

FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** of the Council held on **WEDNESDAY, 14 December 2022** at **6.00 pm** at **Ferryhill Town Hall, Chapel Terrace, Ferryhill.**

PRESENT: Councillor: C Atkinson (Chair)

Councillors: P Atkinson, G Barker, C Bihari, S Bowron, K Conroy,
L Fellows, S Jones, B Lamb, J Lamb, J Makepeace, K Tinkler,
C Woods

Officials: D Anderson, Town Clerk, Derek Shingleton, Accountant.

69.22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from P Donald, D Farry, R Hume and J Quinn.

70.22-23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest declared.

71.22-23 MEMBERS DISPENSATION

There were no members' dispensations in relation to any item of business on the agenda.

72.22-23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation

73.22-23 BUDGET 2023/24

Derek Shingleton, Accountant, presented a report, which had been previously circulated, setting out the projected outcome for the 2022/23 financial year; the situation with regard to reserves and key factors related to budget setting for 2023/24.

The report also detailed the suggested budget reductions considered at meetings of the Budget Review Working Group and proposed increases to fees and charges to enable Members to consider a budget for 2023/24.

Details of submissions made by political groups were also included in the report.

Following detailed consideration, Members agreed to accept the savings discussed at meetings of the Budget Review Working Group, which, after taking into account the final figures for the Council Tax Base and Localisation of Council Tax Reduction Scheme grant, resulted in a Council Tax increase of 1.91%.

The proposals submitted by political groups would be taken into account within service reviews to be undertaken within the next year.

A further report would be submitted to the meeting of Council to be held on 18th January 2023 so that a formal decision could be made on budget requirements for 2023/24 to enable a precept to be submitted to Durham County Council prior to the deadline of 20th January 2023.

In accordance with Financial Regulations, any further minor amendments to the budget were to be submitted in writing to the Town Clerk by no later than 6th January 2023.

RESOLVED

- 1. That, subject to consideration of any further minor amendments, the budget for 2023/24 as detailed in the report after suggested savings are applied, resulting in a Council Tax increase of 1.91% be agreed.
- 2. That budget proposals received from political groups, detailed at paragraphs 9.2 and 9.3 of the report, be taken into account within service reviews to be undertaken next year.
- 3. In accordance with Financial Regulations, any further minor amendments to the budget be submitted in writing to the Town Clerk by no later than 6th January 2023.
- 4. A further report be submitted to the Council meeting to be held on 18th January 2023 to finalise the budget and precept request for 2023/24

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 6.45 pm.

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR.....

DATE.....