

**LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25 January 2017 at 7pm at 1 Buckingham Court**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** C Davies (in the chair)

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|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| P Abraham   | J Angold-Stephens | P Beales    |
| B Cohen     | J Jennings        | K Latchford |
| S Murphy    | S Murray          | A Omer      |
| T Owen      | C C Pond          | C P Pond    |
| M Stubbings | D Wixley          |             |

**Officers:** E K Walsh (Town Clerk)  
Paul Hoy (Services Manager)

**49 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Brookes, Cochrane, Dalton, Downing, and Pewsey.

**50 Suspension of Standing Orders**

The Council AGREED to suspend Standing Order 2 h(i)(iv) for this meeting, as the meeting was a special one with only one main agenda item.

**51 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

**52 Public Representations**

None were received.

**53 Council Precept for 2017/18**

Cllr Angold-Stephens, Vice Chairman of the Resources and General Services Committee, presented the recommendations of this Committee from its meeting on 11 January 2017.

It was NOTED that the tax base for 2017/18 had been confirmed as 12,294.8, a slight increase on that for 2016/17.

It was further NOTED that the District Council had confirmed that the LCTS grant to be paid to the Town Council with the first instalment of the Precept, the sum of £27,016, had been treated as income in the Estimates.

It was AGREED to use £72,000 from the forecast general reserves, which reduced them to £237,352 equivalent to 62.8 per cent of the budgeted net core running costs meeting the Council's Reserves Policy.

The Estimates for 2017/18 were AGREED as follows:

| Committee                       | Income  |                | Expenditure including re-charges |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------------|----------------------------------|
|                                 | £       | £              | £                                |
| Resources and General Services  | 28,500  |                | 205,850                          |
| Environment and Heritage        | 24,466  |                | 204,875                          |
| Recreation                      | 113,385 |                | 658,142                          |
| Planning and Licensing          | 0       |                | 66,500                           |
|                                 |         | <b>166,351</b> | <b>1,135,367</b>                 |
| Interest                        |         | <b>10,000</b>  |                                  |
| Use from earmarked reserves     |         |                |                                  |
| Resources & General Services    | 2,000   |                |                                  |
| Environment & Heritage          | 36,500  |                |                                  |
| Recreation                      | 161,700 |                |                                  |
| Planning and Licensing          | 25,000  |                |                                  |
|                                 |         | <b>225,200</b> |                                  |
| Local Council Tax Support Grant |         | <b>27,016</b>  |                                  |
| Use of General Reserves         |         | <b>72,000</b>  |                                  |
| Total income                    |         | <b>500,567</b> |                                  |
|                                 |         |                |                                  |
| <b>Net requirement</b>          |         | <b>634,800</b> |                                  |

The Council unanimously RESOLVED to set the precept for 2017/18 at £634,800.

This would give the Loughton proportion of the annual council tax for a band D property as £51.63, an increase of £2.45 on that for the current year of £49.18 which had stood at that level for 7 years.

Members thanked Cllr Angold-Stephens for her presentation and the Resources and General Services Committee and Council Officers for their work in preparing this budget.

Signed.....  
Date:           22 February 2017