

Minutes of the **Council**
of the **Test Valley Borough Council**
held in Upper Guildhall, High Street, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1NT
on 23 February 2023 at 5.30 pm

Attendance:

Councillor A Dowden (Chairman)

Councillor P Lashbrook (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor N Adams-King
Councillor I Andersen
Councillor G Bailey
Councillor Z Brooks
Councillor J Budzynski
Councillor P Bundy
Councillor T Burley
Councillor D Coole
Councillor G Cooper
Councillor M Cooper
Councillor N Daas
Councillor C Donnelly
Councillor C Dowden
Councillor D Drew
Councillor C Ecclestone

Councillor M Flood
Councillor S Gidley
Councillor N Gwynne
Councillor I Jeffrey
Councillor L Lashbrook
Councillor N Lodge
Councillor M Maltby
Councillor K North
Councillor P North
Councillor J Parker
Councillor R Rowles
Councillor T Swain
Councillor T Tasker
Councillor C Thom
Councillor A Warnes

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Prayers

Prayer were led by Reverend Bradish.

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Mayor's Announcements

The Worshipful The Mayor noted that Friday 24 February would mark one year since Russia invaded Ukraine. The Mayor would be hosting events for Ukrainian families in the Borough in both Andover and Romsey.

The Mayor also took a moment to reflect on all those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria which struck the region on 6 February 2023.

The Mayor was saddened to announce the death of former Councillor, Graham Stallard whose funeral would take place on Thursday 9 March at 2pm, St Mary's Church, Abbots Ann.

The Worshipful The Mayor called for a minute of silence to reflect on the tragic events.

The Mayor announced the launch of a Coronation Card Competition for primary aged children across the Borough who would be given the opportunity to submit a

design entry for a card which would be sent to His Majesty King Charles III on behalf of all residents in Test Valley to mark the Coronation on 6 May 2023.

The Mayor was pleased to share that his charity event, an evening with Matt Le Tissier which was being held at The Lights on 1 March had now sold out.

The Mayor would be hosting a charity music evening in Romsey with Laura Rickard performing. A date would be circulated once confirmed.

478 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Baverstock, C Borg-Neal, J Burnage, K Hamilton, A Johnston, R Meyer, J Neal, J Sangster and A Ward.

479 **Public Participation**

No members of the public had registered to speak.

480 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor A Dowden declared an interest in respect of Item 18 Property Matters and left the room during consideration of the item.

Councillor C Dowden declared an interest in respect of Item 18 Property Matters and left the room during consideration of the item.

481 **To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 January 2023**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 January 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

482 **To receive and adopt Committee reports**

482.1 **Minutes of Meetings:**

Resolved:

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

Cabinet – 18 January 2023

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 23 January 2023

Southern Area Planning Committee – 31 January 2023

Northern Area Planning Committee – 16 February 2023

Southern Area Planning Committee – 21 February 2023

Cabinet – 22 February 2023

482.2 To adopt Recommendations from the following:

482.2.1 Cabinet – 22 February 2023

482.2.1.1 Capital Strategy Update 2022/23 to 2027/28

Resolved:

That the Capital Strategy 2022/23 to 2027/28 be approved.

482.2.1.2 Treasury Management Statement

Resolved:

- 1. That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and the Annual Investment Strategy for 2023/24, as set out in the report, be approved.**
- 2. That the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy, as shown in paragraph 3.5 in the report, be approved.**
- 3. That the Prudential Indicators, as set out in Annex 1 to the report, be approved.**

482.2.1.3 Capital Programme Update 2022/23 to 2024/25

Recommended:

That the revised estimates and financing for the 2022/23 to 2024/25 Capital Programme as shown in the Annex to the report, be approved.

482.2.1.4 Revenue Budget and Council Tax Proposals 2022/23

The Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder introduced the item by delivering her annual budget speech. A balanced budget has been achieved, no front line services have been cut and the proposed Council Tax increase was below the rate of inflation.

As required by law, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services took the vote on the original motion, Councillors voted as follows:

For	Against	Abstained
Adams-King	Coole	G Cooper
Andersen		M Cooper
Bailey		Daas
Brooks		A Dowden
Budzynski		C Dowden
Bundy		Ecclestone
Burley		Gidley
Donnelly		Gwynne
Drew		Parker
Flood		Rowles
Jeffrey		Thom
L Lashbrook		Warnes
P Lashbrook		
Lodge		
Maltby		
K North		
P North		
Swain		
Tasker		

Resolved:

1. That the Forecast for 2023/24, as set out in Column 3 of Annex 1 to the report, be noted.
2. That the Income Generation Proposals, Savings Options and Revenue Pressures, as set out in Annexes 2 – 4 of the report, be approved.
3. That the transfers to or from reserves, as detailed in paragraph 4.35 in the report, be approved.
4. That subject to recommendations 2 and 3 above and taking due regard of the Head of Finance and Revenues' comments in Annex 8 to the report, the budget for 2023/24, as set out in Column 6 of Annex 1 to the report, be approved.
5. That subject to recommendations 2, 3 and 4 above, the revenue estimates for each Service, contained in Annex 7 to the report, be approved.
6. That a Council Tax Requirement for 2023/24 of £10,585,319 be approved.
7. That a Special Expenses Levy of £343,667 be made in respect of the area of Andover to cover the cost of providing burial grounds, sports grounds and playgrounds, as set out in Annex 9, to the report.
8. That a general precept of £8,258,235 be levied for the year 2023/24.

9. That the Medium Term Forecast, contained in Annex 6 to the report, be noted.
10. That a Band D Council Tax excluding Parishes and Special Expenses of £158.91 in 2023/24 be approved.

483 **To adopt a resolution relating to the Council Tax 2023/24**

The Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder presented details of the Council Tax for 2023/24.

The Worshipful the Mayor reminded Councillors that a recorded vote was required on this item. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services took the vote, Members voted as follows:

For	Against	Abstained
Adams-King	Coole	
Andersen		
Bailey		
Brooks		
Budzynski		
Bundy		
Burley		
G Cooper		
M Cooper		
Daas		
Donnelly		
A Dowden		
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L Lashbrook		
P Lashbrook		
Lodge		
Maltby		
K North		
P North		
Parker		
Rowles		
Swain		
Tasker		
Thom		
Warnes	285	

Resolved:

1. That approval is noted of the revised revenue forecast for the year 2022/2023 and the revenue estimates for the year 2023/2024, together with the revised capital programme for the year 2022/2023 and the capital programme for the year 2023/2024.
2. That for the purposes of Section 35(2) (d) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act), the sum of £343,667, being the aggregate sum of expenses in relation to 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 £343,667 herein specified shall be treated as general expenses. The Special Expenses sum equates to an amount of £19.70 per Band D Council Tax.
3. That it be noted that the Head of Finance & Revenues has calculated the Council Tax Base for 2023/2024 for the whole Borough area as 51,968 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B(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	640	Lockerley	374
Ampfield	917	Longparish	342
Amport	565	Longstock	223
Andover Town	17,444	Melchet Park & Plaitford	133
Appleshaw	273	Michelmersh & Timsbury	455
Ashley	41	Monxton	145
Awbridge	557	Mottisfont	153
Barton Stacey	403	Nether Wallop	412
Bossington	24	North Baddesley	2,507
Braishfield	372	Nursling & Rownhams	2,598
Broughton	570	Over Wallop	809
Bullington	63	Penton Grafton	355
Charlton	865	Penton Mewsey	179
Chilbolton	538	Quarley	80
Chilworth	674	Romsey Town	8,305
East Dean	94	Sherfield English	347
East Tytherley	97	Shipton Bellinger	509
Enham Alamein	260	Smannell	144
Facombe	45	Stockbridge	338
Fyfield	137	Tangley	304
Goodworth Clatford	419	Thrupton	291
Grateley	262	Upper Clatford	648
Parish of	Tax Base	Parish of	Tax

			Base
Houghton	239	Valley Park	3,002
Hurstbourne Tarrant	391	Vernham Dean	283
Kimpton	169	Wellow	1,540
King's Somborne	736	West Tytherley, Frenchmoor & Buckholt	311
Leckford	71	Wherwell	249
Linkenholt	25	Total	51,968
Little Somborne	41		

4. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2023/2024 in accordance with Sections 31, 34 and 35 of the Act and subsequent regulations:

4(a) £121,113,944 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/Town Councils.

4(b) £110,528,625 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

4(c) £10,585,319 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 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (Item R in the formula in Section 31B(1) of the Act).

4(d) £203.69 being the amount at 4(c) above (Item R), divided by 3 above (Item T), calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish/Town precepts).

4(e) £2,327,084 being the aggregate amount of all special items (the amount at 2 above and Parish/Town precepts) referred to in Section 35(1) of the Act.

4(f) £158.91 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	220.35	Melchet Park & Plaitford	185.98
Ampfield	205.89	Michelpersh & Timsbury	192.98
Amport	188.11	Monxton	212.19
Andover Town	199.35	Mottisfont	209.56
Parish of	£	Parish of	£
Appleshaw	206.53	Nether Wallop	264.13
Awbridge	181.89	North Baddesley	215.00
Barton Stacey	211.81	Nursling & Rownhams	185.66
Braishfield	219.39	Over Wallop	210.83
Broughton	208.03	Penton Grafton	187.08
Bullington	204.94	Penton Mewsey	225.95
Charlton	197.06	Quarley	198.29
Chilbolton	190.15	Romsey Town	215.92
Chilworth	208.61	Sherfield English	187.73
East Dean	177.53	Shipton Bellinger	219.81
East Tytherley	204.63	Smannell	184.15
Enham Alamein	190.07	Stockbridge	226.85
Fyfield	224.60	Tangley	218.12
Goodworth Clatford	230.48	Thruyton	213.03
Grateley	190.97	Upper Clatford	207.47
Houghton	217.49	Valley Park	171.90
Hurstbourne Tarrant	200.66	Vernham Dean	194.25
Kimpton	215.12	Wellow	211.96
King's Somborne	251.94	West Tytherley, Frenchmoor & Buckholt	208.11
Lockerley	219.49	Wherwell	197.06
Longparish	218.22	All other parts of the Council's area	158.91
Longstock	199.27		

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	146.90	171.38	195.87	220.35	269.32	318.28	367.25	440.70

Ampfield	137.26	160.14	183.01	205.89	251.64	297.40	343.15	411.78
Amport	125.41	146.31	167.21	188.11	229.91	271.71	313.52	376.22
Andover Town	132.90	155.05	177.20	199.35	243.65	287.95	332.25	398.70
Appleshaw	137.69	160.63	183.58	206.53	252.43	298.32	344.22	413.06

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish of								
Awbridge	121.26	141.47	161.68	181.89	222.31	262.73	303.15	363.78
Barton Stacey	141.21	164.74	188.28	211.81	258.88	305.95	353.02	423.62
Braishfield	146.26	170.64	195.01	219.39	268.14	316.90	365.65	438.78
Broughton	138.69	161.80	184.92	208.03	254.26	300.49	346.72	416.06
Bullington	136.63	159.40	182.17	204.94	250.48	296.02	341.57	409.88
Charlton	131.37	153.27	175.16	197.06	240.85	284.64	328.43	394.12
Chilbolton	126.77	147.89	169.02	190.15	232.41	274.66	316.92	380.30
Chilworth	139.07	162.25	185.43	208.61	254.97	301.33	347.68	417.22
East Dean	118.35	138.08	157.80	177.53	216.98	256.43	295.88	355.06
East Tytherley	136.42	159.16	181.89	204.63	250.10	295.58	341.05	409.26
Enham Alamein	126.71	147.83	168.95	190.07	232.31	274.55	316.78	380.14
Fyfield	149.73	174.69	199.64	224.60	274.51	324.42	374.33	449.20
Goodworth Clatford	153.65	179.26	204.87	230.48	281.70	332.92	384.13	460.96
Grateley	127.31	148.53	169.75	190.97	233.41	275.85	318.28	381.94
Houghton	144.99	169.16	193.32	217.49	265.82	314.15	362.48	434.98
Hurstbourne Tarrant	133.77	156.07	178.36	200.66	245.25	289.84	334.43	401.32
Kimpton	143.41	167.32	191.22	215.12	262.92	310.73	358.53	430.24
King's Somborne	167.96	195.95	223.95	251.94	307.93	363.91	419.90	503.88
Lockerley	146.33	170.71	195.10	219.49	268.27	317.04	365.82	438.98
Longparish	145.48	169.73	193.97	218.22	266.71	315.21	363.70	436.44
Longstock	132.85	154.99	177.13	199.27	243.55	287.83	332.12	398.54

Melchet Park & Plaitford	123.99	144.65	165.32	185.98	227.31	268.64	309.97	371.96
Michelmersh & Timsbury	128.65	150.10	171.54	192.98	235.86	278.75	321.63	385.96
Monxton	141.46	165.04	188.61	212.19	259.34	306.50	353.65	424.38
Mottisfont	139.71	162.99	186.28	209.56	256.13	302.70	349.27	419.12
Nether Wallop	176.09	205.43	234.78	264.13	322.83	381.52	440.22	528.26
Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish of								
North Baddesley	143.33	167.22	191.11	215.00	262.78	310.56	358.33	430.00
Nursling & Rownhams	123.77	144.40	165.03	185.66	226.92	268.18	309.43	371.32
Over Wallop	140.55	163.98	187.40	210.83	257.68	304.53	351.38	421.66
Penton Grafton	124.72	145.51	166.29	187.08	228.65	270.23	311.80	374.16
Penton Mewsey	150.63	175.74	200.84	225.95	276.16	326.37	376.58	451.90
Quarley	132.19	154.23	176.26	198.29	242.35	286.42	330.48	396.58
Romsey Town	143.95	167.94	191.93	215.92	263.90	311.88	359.87	431.84
Sherfield English	125.15	146.01	166.87	187.73	229.45	271.17	312.88	375.46
Shipton Bellinger	146.54	170.96	195.39	219.81	268.66	317.50	366.35	439.62
Smannell	122.77	143.23	163.69	184.15	225.07	265.99	306.92	368.30
Stockbridge	151.23	176.44	201.64	226.85	277.26	327.67	378.08	453.70
Tangley	145.41	169.65	193.88	218.12	266.59	315.06	363.53	436.24
Thruxton	142.02	165.69	189.36	213.03	260.37	307.71	355.05	426.06
Upper Clatford	138.31	161.37	184.42	207.47	253.57	299.68	345.78	414.94
Valley Park	114.60	133.70	152.80	171.90	210.10	248.30	286.50	343.80
Vernham Dean	129.50	151.08	172.67	194.25	237.42	280.58	323.75	388.50
Wellow	141.31	164.86	188.41	211.96	259.06	306.16	353.27	423.92
West Tytherley, Frenchmoor & Buckholt	138.74	161.86	184.99	208.11	254.36	300.60	346.85	416.22

Wherwell	131.37	153.27	175.16	197.06	240.85	284.64	328.43	394.12
All other parts of the Council's area	105.94	123.60	141.25	158.91	194.22	229.54	264.85	317.82

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 52ZB of the Act, the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for the year 2023/2024 is not excessive.
 6. That the following details in respect of precept authorities are noted. These figures are based on anticipated budget amounts that will be approved by the various preceptors between the publication of this agenda and the Council meeting. Any changes to the figures below will be reported accordingly.
- 6(a) For the year 2023/2024, 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>
973.50	1,135.75	1,298.00	1,460.25	1,784.75	2,109.25	2,433.75	2,920.50

- 6(b) For the year 2023/2024, 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>
167.64	195.58	223.52	251.46	307.34	363.22	419.10	502.92

- 6(c) For the year 2023/2024, 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>
53.62	62.56	71.49	80.43	98.30	116.18	134.05	160.86

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 2023/2024 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish of								
Abbots Ann	1341.66	1565.28	1788.87	2012.49	2459.70	2906.94	3354.15	4024.98
Ampfield	1332.02	1554.03	1776.02	1998.03	2442.03	2886.05	3330.05	3996.06
Amport	1320.17	1540.20	1760.22	1980.25	2420.30	2860.37	3300.42	3960.50
Andover Town	1327.66	1548.94	1770.21	1991.49	2434.04	2876.61	3319.15	3982.98
Appleshaw	1332.45	1554.53	1776.59	1998.67	2442.81	2886.97	3331.12	3997.34
Awbridge	1316.02	1535.36	1754.69	1974.03	2412.70	2851.38	3290.05	3948.06
Barton Stacey	1335.97	1558.63	1781.28	2003.95	2449.27	2894.60	3339.92	4007.90
Braishfield	1341.02	1564.53	1788.02	2011.53	2458.53	2905.55	3352.55	4023.06
Broughton	1333.45	1555.69	1777.92	2000.17	2444.65	2889.14	3333.62	4000.34
Bullington	1331.39	1553.29	1775.18	1997.08	2440.87	2884.68	3328.47	3994.16
Charlton	1326.13	1547.16	1768.17	1989.20	2431.24	2873.30	3315.33	3978.40
Chilbolton	1321.53	1541.79	1762.03	1982.29	2422.79	2863.31	3303.82	3964.58
Chilworth	1333.83	1556.15	1778.44	2000.75	2445.35	2889.98	3334.58	4001.50
East Dean	1313.11	1531.97	1750.81	1969.67	2407.37	2845.09	3282.78	3939.34
East Tytherley	1331.18	1553.05	1774.90	1996.77	2440.49	2884.23	3327.95	3993.54

Enham Alamein	1321.47	1541.73	1761.96	1982.21	2422.69	2863.20	3303.68	3964.42
Fyfield	1344.49	1568.58	1792.65	2016.74	2464.90	2913.08	3361.23	4033.48
Goodworth Clatford	1348.41	1573.16	1797.88	2022.62	2472.08	2921.57	3371.03	4045.24
Grateley	1322.07	1542.43	1762.76	1983.11	2423.79	2864.50	3305.18	3966.22
Houghton	1339.75	1563.05	1786.33	2009.63	2456.21	2902.81	3349.38	4019.26
Hurstbourne Tarrant	1328.53	1549.96	1771.37	1992.80	2435.64	2878.50	3321.33	3985.60
Kimpton	1338.17	1561.21	1784.22	2007.26	2453.31	2899.38	3345.43	4014.52
King's Somborne	1362.72	1589.85	1816.95	2044.08	2498.31	2952.57	3406.80	4088.16
Lockerley	1341.09	1564.61	1788.11	2011.63	2458.65	2905.69	3352.72	4023.26
Longparish	1340.24	1563.62	1786.98	2010.36	2457.10	2903.86	3350.60	4020.72
Longstock	1327.61	1548.88	1770.14	1991.41	2433.94	2876.49	3319.02	3982.82
Melchet Park & Plaitford	1318.75	1538.54	1758.32	1978.12	2417.70	2857.29	3296.87	3956.24
Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish of								
Michelmersh & Timsbury	1323.41	1543.99	1764.54	1985.12	2426.25	2867.40	3308.53	3970.24
Monxton	1336.22	1558.93	1781.62	2004.33	2449.73	2895.15	3340.55	4008.66
Mottisfont	1334.47	1556.88	1779.28	2001.70	2446.52	2891.35	3336.17	4003.40
Nether Wallop	1370.85	1599.33	1827.79	2056.27	2513.21	2970.17	3427.12	4112.54
North Baddesley	1338.09	1561.12	1784.12	2007.14	2453.16	2899.21	3345.23	4014.28
Nursling & Rownhams	1318.53	1538.30	1758.04	1977.80	2417.30	2856.83	3296.33	3955.60
Over Wallop	1335.31	1557.87	1780.41	2002.97	2448.07	2893.19	3338.28	4005.94
Penton Grafton	1319.48	1539.40	1759.30	1979.22	2419.04	2858.88	3298.70	3958.44
Penton Mewsey	1345.39	1569.63	1793.85	2018.09	2466.55	2915.03	3363.48	4036.18

Quarley	1326.9 5	1548.1 2	1769.26	1990.43	2432.74	2875.07	3317.38	3980.86
Romsey Town	1338.7 1	1561.8 3	1784.94	2008.06	2454.29	2900.54	3346.77	4016.12
Sherfield English	1319.9 1	1539.9 1	1759.88	1979.87	2419.83	2859.82	3299.78	3959.74
Shipton Bellinger	1341.3 0	1564.8 6	1788.39	2011.95	2459.04	2906.16	3353.25	4023.90
Smannell	1317.5 3	1537.1 2	1756.70	1976.29	2415.46	2854.65	3293.82	3952.58
Stockbrid ge	1345.9 9	1570.3 3	1794.65	2018.99	2467.65	2916.33	3364.98	4037.98
Tangley	1340.1 7	1563.5 4	1786.89	2010.26	2456.98	2903.72	3350.43	4020.52
Thrupton	1336.7 8	1559.5 8	1782.37	2005.17	2450.76	2896.36	3341.95	4010.34
Upper Clatford	1333.0 7	1555.2 6	1777.42	1999.61	2443.96	2888.33	3332.68	3999.22
Valley Park	1309.3 6	1527.5 9	1745.81	1964.04	2400.49	2836.95	3273.40	3928.08
Vernham Dean	1324.2 6	1544.9 8	1765.67	1986.39	2427.80	2869.24	3310.65	3972.78
Wellow	1336.0 7	1558.7 5	1781.42	2004.10	2449.45	2894.82	3340.17	4008.20
West Tytherley, Frenchmo or & Buckholt	1333.5 0	1555.7 6	1777.99	2000.25	2444.74	2889.26	3333.75	4000.50
Wherwell	1326.1 3	1547.1 6	1768.17	1989.20	2431.24	2873.30	3315.33	3978.40
All other parts of the Council's area	1300.7 0	1517.4 9	1734.26	1951.05	2384.61	2818.19	3251.75	3902.10

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Questions under Rule 11.1

Councillor Gwynne asked a question in relation to report of the Capital Strategy Update 2022/23 – 2027/28. Councillor Gwynne asked whether consideration of decarbonisation of Council buildings other than Bourne House had been considered and whether resource should be built into the existing Asset Management Plan for any works identified.

Councillor North replied that Bourne House had met with the specific criteria required in order to apply to the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme. As part of the Climate Emergency Action Plan the other Council facilities would be kept under review with energy efficiency measures being considered on a case by case basis. The Council would continue to seek measures to reduce its carbon emissions.

Councillor Celia Dowden asked a question in relation to report of the Capital Strategy Update 2022/23 – 2027/28. Councillor Celia Dowden asked for clarification on the use of the term near future in reference to market value of land and buildings.

Councillor Flood responded that a review of land values would be presented to the Audit Committee at its next meeting in March. The term near future was difficult to define but was likely to be indicative of the next 5-10 years.

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Questions under Rule 11.2

Councillor Gidley asked the Democracy and Governance Portfolio Holder *“if he would provide an update on progress with the broadcasting of council meetings?”*

Councillor Jeffrey thanks Councillor Gidley for her question and responded that the Member and Community Development Group met in November and considered a range of information in relation to broadcasting of democratic meetings, in particular the unique set of circumstances and challenges associated with the provision of a system across the range of sites used by the Council to hold public meetings. The Group had agreed a set of principles on which proceeding with further investigation could be based.

Further investigation of the site and meetings requirements had been undertaken to understand the functionality the Council requires from a broadcasting system.

Work began at the start of February to seek feedback and details of system specifications from suppliers with a response date of 1 March 2023. Once responses had been reviewed an update will be provided to the Member and Community Development Group as soon as possible on the outcomes and proposed next steps.

Councillor Gidley asked a supplementary question to express her disappointment in not being further ahead with the work being undertaken and asked for clarification on timescale for the next steps?

Councillor Jeffrey responded that responses from potential suppliers were expected back on 1 March and that an update would be provided to Members following this. There was no current set date for when a broadcasting system would be in place.

486

Pay Policy Statement 2023/24

Consideration was given to a report of the Leader which set out the Pay Policy Statement for 2023/24. The Council was required in accordance with section 38 of the Localism Act 2011 to prepare and publish an annual Pay Policy Statement.

As a minimum, the pay policy statement must set out the Council's policies for the financial year relating to:

- The remuneration of its chief officers
- The remuneration of its lowest paid employees

- The relationship between the remuneration of its chief officers and the remuneration of its employees who are not chief officers

The Pay Policy Statement attached as an annex to the report assembled the required statutory information from the Council's existing policies and presented them as a single document to meet the requirements of the Localism Act.

Resolved:

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

487

Andover Masterplan - Levelling Up Fund

Consideration was given to a report of the leader which outlined the implications of the Council's unsuccessful Levelling Up Fund (LUF) bid and recommended the next steps for delivery of the Andover masterplan.

The fact that the Council was not successful in securing the LUF funding was disappointing however, the Council was in a good position to start to deliver the initial projects along Western Avenue and the River Anton.

Prioritising the funding of this project would create a linear riverside park that would transform perceptions of the town as a place to live and invest. The scheme would have a positive impact on the ability to bring subsequent development phases to investors and developers with confidence.

Resolved:

That the funding as set out in section 8 of the report be approved to support the delivery of the Western Avenue/ River Anton priority area as identified in the Andover Masterplan.

488

Nitrate Mitigation

Consideration was given to a report of the Planning Portfolio Holder which considered proposals to purchase further nitrate mitigation credits which would provide the Council with a mechanism to continue to actively support future planning applications in satisfying the Habitat Regulations in relation to nitrate neutrality.

In April and September 2021 Council agreed to the purchase two tranches of 250 credits, a total of 500 credits. These credits had now been exhausted and therefore it was recommended that further credits be purchased to allow for planning permission to be granted and accommodation built.

Resolved:

1. **That the purchase of 100 nitrate credits from an appropriate mitigation scheme, for the sum set out at paragraph 8.1 of this report is approved.**

2. **That authority is delegated to the Head of Planning and Building in consultation with the Heads of Planning Policy and Economic Development, Finance and Revenues, Legal and Democratic Services and the Planning & Building and Finance & Resources Portfolio Holders to:**
 - a. **purchase up to an additional 400 credits from an appropriate scheme/s at appropriate times and in appropriate quantities subject to the financial limitation set out in paragraph 8.4 of this report.**
 - b. **enter into appropriate Agreement/s to secure the purchase of the credits and delivery of the nitrate mitigation referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2a. of this recommendation.**
3. **That the amounts described in paragraph 8 of this report for the purpose of purchasing nitrate credits be added to the Capital Programme as necessary.**
4. **That the Nutrient Neutrality – Off Site Mitigation Contributions Framework (2021) be amended to introduce a deposit scheme as outlined in paragraph 6.1.11.**

489

Area Planning Committee Review

Consideration was given to a report of the Planning Portfolio Holder which presented the outcomes from a review of the Area Planning Committee arrangements which had been in place since a change in the structure approved at Council on 10 April 2019.

A full and comprehensive review of the committee structure and practice had been undertaken with all Members being invited to contribute their views about the structure with overall, a significant majority supportive of the present arrangements.

Resolved:

That the retention of the current committee structure comprising the Northern Area Planning Committee and Southern Area Planning Committee be approved.

490

Calendar of Meetings 2023/2024

Consideration was given to a report of the Democracy and Governance Portfolio Holder which set out the proposed Council Calendar of meetings for 2023/2024.

Resolved:

That the Calendar of Meetings for the municipal year 2023/2024, as set out in the Annex to the report, be approved.

491

Notice of Motion - Rule 12

There were no motions to consider.

492

Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

That, pursuant to Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following reports on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended, indicated below. The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the Public interest in disclosing the information for the reason given below:

Property Matters

Paragraph 3

It is considered that this report contains exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended. It is further considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because the report and annexes necessarily disclose commercially sensitive financial and commercial information, relating to the Council and other third parties.

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Property Matters

Councillors A Dowden and C Dowden declared an interest and left room during consideration of this item.

Consideration was given to a report of the Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder in respect of Property Matters.

Resolved:

- 1. That the project described in the report and the budget requirement, as set out in paragraph 7.4 of the report, be approved to be funded from the Capital Receipts Reserve.**
- 2. That the Head of Property and Asset Management, in consultation with the Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Head of Finance and Revenues, be authorised to enter into funding, highway and collaboration agreements to complete the project described in the report.**
- 3. That the Head of Property and Asset Management, in consultation with the Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Head of Finance and Revenues, be authorised to procure the submission of a planning application in relation to the project described in the report.**

(The meeting terminated at 7.36 pm)