

## **CITY COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2015 AT 6.45 PM**

**PRESENT:** The Mayor (Councillor Bowditch), Councillors Allison, Mrs Atkinson, Bainbridge, Bell, Betton, Bloxham, Boaden, Mrs Bowman, Bowman (S), Mrs Bradley, Burns, Caig, Cape, Dodd, Earp, Ellis, Ms Franklin, Glover, Graham, Higgs, Layden, Mrs Mallinson, Mallinson (J), McDevitt, Mrs McKerrell, Mrs Martlew, Mitchelson, Morton, Nedved, Mrs Parsons, Ms Patrick, Mrs Prest, Ms Quilter, Scarborough, Miss Sherriff, Southward (c), Mrs Southward, Mrs Stevenson, Stothard, Taylor, Tickner, Mrs Vasey, Mrs Warwick, Watson, Weber and Wilson

Town Clerk and Chief Executive  
Director of Governance

### **C.39/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Collier, Mrs Geddes, Gee, Harid and Mrs Riddle.

### **C.40/15 MINUTES**

The Mayor moved the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meetings of the City Council held on 6 January; and 3 and 10 February 2015.

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the meetings of the City Council held on 6 January; and 3 and 10 February 2015 be received and signed as a true record of the meeting.

### **C.41/15 PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED** – That the Agenda be agreed as circulated.

### **C.42/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest affecting the business to be transacted at the meeting.

### **C.43/15 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **(i) The Mayor**

The Mayor extended a warm welcome to Councillor Caig who was in attendance following his recovery from illness, and to Councillors Ms Quilter and Nedved who had returned following accidents.

Councillor Collier was absent having suffered a fall and, at the request of the Mayor, Councillor Earp reported upon the circumstances thereof.

The Mayor further announced that the Valentines Charity Ball held at the Shepherd's Inn in aid of the Mayor's Charity Fund 2014/15 had been a great success. The Mayor added that Councillor Mrs Warwick was organising a 1950s Charity Ball to be held on 20 March 2015 in the Pirelli Club, Carlisle; and the Reverend Keith Teasdale was to give a talk on St Cuthbert on 11 March 2015 here in the Civic Centre, which he very much looked forward to.

(ii) The Leader of the Council

There were no announcements from the Leader.

(iii) Members of the Executive

There were no announcements from Members of the Executive.

(iv) Town Clerk and Chief Executive

There were no announcements from the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

**C.44/15 COUNCIL TAX 2015/16**

The Mayor announced that, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001, a recorded vote would be taken on this item of business.

Councillor Tickner presented a report of the Director of Resources (RD.62/14) detailing the relevant calculations which the City Council, as Billing Authority, was required to undertake in order to set the overall amount of Council Tax for 2015/16.

The report recorded that the Parish Council Precepts for 2015/16 totalled £440,273. The total amount payable to Parishes would be £494,157, the difference of £53,884 being made up of the grant from Local Support for Council Tax Scheme.

The City Council, Cumbria County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria had calculated their Council Tax requirements for 2015/16 and the County Council had issued a precept upon the City Council in the sum of £37,416,986 which resulted in a Band D Council Tax of £1,184.61 (1.99% increase from 2014/15).

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria had issued a precept on the City Council in the sum of £6,714,528 which resulted in a Band D Council Tax of £212.56 (an increase of 1.90%).

The report set out the calculations to be made by the City Council in setting:

- a) The level of basic Council Tax in 2015/16 in respect of City Council Services at £207.37 and the amount to be levied in non parished areas at £193.43
- b) The level of Basic (City) Council Tax which would be charged in different parts of the City Council's area to reflect Special Items (Parish Precepts)
- c) The Basic amount of (City) Council Tax applicable to each category of dwelling in each part of the City Council's area
- d) The total amount of Council Tax to be levied in 2015/16, inclusive of Cumbria County Council and Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria Precept, applicable to each category of dwelling in each part of the City Council's area

e) Details of how the Council Tax surplus had been calculated

Councillor Tickner made particular reference to the fact that the City Council had held its share of Council Tax at the same level as 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 (i.e. no increase for 2015/16). As stated above, the County Council had raised its share for 2015/16 by 1.99% and the Police and Crime Commissioner had raised their Council Tax rates for 2015/16 by 1.90%.

He also expressed thanks to Officers within Financial Services for their work.

Councillor Tickner then moved and Councillor Glover seconded the Report RD.62/14.

The following Members voted for the motion of Councillor Tickner:

Councillors Allison, Mrs Atkinson, Bainbridge, Bell, Betton, Bloxham, Boaden, Bowditch, Mrs Bowman, Bowman (S), Mrs Bradley, Burns, Caig, Cape, Dodd, Earp, Ellis, Ms Franklin, Glover, Graham, Higgs, Layden, Mrs Mallinson, Mallinson (J), McDevitt, Mrs McKerrell, Mrs Martlew, Mitchelson, Morton, Nedved, Mrs Parsons, Ms Patrick, Mrs Prest, Ms Quilter, Scarborough, Miss Sherriff, Southward (C), Mrs Southward, Mrs Stevenson, Stothard, Taylor, Tickner, Mrs Vasey, Mrs Warwick, Watson, Weber and Wilson

[Councillors Collier, Mrs Geddes, Gee, Harid and Mrs Riddle were not in attendance at the meeting]

It was UNANIMOUSLY AGREED:

1. That it be noted that at its meeting on 3 March 2015 the City Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2015/16:-
  - a) For the whole Council area as 31,585.86 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (The "Act"), and;
  - b) For dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish Precept relates as below:

Parish of:	£
Arthuret	656.43
Askerton	53.72
Beaumont	186.83
Bewcastle	134.58
Brampton	1,461.61
Burgh By Sands	466.79
Burtholme	81.13
Carlatton & Cumrew	55.21
Castle Carrock	135.21
Cummersdale	285.21
Cumwhitton	131.87
Dalston	1,042.89
Denton Nether	100.88
Denton Upper	37.20
Farlam	213.76
Hayton	820.68
Hethersgill	126.66
Irthington	308.05
Kingmoor	314.47
Kingwater	61.91
Kirkandrews	150.97
Kirklington	138.25
Midgeholme	23.25
Nicholforest	134.47
Orton	169.05
Rockcliffe	294.04
Scaleby	138.38
Solport & Stapleton	141.77
Stanwix Rural	1,200.71
St Cuthbert Without	1,347.95
Walton	101.28
Waterhead	49.95
Westlinton	135.35
Wetheral	2,309.12
& for the urban area of CARLISLE	18,576.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,585.86</b>

2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2015/16 (excluding Parish Precepts) is £6,109,653
3. That the following amounts be now calculated by the City Council for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended):-
  - (a) 12,411,240 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils
  - (b) £5,361,314 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act

- (c)     £6,549,926    Being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax Requirement for the year. (Item R) in the formula in Section 31A(4) of the Act.
  
- (d)     £207.37        Being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1 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)     £440,273        Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
  
- (f)     £193.43        Being the amount at 3(d) above, less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (2 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 for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish Precept relates.

4.        To note that the County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.
  
5.        That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2015/16 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

BASIC AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX FOR CITY COUNCIL SERVICES APPLICABLE TO EACH CATEGORY OF DWELLING IN EACH PART OF								
PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	VALUATION BANDS							
	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
Parish of:	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ARTHURET	166.90	194.73	222.54	250.36	305.99	361.63	417.26	500.72
BEAUMONT	149.19	174.06	198.93	223.79	273.52	323.25	372.98	447.58
BEWCASTLE	147.30	171.86	196.41	220.96	270.06	319.17	368.26	441.92
BRAMPTON	165.97	193.64	221.30	248.96	304.28	359.61	414.93	497.92
BURGH BY SANDS	147.99	172.66	197.33	221.99	271.32	320.65	369.98	443.98
BURTHOLME	144.08	168.10	192.11	216.12	264.14	312.17	360.20	432.24
CARLATTON & CUMREW	147.56	172.17	196.76	221.35	270.53	319.73	368.91	442.70
CASTLE CARROCK	151.46	176.72	201.96	227.20	277.68	328.18	378.66	454.40
CUMMERSDALE	144.02	168.03	192.03	216.03	264.03	312.04	360.05	432.06
CUMWHITTON	147.92	172.59	197.24	221.89	271.19	320.51	369.81	443.78
DALSTON	154.65	180.43	206.21	231.98	283.53	335.08	386.63	463.96
DENTON NETHER	155.78	181.75	207.71	233.67	285.59	337.52	389.45	467.34
DENTON UPPER	147.56	172.17	196.76	221.35	270.53	319.73	368.91	442.70
FARLAM	138.46	161.55	184.62	207.70	253.85	300.01	346.16	415.40
HAYTON	140.71	164.17	187.62	211.07	257.97	304.88	351.78	422.14
HETHERSGILL	161.20	188.08	214.94	241.81	295.54	349.28	403.01	483.62
IRTHINGTON	140.52	163.94	187.36	210.78	257.62	304.46	351.30	421.56
KINGMOOR	144.47	168.56	192.63	216.71	264.86	313.03	361.18	433.42
KINGWATER	139.53	162.79	186.05	209.30	255.81	302.32	348.83	418.60
KIRKANDREWS	157.34	183.57	209.79	236.01	288.45	340.90	393.35	472.02
KIRKLINTON	138.36	161.42	184.48	207.54	253.66	299.78	345.90	415.08
NICHOLFOREST	146.16	170.53	194.89	219.25	267.97	316.70	365.41	438.50
ORTON	144.23	168.28	192.31	216.35	264.42	312.51	360.58	432.70
ROCKCLIFFE	136.24	158.96	181.66	204.37	249.78	295.20	340.61	408.74
SCALEBY	152.50	177.93	203.34	228.76	279.59	330.43	381.26	457.52
SOLPORT & STAPLETON	141.50	165.10	188.68	212.26	259.42	306.60	353.76	424.52
STANWIX RURAL	150.16	175.19	200.22	225.24	275.29	325.35	375.40	450.48
ST CUTHBERT WITHOUT	139.85	163.17	186.47	209.78	256.39	303.02	349.63	419.56
WALTON	159.79	186.43	213.06	239.69	292.95	346.22	399.48	479.38
WATERHEAD	142.98	166.82	190.65	214.48	262.14	309.81	357.46	428.96
WESTLINTON	138.15	161.18	184.21	207.23	253.28	299.33	345.38	414.46
WETHERAL	158.96	185.46	211.95	238.44	291.42	344.41	397.40	476.88
All other parts of the City Council's area	128.95	150.45	171.94	193.43	236.41	279.40	322.38	386.86

Precepting Authority	VALUATION BANDS							
	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cumbria County Council	789.74	921.36	1,052.99	1,184.61	1,447.86	1,711.10	1,974.35	2,369.22
Police & Crime Commissioner for Cumbria	141.72	165.34	188.96	212.58	259.82	307.06	354.30	425.16

## Aggregate of Council Tax requirements

AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX TO BE LEVIED IN 2015/16 IN RESPECT OF EACH CATEGORY OF DWELLING IN EACH PART OF								
PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	VALUATION BANDS							
	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
Parish of:	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ARTHURET	1,098.36	1,281.43	1,464.49	1,647.55	2,013.67	2,379.79	2,745.91	3,295.10
BEAUMONT	1,080.65	1,260.76	1,440.88	1,620.98	1,981.20	2,341.41	2,701.63	3,241.96
BEWCASTLE	1,078.76	1,258.56	1,438.36	1,618.15	1,977.74	2,337.33	2,696.91	3,236.30
BRAMPTON	1,097.43	1,280.34	1,463.25	1,646.15	2,011.96	2,377.77	2,743.58	3,292.30
BURGH BY SANDS	1,079.45	1,259.36	1,439.28	1,619.18	1,979.00	2,338.81	2,698.63	3,238.36
BURTHOLME	1,075.54	1,254.80	1,434.06	1,613.31	1,971.82	2,330.33	2,688.85	3,226.62
CARLATTON & CUMREW	1,079.02	1,258.87	1,438.71	1,618.54	1,978.21	2,337.89	2,697.56	3,237.08
CASTLE CARROCK	1,082.92	1,263.42	1,443.91	1,624.39	1,985.36	2,346.34	2,707.31	3,248.78
CUMMERDALE	1,075.48	1,254.73	1,433.98	1,613.22	1,971.71	2,330.20	2,688.70	3,226.44
CUMWHITTON	1,079.38	1,259.29	1,439.19	1,619.08	1,978.87	2,338.67	2,698.46	3,238.16
DALSTON	1,086.11	1,267.13	1,448.16	1,629.17	1,991.21	2,353.24	2,715.28	3,258.34
DENTON NETHER	1,087.24	1,268.45	1,449.66	1,630.86	1,993.27	2,355.68	2,718.10	3,261.72
DENTON UPPER	1,079.02	1,258.87	1,438.71	1,618.54	1,978.21	2,337.89	2,697.56	3,237.08
FARLAM	1,069.92	1,248.25	1,426.57	1,604.89	1,961.53	2,318.17	2,674.81	3,209.78
HAYTON	1,072.17	1,250.87	1,429.57	1,608.26	1,965.65	2,323.04	2,680.43	3,216.52
HETHERSGILL	1,092.66	1,274.78	1,456.89	1,639.00	2,003.22	2,367.44	2,731.66	3,278.00
IRTHINGTON	1,071.98	1,250.64	1,429.31	1,607.97	1,965.30	2,322.62	2,679.95	3,215.94
KINGMOOR	1,075.93	1,255.26	1,434.58	1,613.90	1,972.54	2,331.19	2,689.83	3,227.80
KINGWATER	1,070.99	1,249.49	1,428.00	1,606.49	1,963.49	2,320.48	2,677.48	3,212.98
KIRKANDREWS	1,088.80	1,270.27	1,451.74	1,633.20	1,996.13	2,359.06	2,722.00	3,266.40
KIRKLINTON	1,069.82	1,248.12	1,426.43	1,604.73	1,961.34	2,317.94	2,674.55	3,209.46
NICHOLFOREST	1,077.62	1,257.23	1,436.84	1,616.44	1,975.65	2,334.86	2,694.06	3,232.88
ORTON	1,075.69	1,254.98	1,434.26	1,613.54	1,972.10	2,330.67	2,689.23	3,227.08
ROCKCLIFFE	1,067.70	1,245.66	1,423.61	1,601.56	1,957.46	2,313.36	2,669.26	3,203.12
SCALEBY	1,083.96	1,264.63	1,445.29	1,625.95	1,987.27	2,348.59	2,709.91	3,251.90
SOLPORT & STAPLETON	1,072.96	1,251.80	1,430.63	1,609.45	1,967.10	2,324.76	2,682.41	3,218.90
STANWIX RURAL	1,081.62	1,261.89	1,442.17	1,622.43	1,982.97	2,343.51	2,704.05	3,244.86
ST CUTHBERT WITHOUT	1,071.31	1,249.87	1,428.42	1,606.97	1,964.07	2,321.18	2,678.28	3,213.94
WALTON	1,091.25	1,273.13	1,455.01	1,636.88	2,000.63	2,364.38	2,728.13	3,273.76
WATERHEAD	1,074.44	1,253.52	1,432.60	1,611.67	1,969.82	2,327.97	2,686.11	3,223.34
WESTLINTON	1,069.61	1,247.88	1,426.16	1,604.42	1,960.96	2,317.49	2,674.03	3,208.84
WETHERAL	1,090.42	1,272.16	1,453.90	1,635.63	1,999.10	2,362.57	2,726.05	3,271.26
All other parts of the City Council's area	1,060.41	1,237.15	1,413.89	1,590.62	1,944.09	2,297.56	2,651.03	3,181.24

### C.45/15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.1, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that no questions had been submitted on notice by members of the public.

### C.46/15 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.11, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that no petitions or deputations had been submitted by members of the public.

### C.47/15 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 11.2, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that no questions had been submitted on notice by members of the City Council.

## **C.48/15      EXECUTIVE**

Councillor Glover moved and Councillor Mrs Martlew seconded the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 14 and 26 January; and 2 February 2015.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 14 and 26 January; and 2 February 2015 be received and adopted.

## **C.49/15      PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORTS**

Copies of reports from the following Portfolio Holders had been circulated prior to the meeting:

Leader  
Finance, Governance and Resources  
Environment and Transport  
Economy, Enterprise and Housing  
Communities, Health and Wellbeing  
Culture, Leisure and Young People

The Leader moved his report drawing Members attention to page 3 which recorded that he had recently met with the new Member of the UK Youth Parliament for Carlisle and Eden, and Members of Carlisle Youth Council to talk about their priorities for Carlisle and how young people could have a stronger voice in the way the Council worked. That had been an extremely interesting experience and the Leader felt it to be a most worthwhile initiative to take forward on their behalf.

Whilst moving his report, the Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder highlighted the section concerning Organisational Development, commenting that he welcomed the progress made on the provision of training as part of the City Council Management Competency Framework. He added that the Metro Wi-fi had now been deployed and implemented across the City Centre, and was an excellent and very popular tool.

The Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder moved her report. In so doing she made reference to the work being undertaken at Talkin Tarn, particularly the receipt of submissions for the development of the camp site tender and for boat hire and water sports provision which was in line with the recommendations of the Talkin Tarn Task and Finish Group.

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder moved her report. Members' attention was drawn to a typographical error on page 35, the final paragraph, fourth line – the word "bill" should read "will".

The Portfolio Holder made reference to the proposed submission draft of the Carlisle District Local Plan (2015-2030), which was a very clear, attractive and easily understood document. She congratulated those Officers involved in its production, adding that copies would be made available in each Political Group room.

The consultation process would commence on 4 March 2015, with a closing date of 20 April 2015. The Portfolio Holder outlined the various means by which people could engage in the consultation process, emphasising the importance of submitting any views in writing by the above mentioned date.

In the absence of the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder, the Leader moved her report.

The Culture, Leisure and Young People Portfolio Holder moved her report, clarifying that the word “work” in the final sentence of the first paragraph should in fact have read “word”. The Portfolio Holder also welcomed the considerable amount of hard work undertaken by the Arts Development Officer in relation to the Old Fire Station Arts Centre, which included the opening of a Twitter account for the venue. She considered that to be an excellent way of promoting the Centre.

Members questioned individual Portfolio Holders on details of their reports and it was:

RESOLVED – (1) That the reports of the Portfolio Holders be received.

(2) That the Culture, Leisure and Young People Portfolio Holder arrange to provide a written response to Councillor Mitchelson clarifying:

- (a) Whether Councillors Dodd and Miss Sherriff (in their capacity as City Council representatives on the Hadrian’s Wall World Heritage Site Management Plan Committee) had attended any meetings; if so, how many; and details of any information which could be fed back to the Council.
- (b) The updated position regarding the Hadrian’s Wall bus for the coming year.

## **C.50/15      OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MINUTES AND CHAIRMEN’S REPORTS**

### **(a)      Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

Councillor Burns moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 15 January 2015 be received and adopted. In so doing, he commended Officers on the imaginative approach adopted in terms of the Inter-agency Homelessness Strategy for Carlisle 2015-20, and all of the partner agencies for their input.

Councillor Mrs Prest seconded that the Minutes

During the presentation of his Chairman’s report Councillor Burns informed Members that Overview and Scrutiny Members had, the day before, taken part in a session facilitated by the Centre for Public Scrutiny to look at how they worked at the moment and how that could be improved upon. The event had proved to be quite successful and it was hoped that the outcomes of the session, including an Action Plan, could be brought forward before the end of the current municipal year.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 15 January 2015 together with the Chairman’s Report be received and adopted.

(b) Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Watson moved and Councillor McDevitt seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 5 January 2015 be received and adopted.

Councillor Watson also presented his Chairman's Report, and responded to a Member's question regarding the funding to be provided to Councillors to support small scale community projects in their Wards.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 5 January 2015 together with the Chairman's Report be received and adopted.

(c) Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Mrs Bowman moved and Councillor Mitchelson seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 22 January 2015 be received and adopted.

Councillor Mrs Bowman also presented her Acting Chairman's Report.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 22 January 2015 together with the Acting Chairman's Report be received and adopted.

**C.51/15 REGULATORY PANEL**

Councillor Bell moved and Councillor Ms Franklin seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Regulatory Panel held on 17 December 2014 and 21 January 2015.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Regulatory Panel held on 17 December 2014 and 21 January 2015 be received and adopted.

**C.52/15 LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Councillor Bell moved and Councillor Ms Franklin seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 21 January 2015.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 21 January 2015 be received and adopted.

**C.53/15 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Councillor Scarborough moved and Councillor Mrs Warwick seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Development Control Committee held on 10 and 12 December 2014; and 14 and 16 January 2015.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Development Control Committee held on 10 and 12 December 2014; and 14 and 16 January 2015 be received and adopted.

## **C.54/15      AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Councillor Ms Patrick moved and Councillor Mrs Mallinson seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit Committee held on 13 January 2015.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit Committee held on 13 January 2015 be received and adopted.

## **C.55/15      EMPLOYMENT PANEL**

Councillor Glover moved and Councillor Stothard seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Employment Panel held on 28 January 2015.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Employment Panel held on 28 January 2015 be received and adopted.

## **C.56/15      APPEALS PANELS**

Councillor Stothard moved and Councillor Bell seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meetings of Appeals Panel 3 held on 12 and 29 January 2015.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meetings of Appeals Panel 3 held on 12 and 29 January 2015 be received and adopted.

## **C.57/15      NOTICE OF MOTION**

### **(1)      Lighting**

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 12, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported the receipt of the following Motion submitted on notice by Councillor Morton:

“That this Council writes to Cumbria County Council as the Highway Authority, expressing concern about the poor quality of the new lighting being installed throughout the city.”

Councillor Morton moved and Councillor Bainbridge seconded the Motion.

Councillor Morton then elaborated in some detail upon the reasons for submission of the motion. In so doing, Councillor Morton made reference to the fact that he had a disability, and expressed the hope that the City Council would lend their support to the Motion.

Following substantial discussion, with input from a number of Members of the City Council, and voting thereon it was:

RESOLVED – That the Motion of Councillor Morton, as set out above, FELL.

### **(2)      Northern and Transpennine Rail Franchises**

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 12, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported the receipt of the following Motion submitted on notice by Councillor Miss Sherriff:

“This council expresses its concern to the Secretary of State for Transport regarding the proposals for the Northern and Transpennine rail franchises.

We oppose plans for the introduction of driver only trains as this is likely to have an adverse impact on the safety concerns of the disabled, the elderly and women passengers.

We also have concerns regarding the lack of focus on increasing capacity and improving rolling stock on these routes.”

Councillor Miss Sherriff moved and Councillor Mrs Martlew seconded the motion.

Councillor Miss Sherriff then elaborated in some detail upon the reasons for submission of the motion, expressing the hope that the City Council would lend their support.

Following substantial discussion, with input from a number of Members of the City Council, and voting thereon it was:

RESOLVED – That the Motion of Councillor Miss Sherriff as set out above be CARRIED

#### **C.58/15      PROPOSALS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN RELATION TO THE COUNCIL’S BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK**

##### **(i)      Inter-Agency Homelessness Strategy for Carlisle 2015-20**

Pursuant to Minute EX.05/15 and EX.12/15, consideration was given to recommendations from the Executive concerning the Inter-Agency Homelessness Strategy for Carlisle 2015-20.

A copy of Report ED.12/15 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

During her presentation of the report, Councillor Mrs Bradley outlined in some detail the background position, development process and aims of the Strategy. She expressed grateful thanks to all those involved, and particularly the key partners who had worked extremely hard. The process, which had been very valuable, was ongoing and another meeting of the Working Group was scheduled to take place on Friday 6 March 2015.

Speaking in response to concerns expressed by Councillor Mrs Prest, Councillor Mrs Bradley advised that the timescales and lead organisations had been agreed at the last meeting of the Working Group. The Strategy would continue to develop and she could see no reason why the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel could not put forward a request to consider the matter earlier in the process should Members so wish.

Councillor Mrs Bradley moved, Councillor Mrs Martlew seconded, and it was:

RESOLVED – That the City Council:

1.      Noted and had considered prior feedback and recommendations from the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel and the Executive regarding the Inter-Agency Homelessness Strategy for Carlisle 2015-20.

2. Agreed and adopted the shared local priority areas, actions and approach outlined within the five year Inter-Agency Homelessness Strategy for Carlisle as developed and agreed for delivery with key partners prior to publication and launch in April 2015.

(ii) Revenue Budget Overview and Monitoring Report: April to December 2014

Pursuant to Minute EX.17/15, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive that the City Council approve the establishment of the Improvement and Renewals Reserve for up to £300,000 subject to the provisional outturn position, as detailed in paragraph 5.4 of Report RD.57/14.

A copy of Report RD.57/14 and relevant Minute Extract had been circulated.

Councillor Tickner moved and Councillor Glover seconded the recommendation.

At the request of Councillor Mrs Bowman, Councillor Tickner clarified the position concerning the Retained Business Rate Collection Fund deficit (Section 5.3 referred).

RESOLVED – That the City Council approved the establishment of the Improvement and Renewals Reserve for up to £300,000 subject to the provisional outturn position, as detailed in paragraph 5.4 of Report RD.57/14.

**C.59/15      PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2015/16**

Pursuant to Minute EMP.05/15, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Employment Panel that the City Council approve the Policy Statement on Pay for Chief Officers for the year 2015/16. A copy of Report RD.54/14 and relevant Minute Extract had been circulated.

Councillor Tickner moved and Councillor Glover seconded the recommendation.

RESOLVED – That the 2015/16 Policy Statement on Chief Officers' Pay, as appended to Report RD.54/14, be approved by the City Council.

**C.60/15      REVIEW OF FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULES – CREDITOR PAYMENTS**

Pursuant to Minute AUC.12/15, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Audit Committee that the proposed change to the Financial Procedure Rule D76, set out in Report RD.51/14, be approved. A copy of Report RD.51/14 and relevant Minute Extract had been circulated.

Councillor Ms Patrick moved and Councillor Tickner seconded that the recommendation.

RESOLVED – That the change to the City Council's Financial Procedure Rule D76, as detailed in Report RD.51/14, be approved and adopted.

**C.61/15      OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES CALL-IN  
AND URGENCY**

Pursuant to Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15(i), consideration was given to a report of the Director of Governance (GD.19/15) on procedures in respect of occasions where decisions taken by the Executive were urgent.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

**C.62/15      COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications or items of business brought forward by the Mayor as a matter of urgency to be dealt with at the meeting.

(The meeting ended at 8.55 pm)