency.

8. Councillor Gwynne proposed and Councillor Burnage seconded the motion as follows:

This Council notes: The stated intention of the Government to amend Building Regulations such that new builds will lower their carbon footprint by between 21% and 30% (compared to the standards in operation in 2020) and between 75% and 80% in 2025 (compared to the standards in operation in 2020) via the Future Homes Standard.

This Council also notes:

The Council were planning to move towards a reduced carbon footprint as part of planning policy, as far back as 2015. But were advised by Government not to take this action, in anticipation of Government tightening Building Regulations in 2016.

- The planned Building Regulations change did not happen in 2016 and they have not been updated, in regard to carbon footprint, since then.
- Other Councils have, as a result, required more stringent carbon reductions targets on new builds than the national measures, for example a 35% reduction in emissions as well as carbon offsetting in some London boroughs.
- Since 2015 the size of the task re Climate Change has become even more clearly understood, and the Council has accordingly announced a Climate Emergency and established a Climate Emergency Action Plan.

Accordingly this Council commits to write to the Minister of State for Housing and Planning on the following basis:

1. That the targets under consideration for Building Regulations in 2022 and the Future Homes Standard in 2025 are not sufficient.
2. That the targets should be amended by way of a Planning Briefing from which a detailed, informed and ambitious response to the Minister of State for Housing and Planning will be prepared and that any agreed targets be applied on a plot-by-plot basis (not on the basis of date of planning permission, as at present).

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

(The meeting terminated at 9.05 pm)