

MINUTES

of the Meeting of the **BUDGET & POLICY COMMITTEE** held at the Council Chamber, Drake Road, Tavistock on **TUESDAY 8th January, 2019 at 6.30pm.**

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs A Johnson (Chairman)
Councillor P Ward (Vice Chairman)
Councillors P Sanders, A Hutton, P Palfrey, P Williamson.

Councillors Ms L Crawford, Mrs U Mann (Ward Members).

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk, General Manager.

237 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Mrs M Ewings.

238 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Budget & Policy Committee held on Tuesday 27th November, 2018 (Appendix 1) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

239 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

240 COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2019-2020

The Committee considered a draft Budget Summary, together with the draft Budget by Combined Account Code (Appendices 2-3 refer), with a view to recommending for approval and adoption the 2019-2020 Council Budget and associated Precept to deliver the range of projects, programmes and initiatives previously agreed for the Town.

RECOMMENDED THAT:-

- a. the proposed Council Budget 2019-20 as submitted be approved and adopted;

- b. the Precept for Tavistock Town Council 2019-20 be adopted and endorsed in the sum of £144.48 per Band D property equivalent, representing an increase of 6.78%.

Noted that in the discussion arising from consideration of the above particular reference was made to:-

- a. a correction arising in relation to the total shown on the 'Budget Summary – Gross Revenue Expenditure' with regard to the cost of buildings (which did not affect the overall budget figures);
- b. The nature and outcome of discussions held previously with the Borough Council regarding the timing/funding of the proposed offer/transfer of toilet facilities to Tavistock Town Council;
- c. Councillor P Sanders left the Meeting during consideration of the above item.

241 PAY AND GRADING – CHANGES CONSEQUENTIAL ON REVISED NATIONAL PAY SCALES

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk (Appendix 4) in connection with the above.

RECOMMENDED THAT the Recommendations as set out in Paragraph 4 of the report be received and adopted.

URGENT BUSINESS

The following item was considered as a matter of urgency at the discretion of the Chairman.

242 GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

The Committee was advised of the outcome of legal advice sought from the National Association of Local Councils in connection with a grant which the Council had proposed to make to St Eustachius Church for a boiler system. The Council had been advised that the making of such a grant was prohibited under Section 8 of the Local Government Act 1894 and, as such, the applicant would accordingly be advised that the Council was not in a position to make the grant.

The Meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

CHAIRMAN