



9 May 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Broxtowe Borough Council to be held on Wednesday 17 May 2017 in the New Council Chamber, Town Hall, Beeston commencing at 7:00pm.

Should you require advice on declaring an interest in any item on the agenda, please contact the Monitoring Officer at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

To: Members of the Council

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest in any item on the agenda.

3. MINUTES

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To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1 March 2017.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. ELECTION OF MAYOR

6. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

7. RECOGNITION OF POLITICAL LEADERS

The Council is asked to note the members chosen as Leaders and Deputy Leaders of the Council and Opposition and the Leaders and Deputy Leaders of any other groups.

8. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISCHARGE OF FUNCTIONS

To make appointments to committees and working groups in accordance with the schedule to be laid before the meeting.

9. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To appoint representatives on outside bodies in accordance with the schedule to be laid before the meeting.

10. LIBERTY LEISURE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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To appoint a third Director to the Board of Liberty Leisure.

11. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

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To agree an update to the Council's Local Development Scheme.

12. APPOINTMENT PROCESS: TO BE AGREED

A report containing further information will be circulated to members.

13. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Council is asked to RESOLVE that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

14. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS TO
THE AD HOC COMMITTEE

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15. COMMON SEAL

The Council is asked to RESOLVE that the Common Seal be affixed to or the Proper Officer do sign on behalf of the Council, where appropriate, any orders, deeds or documents necessary to give effect to any resolutions of the Council or Committee.

BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

1 MARCH 2017

Councillor G Harvey, Mayor

Councillors:	E H Atherton	A Harper
	D Bagshaw	R I Jackson
	S A Bagshaw	E Kerry
	J S Briggs	S Kerry
	T P Brindley	H G Khaled MBE
	M Brown	W J Longdon
	D A Burnett	G Marshall
	B C Carr	R D MacRae
	S J Carr	J K Marsters
	M J Crow	J W McGrath
	E Cubley	J M Owen
	T A Cullen	P J Owen
	R H Darby	J C Patrick
	J A Doddy	M E Plackett
	S Easom	M Radulovic MBE
	D A Elliott	C H Rice
	J C Goold	R S Robinson
	J W Handley	P D Simpson
	M Handley	A W G A Stockwell

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L A Ball BEM, M R Kee, L A Lally, P Lally and K E Rigby, in addition to S Saleem, Youth Mayor and Y Alsudani, Deputy Youth Mayor.

54. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

55. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2016 were confirmed and signed subject to the amendment that minute number 49.1, Notice of Motion be amended to show that the motion was lost, rather than carried as stated in the minute.

56. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor gave a résumé of his engagements since the last Council meeting, which included his attendance at birthday parties, wedding anniversaries and a variety of fundraising events.

Lisa Evans, who had been voted the Council's Employee of 2016 by her colleagues, was presented with an award. The Mayor congratulated Lisa on her achievement and stated that she had been described as "truly awesome".

57. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

No petitions were presented.

58. REFERENCE

Finance and Resources Committee – 6 February 2017
MEMBER ALLOWANCES

The Committee had considered the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel regarding the level of allowances payable to members following the introduction of a new governance structure of the Council.

It was suggested that the Panel give future consideration of remuneration for the Leader of the Opposition.

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Option 4 in the appendix to the report, no changes to the existing remuneration policy or remuneration levels be made to members' allowances.

59. REFERENCE

Finance and Resources Committee – 6 February 2017
PAY AWARD AND REVIEW OF ALLOWANCES

The Committee had considered the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel regarding the application of the proposed pay award for 2017/18 to allowance rates for members.

RESOLVED that no changes be made to the allowance rates for members.

60. REFERENCE

Finance and Resources Committee – 6 February 2017
APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

The Committee had considered the options for appointing external auditors following the closure of the Audit Commission and at the end of the transitional arrangements at the conclusion of the 2017/18 audit.

RESOLVED that the preferred approach be to opt into a Sector Led Body as set out in Option 3 of the appendix to the report.

61. PAY POLICY STATEMENT – 2017/18

Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011 requires local authorities to publish an annual Pay Policy Statement. The purpose of the statement is to increase accountability in relation to payments made to senior members of local authority staff by enabling public scrutiny.

RESOLVED that the Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18 be approved.

62. TO APPROVE THE REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS, PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS, TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, INVESTMENT STRATEGY, MEDIUM TERM GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND FIX THE COUNCIL TAX FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1 APRIL 2017

The Finance and Resources Committee, at its meeting held on 6 February 2017, considered a report dealing with budget consultation, impact analysis, the Housing Revenue Account budget and council house rents 2017/18, capital programme 2017/18 to 2019/20, General Fund revenue budget 2017/18, prudential indicators 2017/18 to 2019/20, treasury management strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20, investments strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20 and the medium term General Fund financial strategy to 2020/21.

The precept figures for Kimberley Town Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Service, had not been finalised at the time of printing. These were considered and resolved at meetings held on 23 and 24 February 2017 and the final figures resulting from those meetings were distributed to members.

The motion was moved by Councillor R I Jackson and seconded by Councillor M J Crow and the following comments were amongst those made:

- The Council now had a clear path towards a future of self-sufficiency after accepting a four year settlement. Although there were further unexpected reductions in funding, the path was still clear.
- A commitment had been made not to increase Council Tax for the first two years of the administration which would continue to be honoured. The budget consultation had suggested that a Council Tax increase was the least favoured way of achieving savings.
- Levels of grants to charitable organisations had been maintained and dementia friendly bungalows at Bexhill Court had been built.
- The balance on the Housing Revenue Account remained healthy and the 1% reduction in rental income had no detrimental impact on the Account.
- Growing pressures necessitated creative ways of matching income with spending.
- Closing cash offices had enabled people to make payments to the Council in an easier and safer way. Council Tax collection rates were on target to match last year and business rates collections were already ahead.
- The Council remained proud of its links with D H Lawrence but Durban House was unviable, although efforts were made to reverse losses.
- The leasehold of Beeston Square had been purchased and plans for its redevelopment would transform the town centre.
- The Business Strategy had achieved £652,000 of efficiencies or increased income. Difficult, but necessary, decisions would be required to balance the budget.
- The formation of Liberty Leisure had greatly enhanced facilities at Bramcote and other leisure facilities. The transfer had reduced annual budget costs by £312,000 and cash flow had started to increase.
- The County Council election in the spring would be important for Nottinghamshire and Broxtowe faced a positive future.

The following amendment was moved by Councillor M Radulovic MBE and seconded by Councillor D A Elliott:

“The Council is asked to RESOLVE that the following be approved and adopted:

1. a) Housing Revenue Account and Council House Rents 2017/18

1. The Housing Revenue Account budget as amended be approved:

That a sum of £750,000 be set aside specifically for two projects, one in the north and one in the south of the Borough.

- i. The Housing Department be charged with the acquisition and refurbishment of the former Stepping Stones Project, Eastwood to

specifically cater for the needs of ex-forces personnel. The project to be run and administered by the Council.

- ii. The Housing Department be charged with the responsibility of locating and acquiring a suitable property in the south of the Borough, preferably Stapleford, capable of conversion tailored to the needs of the most vulnerable in society.
 - iii. The Housing Department, in conjunction with Finance, be charged with the responsibility of a co-ordinated approach to rent collection, reducing rent arrears and offering help and support to those tenants in greatest need.
 - iv. To charge the Housing Department with accelerating the repairs and improvement programme.
2. The estimated pay award of approximately 1.2% per annum be set within the Housing Revenue Account
 3. An employee savings target of £34,800 be set within the Housing Revenue Account in 2017/18

b) Resources Allocation - Capital Programme to 2019/20

1. The capital submissions and priorities within them be approved
2. The Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to arrange the financing of the capital programme as necessary

c) Resources Allocation – General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18

1. The General Fund revenue budgets amended to include the following proposals:
 - i. Council tax be raised in line with the government assumed increase of 1.99%.
 - ii. That the employee savings targets as submitted be altered to remove the element of compulsory redundancy within the authority.
 - iii. From the increased income in council tax this Council proposes a cash collection point in all four of the major towns – Stapleford, Kimberley, Eastwood and Beeston – the object of which is to reduce the escalating rent arrears, council tax collection and to assist the payment of business rates within the four communities.
 - iv. A sum of £25,000 additional grant be allocated to voluntary groups and organisations within the community to assist with the delivery of vital services, with particular focus on those charities and voluntary organisations providing social care services given the financial pressures in this area at a national level.

2. An employee savings target of £406,226 be set within the General Fund in 2017/18
3. An amount of £10,000 be provided for a General Contingency in 2017/18
4. The council tax requirement for 2017/18 including special expenses but excluding local precepting requirements be £5,493,265
5. An amount of £793,679 be withdrawn from general non-earmarked reserves in 2017/18
6. A Beeston Square Capital Fund Reserve be created and an amount of £25,000 be added to the reserve in 2017/18.

d) Prudential indicators to 2019/20

1. The prudential indicators as set out be approved
2. The MRP policy as set out be approved

e) Treasury management strategy to 2019/20

1. The treasury management strategy statement be approved

f) Investments strategy to 2019/20

1. The investments strategy be approved

g) Medium term General Fund financial strategy to 2020/21

1. The medium term General Fund financial strategy, as amended, be approved.

2. It be noted that, at its meeting on 9 January 2017, The Finance and Resources Committee approved the following amounts for the year 2017/18 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012:

(a) 33,126.78 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, as its council tax base for the year.

(b) Part of the Council's area

Parish of Awsworth	616.13
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Parish of Stapleford	3,948.05
Parish of Trowell	812.00
Beeston Special Expense Area	16,367.06

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations as the amounts of its council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

3. The following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2017/18 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act) as amended:

- (a) £57,523,888 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act.
- (b) £51,259,409 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act.
- (c) £6,264,479 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.
- (d) £189.11 being the amount at 3(c) above divided by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year.
- (e) £796,214 being the aggregate amount of all special items (including parish precepts and special expenses) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £165.07 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by the amount at 2(a) 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 special item relates.

(g) Part of the Council's Area

Parish of Awsworth	£262.81
Parish of Brinsley	£255.17
Parish of Cossall	£214.62
Parish of Eastwood	£191.28
Parish of Greasley	£213.73
Parish of Kimberley	£226.07
Parish of Nuthall	£215.13
Parish of Stapleford	£180.56
Parish of Trowell	£237.18
Beeston Special Expense Area	£163.38

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(h)	PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	VALUATION BANDS							
		A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
	<u>Parish of Awsworth</u>	177.35	206.91	236.47	266.03	325.15	384.27	443.38	532.06
	<u>Parish of Brinsley</u>	172.26	200.97	229.68	258.39	315.81	373.23	430.65	516.78
	<u>Parish of Cossall</u>	145.23	169.43	193.64	217.84	266.25	314.66	363.07	435.68
	<u>Parish of Eastwood</u>	129.67	151.28	172.89	194.50	237.72	280.94	324.17	389.00
	<u>Parish of Greasley</u>	144.63	168.74	192.84	216.95	265.16	313.37	361.58	433.90
	<u>Parish of Kimberley</u>	152.86	178.34	203.81	229.29	280.24	331.20	382.15	458.58
	<u>Parish of Nuthall</u>	145.57	169.83	194.09	218.35	266.87	315.39	363.92	436.70
	<u>Parish of Stapleford</u>	122.52	142.94	163.36	183.78	224.62	265.46	306.30	367.56
	<u>Parish of Trowell</u>	160.27	186.98	213.69	240.40	293.82	347.24	400.67	480.80
	<u>Beeston Special Expense Area</u>	111.07	129.58	148.09	166.60	203.62	240.64	277.67	333.20
	<u>All other parts of the Council's area</u>	110.05	128.39	146.73	165.07	201.75	238.43	275.12	330.14

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(f) and 3(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

4. That it be noted for the year 2017/18 the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority, Nottinghamshire County Council and the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner and are proposing the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Precepting Authority	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
<u>Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority</u>	50.19	58.56	66.92	75.29	92.02	108.75	125.48	150.58
<u>Nottinghamshire County Council</u>	901.31	1,051.53	1,201.75	1,351.97	1,652.41	1,952.85	2,253.28	2,703.94
<u>Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner</u>	122.28	142.66	163.04	183.42	224.18	264.94	305.70	366.84

5. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(h) and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2017/18 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.”

PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
<u>Parish of Awsworth</u>	1,251.13	1,459.66	1,668.18	1,876.71	2,293.76	2,710.81	3,127.84	3,753.42
<u>Parish of Brinsley</u>	1,246.04	1,453.72	1,661.39	1,869.07	2,284.42	2,699.77	3,115.11	3,738.14
<u>Parish of Cossall</u>	1,219.01	1,422.18	1,625.35	1,828.52	2,234.86	2,641.20	3,047.53	3,657.04
<u>Parish of Eastwood</u>	1,203.45	1,404.03	1,604.60	1,805.18	2,206.33	2,607.48	3,008.63	3,610.36
<u>Parish of Greasley</u>	1,218.41	1,421.49	1,624.55	1,827.63	2,233.77	2,639.91	3,046.04	3,655.26
<u>Parish of Kimberley</u>	1,226.64	1,431.09	1,635.52	1,839.97	2,248.85	2,657.74	3,066.61	3,679.94
<u>Parish of Nuthall</u>	1,219.35	1,422.58	1,625.80	1,829.03	2,235.48	2,641.93	3,048.38	3,658.06
<u>Parish of Stapleford</u>	1,196.30	1,395.69	1,595.07	1,794.46	2,193.23	2,592.00	2,990.76	3,588.92
<u>Parish of Trowell</u>	1,234.05	1,439.73	1,645.40	1,851.08	2,262.43	2,673.78	3,085.13	3,702.16
<u>Beeston Special Expense Area</u>	1,184.85	1,382.33	1,579.80	1,777.28	2,172.23	2,567.18	2,962.13	3,554.56
<u>All other parts of the Council's area</u>	1,183.83	1,381.14	1,578.44	1,775.75	2,170.36	2,564.97	2,959.58	3,551.50

Following a brief adjournment members considered the amendment and discussion included the following points:

- The ruling group had been let down by its own government due to the size of the funding settlement.
- The voluntary sector faced severe cuts and it was important to understand the impact on society of an ageing population.
- The closure of cash offices could not be supported and the reinstatement of collection points would help those in the voluntary sector.
- An increase in Council Tax would be against the wishes of residents according to the responses contained within the budget consultation.
- £30,000 would not be sufficient to re-establish cash taking facilities in Eastwood, Stapleford and Kimberley. Furthermore, the facilities were an expensive luxury.
- A policy of no compulsory redundancies was not possible as it was necessary to have the freedom to protect the delivery of services.
- Assistance for ex-service personnel should be considered in detail at a committee meeting with the addition of inclusion of a business case.
- The cost of reopening cash offices may be expensive but it should be considered in certain areas.
- It was not acceptable for Broxtowe to be on the bottom of the pile for the funding settlement.
- Single points of failure would be created within Council services and this should be mitigated against.
- Debts in the Housing Revenue Account needed to be tackled.
- Compulsory redundancies would not meet the shortfall. It was counter-intuitive to say that the Council's staff were its best asset but compulsory redundancies would make the authority better.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, a recorded vote was required. The voting was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
D Bagshaw	E H Atherton	B C Carr
S A Bagshaw	J S Briggs	S J Carr
T A Cullen	T P Brindley	G Harvey
R H Darby	M Brown	R D MacRae
D A Elliott	D A Burnett	J K Marsters
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S Kerry
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W J Longdon
J M Owen
P J Owen
M E Plackett
C H Rice
P D Simpson
A W G A Stockwell

The amendment, on being put to the meeting, was lost.

Members debated the original motion and discussion included the following points:

- The desk on the main reception area had no decorations at Christmas, which showed how low staff morale was. Good staff were the Council's best asset and issues of morale needed to be addressed.
- The voluntary sector was too varied to define. If services were not available then vulnerable people would have nowhere to go.
- The leading group had done a wonderful job in difficult circumstances. With the help of staff, solutions had been reached which would assist the Council. Additionally, the approval of the Housing Strategy would protect the most vulnerable.
- The decisions to close Pest Control, Durban House and the Cash offices were correct.
- A further package of efficiencies had been introduced, saving over £600,000 by removing some middle management posts and no front line services had been affected.
- The budget had been carefully worked through and it represented the best option for the Council's difficult circumstances.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, a recorded vote was required. The voting was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
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R S Robinson

The motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried.

RESOLVED that:

1. **The recommendations arising from the Finance and Resources Committee meeting of 6 February 2017 as set out below be approved and adopted.**
 - a) **Housing Revenue Account and Council House Rents 2017/18**
 1. **The Housing Revenue Account budget as submitted be approved**
 2. **The estimated pay award of approximately 1.2% per annum be set within the Housing Revenue Account**
 3. **An employee savings target of £34,800 be set within the Housing Revenue Account in 2017/18**
 - b) **Resources Allocation - Capital Programme to 2019/20**
 1. **The capital submissions and priorities within them be approved**
 2. **The Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to arrange the financing of the capital programme as necessary**
 - c) **Resources Allocation – General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18**
 1. **The General Fund revenue budgets as submitted be approved**
 2. **An employee savings target of £406,226 be set within the General Fund in 2017/18**
 3. **An amount of £25,000 be provided for a General Contingency in 2017/18**

4. The council tax requirement for 2017/18 including special expenses but excluding local precepting requirements be £5,386,570
5. An amount of £860,374 be withdrawn from general non-earmarked reserves in 2017/18
6. A Beeston Square Capital Fund Reserve be created and an amount of £25,000 be added to the reserve in 2017/18.

d) Prudential indicators to 2019/20

1. The prudential indicators as set out be approved
2. The MRP policy as set out be approved

e) Treasury management strategy to 2019/20

1. The treasury management strategy statement be approved

f) Investments strategy to 2019/20

1. The investments strategy be approved

g) Medium term General Fund financial strategy to 2020/21

3. The medium term General Fund financial strategy be approved.

4. It be noted that, at its meeting on 9 January 2017, The Finance and Resources Committee approved the following amounts for the year 2017/18 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012:

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being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations as the amounts of its council tax

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- (c) £6,157,784 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.
- (d) £185.89 being the amount at 3(c) above divided by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year.
- (e) £796,214 being the aggregate amount of all special items (including parish precepts and special expenses) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £161.85 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by the amount at 2(a) 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 special item relates.

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(h)	PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	VALUATION BANDS							
		A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
	<u>Parish of Awsworth</u>	175.21	204.41	233.61	262.81	321.21	379.61	438.02	525.62
	<u>Parish of Brinsley</u>	170.11	198.47	226.82	255.17	311.87	368.58	425.28	510.34
	<u>Parish of Cossall</u>	143.08	166.93	190.77	214.62	262.31	310.01	357.70	429.24
	<u>Parish of Eastwood</u>	127.52	148.77	170.03	191.28	233.79	276.29	318.80	382.56
	<u>Parish of Greasley</u>	142.49	166.23	189.98	213.73	261.23	308.72	356.22	427.46
	<u>Parish of Kimberley</u>	150.71	175.83	200.95	226.07	276.31	326.55	376.78	452.14
	<u>Parish of Nuthall</u>	143.42	167.32	191.23	215.13	262.94	310.74	358.55	430.26
	<u>Parish of Stapleford</u>	120.37	140.44	160.50	180.56	220.68	260.81	300.93	361.12
	<u>Parish of Trowell</u>	158.12	184.47	210.83	237.18	289.89	342.59	395.30	474.36
	<u>Beeston Special Expense Area</u>	108.92	127.07	145.23	163.38	199.69	235.99	272.30	326.76
	<u>All other parts of the Council's area</u>	107.90	125.88	143.87	161.85	197.82	233.78	269.75	323.70

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(f) and 3(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

4. That it be noted for the year 2017/18 the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority, Nottinghamshire County Council and the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner and are proposing the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Precepting Authority	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
<u>Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority</u>	50.19	58.56	66.92	75.29	92.02	108.75	125.48	150.58
<u>Nottinghamshire County Council</u>	901.31	1,051.53	1,201.75	1,351.97	1,652.41	1,952.85	2,253.28	2,703.94
<u>Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner</u>	122.28	142.66	163.04	183.42	224.18	264.94	305.70	366.84

6. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(h) and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2017/18 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
<u>Parish of Awsworth</u>	1,248.99	1,457.16	1,665.32	1,873.49	2,289.82	2,706.15	3,122.48	3,746.98
<u>Parish of Brinsley</u>	1,243.89	1,451.22	1,658.53	1,865.85	2,280.48	2,695.12	3,109.74	3,731.70
<u>Parish of Cossall</u>	1,216.86	1,419.68	1,622.48	1,825.30	2,230.92	2,636.55	3,042.16	3,650.60
<u>Parish of Eastwood</u>	1,201.30	1,401.52	1,601.74	1,801.96	2,202.40	2,602.83	3,003.26	3,603.92
<u>Parish of Greasley</u>	1,216.27	1,418.98	1,621.69	1,824.41	2,229.84	2,635.26	3,040.68	3,648.82
<u>Parish of Kimberley</u>	1,224.49	1,428.58	1,632.66	1,836.75	2,244.92	2,653.09	3,061.24	3,673.50
<u>Parish of Nuthall</u>	1,217.20	1,420.07	1,622.94	1,825.81	2,231.55	2,637.28	3,043.01	3,651.62
<u>Parish of Stapleford</u>	1,194.15	1,393.19	1,592.21	1,791.24	2,189.29	2,587.35	2,985.39	3,582.48
<u>Parish of Trowell</u>	1,231.90	1,437.22	1,642.54	1,847.86	2,258.50	2,669.13	3,079.76	3,695.72
<u>Beeston Special Expense Area</u>	1,182.70	1,379.82	1,576.94	1,774.06	2,168.30	2,562.53	2,956.76	3,548.12
<u>All other parts of the Council's area</u>	1,181.68	1,378.63	1,575.58	1,772.53	2,166.43	2,560.32	2,954.21	3,545.06

63. OFFICER DELEGATED DECISIONS

Members noted the report on Officer Delegated Decisions.

64. HS2 ROUTE REFINEMENT CONSULTATION

Members received an update on the current route consultation for HS2 and were invited to make comments to be included in the consultation before the deadline on 9 March 2017.

Following a task and finish group meeting on 17 February 2017 to which all councillors were invited, comments were gathered and presented to the Council meeting. Members considered the report and discussion included the following points:

- The Council had taken the decision to support HS2 and although many members had issues with the route, the content of the report was a reflection of the group meeting.
- The residents of Nuthall East and Strelley should be informed of a compensation scheme. Works for the route would dominate the skyline and increase noise. A more suitable route would be a redirection through Erewash Valley.
- Concerns from Stapleford Town Council and Nuthall Parish Council were raised.
- An HS2 station in Broxtowe would be beneficial for the Borough and access to and from the station would be important.
- The response should be distributed to the three Group Leaders and the Independent Member prior to its release.

RESOLVED that the comments of the Task and Finish Group and those gathered at the meeting form the Council's consultation response.

65. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

66. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to:

1. **Amend the constituent membership of any Ad Hoc Committee which is considering any disciplinary matters relating to a statutory Chief Officer which could result in dismissal, such that the committee should comprise two Independent Persons**

together with between 3 and 5 elected members, ensuring representation from each political grouping whilst reflecting political balance.

2. Appoint members of the Ad Hoc Committee from a prioritised list of four each from the Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat groups tabled at the meeting, reflecting political balance between 3 and 5 elected members and appoint a named substitute from each political group to act in the event of a conflict of interests. Those members being:

Conservative

1. J W Handley
2. A Harper
3. G Harvey

Substitute: 1. D A Burnett

Labour

1. D A Elliott

Substitute: 1. T A Cullen

Liberal Democrat

1. B C Carr

Substitute: 1. J K Marsters

3. Appoint members to an Investigating and Disciplinary Committee from a prioritised list of four each from the Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat groups tabled at the meeting, reflecting political balance between 3 and 5 elected members (but who are not appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee) and appoint a named substitute from each political group to act in the event of a conflict of interests. Those members being:

Conservative

1. M Brown
2. T P Brindley
3. M Handley

Substitute: 1. W J Longdon

Labour

1. G Marshall
2. R S Robinson
3. J C Patrick

Substitute: 1. S A Bagshaw

Liberal Democrat

1. K E Rigby

Substitute: 1. S J Carr

4. The Deputy Monitoring Officer in conjunction with the Leader of the Council identify potential suitable Independent Persons so that Council may consider their appointment to the Ad Hoc Committee alongside the members referred to in recommendation 2 above in cases where the Ad Hoc Committee

is considering any disciplinary matters related to a statutory Chief Officer which could result in dismissal.

5. Clarify and/or extend the remit of the Ad Hoc Committee as follows: (1) Taking such action regarding the appointment, suspension or discipline of chief officers (with the exception of the Chief Executive) as may be performed by a committee. (2) Taking such action regarding the dismissal of chief officers (excluding statutory Chief Officers). (3) Provided at all times that the Ad Hoc Committee includes two Independent Persons, considering the dismissal of any statutory Chief Officer, and providing advice, views and recommendations to Council in respect of the same. (4) Taking such action regarding the suspension, discipline or dismissal of any other person where (i) such action relates to or is connected with matters being considered by the Ad Hoc Committee, such that it is appropriate (as reasonably determined by the Ad Hoc Committee) for the Ad Hoc Committee to consider such action, (ii) where the Head of Paid Service reasonably believes that they are conflicted from dealing with the matter, and/or (iii) where there is a dispute as to chief officer status and the Ad Hoc Committee determines that it is appropriate for it to act. (5) Determining the appointment, grading, terms and conditions of deputy chief officers.
6. Confirm the functions of the Investigating and Disciplinary Committee as being those reserved to the Investigating and Disciplinary Committee with in the JNC Conditions of Service Handbook for Chief Executives, 13 October 2016.

67. COMMON SEAL

RESOLVED that the Common Seal be affixed to or the Proper Officer do sign on behalf of the Council, where appropriate, any orders, deeds or documents necessary to give effect to any resolutions of the Council or Committees.

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

LIBERTY LEISURE BOARD OF DIRECTORS1. Purpose of the report

To appoint a third Director to the Board of Liberty Leisure.

2. Background

Currently the Liberty Leisure Board is composed of two Directors, both Broxtowe officers. The third person in attendance is the interim MD of Liberty Leisure. Only the two officers have voting rights and can vote on strategic matters affecting Liberty Leisure.

It is not suitable for the MD of Liberty Leisure to be a Director with voting rights as they report to the Board on the progress of the company and the MD is held responsible for the day to day operations. There will also be occasions when issues arise that directly impact the MD, such as voting on the annual budget which contains their salary.

Additionally, Liberty Leisure may benefit from the presence of an independent advisor who can offer impartial advice on how best to take the business forward.

This report focuses on the reasons why an additional Director is needed rather than a request to amend Liberty's Leisure's constitution as Article 14 of Liberty Leisure's Articles of Association already states that:

Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the number of directors (other than alternate directors) shall not be subject to any maximum but shall not be less than two.

Further information is provided in the appendix.

Recommendation

Council is asked to RESOLVE that a third Director be appointed to the Board of Liberty Leisure to ensure that in the event of a tied vote between the current two Directors, a deciding vote can be cast.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX

Risk

Should the current two Directors disagree on a matter of strategy, there is no third person who can cast the deciding vote. This could lead to the delay or abandonment of proposed strategy or policy changes which then restricts the development of Liberty Leisure.

If an external business orientated person is not appointed as an advisor to the Board, there is the danger that the Board may miss potential business expansion opportunities due to lack of knowledge in this area.

Criteria required of additional Board Director

Any new Director of Liberty Leisure should meet at least 3 of the following criteria:

- 1) Experience of being a Board Director/Trustee/Governor
- 2) Experience of working with private enterprise
- 3) An understanding of the leisure industry
- 4) Knowledge of how a local authority operates
- 5) Senior management experience, preferably with large teams.

Criteria required of Business Advisor to the Board

In order to provide the Board with independent expert advice to aid Liberty Leisure's growth and potential expansion, the Business Advisor should meet at least 3 of the following criteria:

- 1) Business and/or professional knowledge and experience applicable to Liberty Leisure's goals and management.
- 2) Ability to identify potential future growth areas and provide strategic advice on how to expand into such areas.
- 3) Experience of provision of goods or services to the public.
- 4) Excellent communication skills.
- 5) Good knowledge and understanding of effective marketing techniques.

The Business Advisor should be an external appointment who is independent of Broxtowe Borough Council. This will enable them to present a truly impartial viewpoint as well as provide advice on a wide range of topics and different methods of working. The Articles of Liberty Leisure enable the Company to make such an appointment under delegated powers.

Report of the Director of Legal and Planning Services**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME****1. Purpose of the report**

To agree an update to the Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS).

2. Background

There is a legal obligation on local planning authorities to produce a LDS specifying:

- which Development Plan Documents (DPDs) are to be produced (i.e. which documents will comprise the Local Plan for the area)
- the subject matter and geographical area for each DPD
- the timetable for preparing/revising the DPDs.

The current LDS was produced in May 2013 and needs updating. LDSs may be used by the Department for Communities and Local Government to assess authorities' 'plan-making performance'.

A 'Publication' version of the Council's Part 2 Local Plan will be considered by the Jobs and Economy Committee on 11 May 2017.

3. Detail

Broxtowe is preparing a single DPD, the Part 2 Local Plan. This will deal with all relevant planning issues, cover the whole Borough and complement the Aligned Core Strategy (the Part 1 Local Plan). The proposed timetable is updated from the key elements of the Work Programme agreed by the Jobs and Economy Committee with some contingencies built in to allow for what may be a lengthy examination process for several sites of significant scale and complexity:

- Publication summer 2017;
- Submission autumn 2017;
- Adoption autumn 2018.

The timetable will be published on the website accompanied by factual background information, similar to that in the current LDS.

Recommendation

Council is asked to RESOLVE that the updated Local Development Scheme, incorporating the timetable referred to above, will have effect from 11 May 2017.

Background papers

Nil