

**LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES of the Meeting held by ZOOM (digital meeting platform)  
on Tuesday 26 January 2021 at 7pm**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** S Murphy (In the Chair)  
P Abraham J Angold-Stephens P Beales  
R Brookes T Cochrane B Cohen  
M Dalton C Davies T Downing  
J Jennings K Latchford J Mahoney  
S Murray T Owen S Pewsey  
C C Pond C P Pond M Stubbings  
D Wixley

**Officers:** Mark Squire (Town Clerk)  
P Bryce (Assistant Town Clerk – Civic)  
P Hoy (Services Manager)

**343 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jogia.

**344 Declarations of Interest**

None were declared.

**345 Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2020 were CONFIRMED as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman.

**346 Public Representations**

No Public Representations.

**347 Questions Without Discussion**

No questions without discussion.

**348 Town Mayor's / Town Clerk's Report**

The Town Clerk reported that 2 charities had benefited from the £10k cheque given to the Town Mayor from the Joseph Sully Foundation Trust. 3Food4U and Epping Forest Foodbank both received £5K each. An acknowledgement had been received from 3Food4U who thanked the Town Mayor and the Joseph Sully Foundation, saying they were extremely grateful to receive the donation and ensured that it will benefit the many residents of Loughton using their facility.

The Town Clerk reported that things were moving extremely quickly and the terms and conditions and license for the NHS to use the Murray Hall Community Hall as a Covid-19 Vaccination centre. A target date for this to commence on 15 February 2021 with initial occupancy envisaged for a period of 6 months.

The Town Clerk reported that to date, submissions were not forthcoming for this year's nominations for the Citizenship Awards.

**349 Council Precept for 2021/22**

The Council NOTED that the tax base for 2021/22 had been confirmed as £12,534.10.

The Council AGREED

- i. the budget for 2021/22
- ii. the amount to be taken form Earmarked reserves ; and
- iii. the level of the Precept for 2021/22

The Council unanimously RESOLVED to set the precept for 2021/22 at £782,675

This will set the Loughton proportion of the annual council tax for a band D property as £62.44, an increase of £2.97 from the current year of £59.47.

**Signed:** .....

**Date:**           **17 February 2021**