



COUNCIL

29 FEBRUARY 2012

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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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Chief Executive

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Executive Report

Councillor Paul Bettison
Leader of the Council

29 February 2012



Budget 2012/13

Revenue Budget and Capital Programme

- subject to separate debate but
- no Council Tax increase again
- incorporates decisions on
 - Ladybank older persons home
 - re-provision of long term care
 - South Hill Park Revenue Grant (£419K)



Warfield SPD

- comprehensive, sustainable mixed use urban extension of 2,200 dwellings
- sets out 16 development principles
- includes concept plan
- development to be informed by semi-rural location
 - East to West Greenway
- seven character areas
- country park at Cabbage Hill plus two river parks
- now part of Local Development Framework



Other Issues

- Senior Management Structure
 - move Housing function to Adult Social Care & Health
 - > additional capacity for Public Health transfer
 - > additional capacity for major Environment contract re-tendering
 - reduction of two Chief Officer posts
 - Appointment Committee recommended to select new Chief Officer: Customer Services



Other Issues

- Time Square Refurbishment
 - work required to accommodate staff displaced from Seymour House
 - largely funded from Development Agreement
 - actual contract award dependent upon finalising Development Agreement, hence
 - contract award delegated to Director of Corporate Services with Executive Member for Finance, Resources & Assets



Other Issues

- School Meal Contract
 - delegated to Director of Children, Young People & Learning with Executive Member for Education
 - allows consultation with Governing Bodies on participation



THANK YOU



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FINANCIAL PLANS AND REVENUE BUDGETS 2012/13

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RECOMMENDATIONS AND COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION

2.1 Capital Programme 2012/13 - 2014/15

RECOMMENDED that:

- i) General fund capital funding of £9.760m for 2012/13 in respect of new schemes listed on pages 283 to 287 be recommended to the Council;
- ii) The inclusion of an additional budget of £1m for 'Invest to Save' schemes be recommended to the Council;
- iii) Those schemes that attract external grant funding be recommended to the Council for inclusion within the 2012/13 capital programme, at the level of funding received;
- iv) The release of £2.054m from S106 monies be recommended to the Council to fund capital projects outlined in paragraph 5.23 of the 21 February 2012 Executive report and included on pages 283 to 287;
- v) Those schemes which require external funding can only proceed once the Council is certain of receiving the grant.
- vi) That the indicative programme for 2013/14 and 2014/15 be reviewed in the light of resources available and spending priorities in December 2012.

2.2 Revenue Budget 2012/13

RECOMMENDED that:

- i) No changes to the budget proposals were required as a result of the budget consultation *except for the following additional items of expenditure:*
 - £14,000 to retain the Sycamores Children Centre
 - £92,000 for School Improvement
 - £100,000 to extend the Aiming High Scheme
 - £85,000 to support career guidance in schools
 - £75,000 for targeted mental health support
 - £50,000 for health education for young people
- ii) Fees and charges as set out in Annexe G be approved (pages 75 to 162);
- iii) A provision for inflation of £1.521m be approved;
- iv) The commitment budget as set out in Annexe A be approved (page 19);
- v) The changes to the budget proposals identified in sections 3.5 (pages 6 to 8) and 5.2 (page 15) of the summary report for Council be agreed;
- vi) The Schools Budget be set at the level set out in section 4.1 (page 8) of the summary report for Council, subject to any amendments agreed by the Executive Member for Education;
- vii) A contingency of £1.000m be included, use of which is authorised by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Borough Treasurer in accordance with the delegations included in the Council's constitution;
- viii) Subject to the above recommendations the revised draft budget proposals be agreed;

- ix) A contribution of **£0.810m** be made from revenue balances to support revenue expenditure;
- x) Total net expenditure of **£72.352m**, be approved;
- xi) The Council's Council Tax requirement, excluding Parish Council precepts, be set at £48.812m;
- xii) The Council Tax for the Council's services for each Valuation Band be set as follows:

Band	Tax Level Relative to Band D	£
A	6/9	729.30
B	7/9	850.85
C	8/9	972.40
D	9/9	1093.95
E	11/9	1337.05
F	13/9	1580.15
G	15/9	1823.25
H	18/9	2187.90

At the meeting on 21 February 2012 the Executive recommended the 2012/13 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and noted that strategy together with the Prudential Indicators and the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement were matters which the Council needed to approve.

- xiii) The Council approves the following indicators, limits, strategies and policies included in Annexe E (pages 50 to 68):
 - The Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2012/13 to 2014/15 contained within Annexe E(i);
 - The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy contained within Annexe E(ii);
 - The Treasury Management Strategy Statement, and the Treasury Prudential Indicators contained in Annexe E(iii);
 - The Authorised Limit Prudential Indicator in Annexe E(iii);
 - The Investment Strategy 2012/13 to 2014/15 and Treasury Management Limits on Activity contained in Annexe E(iv);
- xiv) The virement requests relating to the 2011/12 budget set out in Annexe A to this report be approved.
- xv) The formal council tax resolution contained in section 3 be approved.

3 COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION

3.1 That the recommendations of the Executive outlined in section 2 be agreed.

3.2 That it be noted that the amounts calculated for the year 2012/13 in accordance with Section 67 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 are :-

(a) **44,620 TAX BASE FOR THE WHOLE COUNCIL AREA**

being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as amended, as its council tax base for the year

(b) **TAX BASE FOR PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA**

EACH PARISH AREA

Binfield	3,555
Bracknell	19,350
Crowthorne	2,615
Sandhurst	7,990
Warfield	4,510
Winkfield	6,600

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations, as amended, as the amounts of its council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate

3.3 That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2012/13 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992 as amended (the Act):-

(a) **£258,258,769 TOTAL EXPENDITURE INCLUDING GENERAL FUND, PARISH PRECEPTS AND THE COUNCIL'S SHARE OF ANY DEFICIT ON THE COLLECTION FUND**

being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act

(b) **£206,604,461 TOTAL INCOME INCLUDING GOVERNMENT SUPPORT AND THE COUNCIL'S SHARE OF ANY SURPLUS ON THE COLLECTION FUND**

being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act

- (c) £51,654,308 **BOROUGH AND PARISH PRECEPTS NET EXPENDITURE TO BE FINANCED FROM COUNCIL TAX**

being the amount by which the aggregate at 3.3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3.3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its council tax requirement for the year

- (d) £ 1,157.65 **AVERAGE BAND "D" COUNCIL TAX FOR WHOLE BOROUGH**

being the amount at 3.3(c) above, divided by the amount at 3.2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year (including Parish precepts)

- (e) £2,842,259 **PARISH PRECEPTS**

being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act

- (f) £1,093.95 **BOROUGH COUNCIL TAX FOR BAND "D" PROPERTIES**

being the amount at 3.3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3.3(e) above by the amount at 3.2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year if there were an area of the Borough to which no special item relates

(g) Part of the Council's area **BOROUGH AND PARISH COUNCIL TAX FOR EACH PARISH FOR BAND "D"**

Binfield	£1,131.36
Bracknell	£1,168.10
Crowthorne	£1,163.95
Sandhurst	£1,164.42
Warfield	£1,123.35
Winkfield	£1,153.90

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3.3(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 amount at 3.2(b) above, 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

(h) Part of the Council's area **BOROUGH AND PARISH COUNCIL TAX IN EACH PARISH FOR EACH VALUATION BAND**

Parish	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Binfield	754.24	879.95	1,005.65	1,131.36	1,382.77	1,634.19	1,885.60	2,262.72
Bracknell	778.73	908.52	1,038.31	1,168.10	1,427.68	1,687.26	1,946.83	2,336.20
Crowthorne	775.97	905.29	1,034.62	1,163.95	1,422.61	1,681.26	1,939.92	2,327.90
Sandhurst	776.28	905.66	1,035.04	1,164.42	1,423.18	1,681.94	1,940.70	2,328.84
Warfield	748.90	873.72	998.53	1,123.35	1,372.98	1,622.62	1,872.25	2,246.70
Winkfield	769.27	897.48	1,025.69	1,153.90	1,410.32	1,666.74	1,923.17	2,307.80

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3.3(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

- 3.4 That it be noted that for the year 2012/13 the Thames Valley Police Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Thames Valley Police Authority	102.87	120.01	137.16	154.30	188.59	222.88	257.17	308.60

- 3.5 That it be noted that for the year 2012/13 the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Royal Berkshire Fire Authority	37.11	43.29	49.48	55.66	68.03	80.40	92.77	111.32

- 3.6 That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3.3(h), 3.4 and 3.5 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Act, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2012/13 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

(a) Part of the Council's area	TOTAL COUNCIL TAX FOR EACH VALUATION BAND							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Parish	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Binfield	894.22	1,043.25	1,192.29	1,341.32	1,639.39	1,937.47	2,235.54	2,682.64
Bracknell	918.71	1,071.82	1,224.95	1,378.06	1,684.30	1,990.54	2,296.77	2,756.12
Crowthorne	915.95	1,068.59	1,221.26	1,373.91	1,679.23	1,984.54	2,289.86	2,747.82
Sandhurst	916.26	1,068.96	1,221.68	1,374.38	1,679.80	1,985.22	2,290.64	2,748.76
Warfield	888.88	1,037.02	1,185.17	1,333.31	1,629.60	1,925.90	2,222.19	2,666.62
Winkfield	909.25	1,060.78	1,212.33	1,363.86	1,666.94	1,970.02	2,273.11	2,727.72

LABOUR GROUP BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

Service Area	£000
<p>Crown Wood/Harmans Water Children's Centre Continue to maintain and improve The Sycamores as a satellite children's centre providing locality based support for some of our poorest and most vulnerable families, so that we give young children the best possible start to their life. Harmans Water is one of our poorest Wards – 18.8% of families live in poverty and they accessed the most food parcels from the Food Bank.</p>	14
<p>School Improvement The Council recently re-stated its desire that all Bracknell Forest schools should be good schools. Every school wants to this to happen. Our advisers have an overview of excellence and I have witnessed how their advice and support can raise achievement. Ofsted has replaced 'satisfactory' by 'requirement to improve'. Any school that fails to improve will be forced to leave the LA and become an academy. I therefore recommend that investment in supporting our schools is increased, and the proposed cuts halved.</p>	92
<p>Aiming High Aiming High has been very successful in supporting our most vulnerable families with disabled youngsters. We recommend extending the scheme to children and young people who have other high level special needs like autism, speech and language delay.</p>	100
<p>Connexions Reduce the proposed reduction in Connexions services to ensure that there is a higher level of support in schools for one to one careers advice and guidance for those most at risk of becoming NEET. It is important for low achievers to have a clear idea of what they are aiming for. This is an investment that will certainly lead to savings in the future.</p>	85
<p>The new Joint Strategic Needs assessment (JSNA) identifies two key issues for Bracknell Forest they are mental health and depression, and sexual health. (Meeting 23/02/12- to review – 'Creating opportunities'- Young People's Plan) The Targeted Mental Health project trained staff in schools and children's centres to recognize and address mental health issues at an early stage. Only 12 schools were involved but the funding has now ended. This is essential investment for the future mental health of our young people and adults. This successful project should be extended to include more schools and to sustain the work begun.</p>	75
<p>Health Education in Schools Abuse of the drug mephedrone is still escalating and is now affecting children in our schools. The police say this is a local Bracknell Forest problem. A task force has been set up, but one worker supporting all schools is not enough. Early intervention is needed to help safeguard our young people. Nationally and locally sexual infections are increasing. We urge the funding of extra support for health education for our young people.</p>	50
TOTAL	416

The Council has balances of £8.4m,

About £10m when the Icelandic bank money is received - larger than most of our neighbouring boroughs.

Up from £7.3m last year

Last year the Council drew £1.59m from these balances

Mindful of not only this year's budget but also future year's unknown pressures

I move an amendment: to set aside £1.66m from these balances, drawing down just £416k each year for the next 4 years, to ensure these recommendations are sustainable.

This annual fund to provide

- * £14K to retain the Sycamores Children Centre**
- * £92K for School Improvement**
- * £100K to extend the Aiming High Scheme**
- * £85 K to support career guidance in schools**
- * £75K for targeted mental health support**
- * £50K for health education for young people**

Total £416K

The amendment would give effect to these changes in 2012/13. The amendment includes the impact of the changes on the full Council Tax Resolution. Mainly Members need to look at recommendations 2.2(i), 2.2(ix) and 2.2 (x). The changes are shown in italics.

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29 FEBRUARY 2012

AGENDA ITEM 7 – INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL REPORT

LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

In addition to the Independent Remuneration Panel's (IRP) recommendations I move that **all allowances paid by the Council to any of its members be reduced by 20%, saving £116k.**

This figure has been calculated from the allowances that will be paid this year, taking into account the effect of the IRP's recommendations.

By doing this, the Council will show that indeed we are all in this together and we will all share the pain. It will also show the leadership the Bracknell Forest residents are seeking.

Proposed by: Councillor Mrs Temperton

Seconded by: Councillor Ms Brown

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Council 29 February 2012

Agenda Item 9

Establishment of Appointment Committee

Revised Recommendations

The Council is asked to agree:

- 2.1 That a Committee of the Council of five members (4:1), including at least one Member of the Executive (plus up to two substitute members per group) be appointed, with the following terms of reference:**

“To interview and appoint on behalf of the Council to the post of Chief Officer: Customer Services.

- 2.2 That the nominated members are Councillors Brunel-Walker, Leake, McCracken, McLean and Mrs Temperton.**
- 2.3 Substitute Members are Councillors Dr Barnard, Ms Brown and Finch.**

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