

## **FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**9 JANUARY 2017**

Present: Councillor P D Simpson, Chair

Councillors: T P Brindley  
S J Carr  
M J Crow (substitute)  
E Cubley  
S Easom  
D A Elliott (substitute)  
P Lally  
G Marshall  
P J Owen  
A W G A Stockwell

50. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor P Lally declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 14, minute no. 60 refers, as he rents a garage from the Council.

51. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2016 were confirmed and signed.

52. **BUDGET CONSULTATION 2017/18**

The Deputy Chief Executive presented the report which detailed the results of the consultation exercise which took place during October and November 2016.

Members discussed the results and the following comments were noted:

- Many responses related to matters which were within the remit of the County Council. A suggestion was made that future surveys should contain within their introduction matters for which Broxtowe was not responsible to ensure a more focused response.
- Comments from the Broxtowe Disability Forum relating to seats in Beeston town centre were noted. It was suggested that the matter be raised with appropriate officers for consideration as part of the town centre redevelopment.

The Committee noted the report.

53. COUNCIL TAX BASE 2017/18

The Committee considered the Council Tax Base for the year 2017/18.

**RESOLVED** that based on the number of band D equivalent properties and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, Broxtowe Borough Council calculates its Council Tax Base for the year 2017/18 as follows:

1. For the whole of its area 33,126.78.
2. In respect of Parish Precepts and Special Expenses for those parts of its area mentioned in the table below, the amounts specified therein –

<u>Part of Council's Area</u>	<u>Area Council Tax Base</u>
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<b>Awsworth</b>	<b>616.13</b>
<b>Brinsley</b>	<b>684.14</b>
<b>Cossall</b>	<b>202.68</b>
<b>Eastwood</b>	<b>2,701.32</b>
<b>Greasley</b>	<b>3,605.90</b>
<b>Kimberley</b>	<b>1,764.38</b>
<b>Nuthall</b>	<b>2,244.05</b>
<b>Stapleford</b>	<b>3,948.05</b>
<b>Strelley</b>	<b>181.07</b>
<b>Trowell</b>	<b>812.00</b>

<u>Special Expenses Area</u>	
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<b>Beeston Area</b>	<b>16,367.06</b>
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54. GRANT AID TO PARISH/TOWN COUNCILS AND BEESTON SPECIAL EXPENSES AREA REGARDING THE LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME

The Committee considered the level of any grant to be paid to each of the parish and town councils and to the Beeston Special Expenses Area as a consequence of the methodology to account for the Local Council Tax Support Scheme.

**RESOLVED** that the grant assistance to parish and town councils and the special expenses area in respect of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2017/18 be as set out in the appendix to the report.

55. CAPITAL BUDGET VARIATIONS 2016/17

The Committee considered a number of capital budget variations in respect of the 2016/17 financial year.

**RESOLVED that the capital budget variations for 2016/17 as set out in the report and in appendices 1 and 2 thereof be approved.**

56. SECTION 106 FUNDS

The Committee noted the report which provided details of section 106 funds which were presently available and their intended use.

57. GRANT AID REQUEST – PARISH COUNCIL

The Committee considered a request for grant assistance from Brinsley Parish Council towards the cost of a programme of repairs and replacement for a play facility at the Brinsley Recreation Ground.

**RESOLVED that a grant of £4,000 be awarded to Brinsley Parish Council towards the cost of a programme of repairs and replacement for a play facility at the Brinsley Recreation Ground.**

58. GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS,  
CHARITABLE BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN SPORTS,  
THE ARTS AND DISABILITY MATTERS 2016/17

The Committee considered requests for grant aid in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Grant Aid Policy and noted the grants awarded under delegated authority.

Councillor P D Simpson suggested that the limit for grants awarded under delegated authority should be increased from £100 to £250 and that decisions relating to such awards be subject to consultation with the Chair of the Committee who would have discretion to refer any such application to the Committee for a decision.

Members also requested that the Committee have sight of a periodic report detailing awards of grants under delegated authority.

**RESOLVED that:**

1. The applications be dealt with as follows:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Grant Request 2016/17</u> £
Broxtowe Women's Project	1,200 <sup>#1</sup>
Hope Nottingham	2,000 <sup>#1</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Beeston Sea Scouts	1,750
5 <sup>th</sup> Stapleford Scout Group	4,500
Bramcote Cricket Club	865
Beauvale Photographic Group	910
Oliver Blake	100
Emma Duxon	100
Bradley Fry	200

2. The Policy and Performance Committee be requested to approve an amendment to the Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations, Charitable Bodies and Individuals Involved in Sports, the Arts and Disability Matters 2016/17 Policy to increase the limit for grants awarded under delegated powers to individuals to £250 subject to consultation with the Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee.

59. CAPITAL GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2016/17

The Committee considered applications for capital grants from Bramcote Cricket Club and St Michael's Church. The applications respectively related to refurbishment of the all-weather wicket and a scheme to improve access to the Bramcote Parish Centre.

**RESOLVED that:**

1. An award of £2,500 be made to Bramcote Cricket Club towards the cost of refurbishing the all-weather wicket.
2. An award of £4,380 be made to St Michael's Church in respect of the scheme to improve access to the Bramcote Parish Centre.

60. UPDATE – ASSET DISPOSAL

The above-named report was listed on the agenda as an exempt item although the Chair advised at the outset of the meeting that the matter was able to be considered on the open part of the agenda.

Councillor P Lally received officer advice regarding his declaration of interest in relation to the sites at Princess Avenue/Read Avenue, Beeston due to his rental of a garage from the Council at that location. With the exception of discussions in respect of Princess Avenue/Read Avenue specifically therefore, during which Councillor P Lally would vacate the chamber so as not to contribute to debate on that site, the Committee was unanimous in its support of allowing Councillor P Lally to be involved in discussions relating to the remaining sites.

The Committee considered the report, the appendix to which proposed sites to be considered for disposal that were surplus to operational requirements.

**RESOLVED that the matter be deferred for consideration at the Committee's meeting on 6 February 2017 to enable a more detailed report to be prepared for members' consideration.**

61. WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered items for inclusion in its future Work Programme

**RESOLVED that the Work Programme, amended to include Asset Disposal for the 6 February 2017 meeting, be approved.**