

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF WELLINGBOROUGH
HELD AT SWANSPool HOUSE, WELLINGBOROUGH
ON TUESDAY 1 MARCH 2016**

Present: The Mayor, Councillor B Graves, and Councillors Abram, Allebone, Anslow, Aslam, Bailey, Beirne, Bell, Bone, Carr, Ekins, Emerson, Francis, Gough, Griffiths, Hallam, Harrington, Henley, G Lawman, L Lawman, Lloyd, Morrall, Partridge-Underwood, Patel, Scanlon, Scarborough, Simmons, Skittrall, Stevenson, Walia, Ward, M Waters, V Waters and Watts.

Officers present: Mr J T Campbell, Chief Executive, Mrs L Elliott, Head of Finance, Mrs B Gamble, Head of Resources, Miss J Thomas, Head of Planning and Local Development, Mr G Hollands, Solicitor, District Law, Mr G Betts, Mayor's Sergeant and Mrs C A Mundy, Democratic Services Officer.

The Mayor welcomed his guests for the evening.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to note that apologies for absence were received from Councillors Maguire and York.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note that in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, the council's code of conduct and the council's constitution, the following councillor made a declaration:

Name of Councillor	Item	Interest
Councillor Abram	Additional Resources Committee - 12 January 2016	Personal – is a member of the Victoria Centre.

3. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 19 JANUARY 2016

The minutes of the council meeting held on 19 January 2016 were received.

Councillor Griffiths made reference to minute 10 and the voting in relation to the substantive motion. He believed that some of the labour group had abstained from voting on this motion and sought clarity on this. Councillor Emerson confirmed that whilst they had voted on the amendment, the Labour group had abstained from voting on the substantive motion.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the council meeting held on 19 January 2016, be confirmed and signed, with it being noted that the Labour group had abstained from voting on the substantive motion at minute 10.

4. QUESTIONS/PETITIONS/REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE MEETING

A request to speak had been received, from Mr Banks, who wished to address the meeting in relation to the additional Resources Committee of 12 January 2016 and minute number 3 Voluntary and Community Sector Funding, which the Mayor agreed to. Mr Banks digressed from this item and the Mayor asked him, on a number of occasions, to keep to the subject matter or he would ask him to leave the meeting. Mr Banks declined to do so, and left the council chamber.

5. MINUTES TO NOTE

The minutes of the following meetings were received:

Additional Planning Committee	22 December 2015
Planning Committee	13 January 2016
Licensing Sub-Committee	15 January 2016

Councillor Bailey expressed his disappointment that the minutes of the additional Planning Committee of 22 December 2015 didn't contain more detail of what he, and his fellow councillors, who had attended to speak, had said. The Mayor noted his comment.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the above meetings be noted.

6. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 12 JANUARY 2016

The minutes of the additional Resources Committee of 12 January 2016 were received.

Councillors Emerson and Scarborough spoke in relation to minute 3 and the Labour group's various concerns over the opportunity for organisations, other than service providers, to apply for funding and the sum of money yet to be allocated.

Councillor Scarborough asked if the seventh paragraph of minute 3 could be amended for clarity, so this would read as follows:

Officers clarified that this money would be allocated via the working party, as deemed appropriate, for approval by the Resources Committee. This was agreed.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the additional Resources Committee of 12 January 2016 be adopted, subject to the above clarification.

At this point the Mayor referred to an acknowledgment made at the additional Resources Committee in relation to Councillor Bailey being honoured with the MBE. He had already written to Councillor Bailey, but was also pleased to be

able to extend the congratulations of the full council to Councillor Bailey on receiving this honour.

7. RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 3 FEBRUARY 2016

The minutes of the Resources Committee of 3 February 2016 were received.

Councillor Scarborough referred to minute 4 Voluntary Sector Grant Daylight Centre Fellowship and asked for clarification from the leader that the grant to the Daylight Centre was a one-off unconditional payment. The leader clarified that this was the case.

Reference was made to minute 5 Local Enterprise Partnerships. Councillor Gough commended the decision to join South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP) as he considered that this would open up opportunities for the council to apply for grant funding. The leader thanked Councillor Gough for his comments and confirmed that all Northamptonshire councils had now joined SEMLEP.

Councillor Bailey referred to minute 6 Revenue Budget 2016-17 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy Projections and asked if there could be some discretion given if a member of the public had to cancel a venue booking, in relation to the fees and charges. The leader confirmed that a report would be presented to the next Resources Committee regarding this.

The leader of the council presented the budget to council and addressed the meeting.

This was the fifth occasion that he, as leader, had presented a budget to the council and was the first occasion under this current administration. He explained that the annual budget remained one of the most challenging matters that he had to deal with and that the financial pressures facing local government remained extreme. He referred to the continuing austerity pressures and the uncertainty and volatility in the amount of funding that was expected in the future. There would be further changes with a significant reduction in the New Homes Bonus in future years.

There had been positive improvements to base levels of spending but there was still a lot of hard work to do to keep balancing the budget for not only the coming year but the next four years.

The proposed budget of approximately £10m reflected a small base budget saving on last year. There had been pressures in spending but this had been offset by further efficiencies and savings. The ability to keep finding these savings was and would continue to get harder. There would be large projects delivered in the future but there was a need to look at our own locally raised income to bridge the gap.

It was expected that in the medium term there would be a reduction of over £1m a year in government funding, plus at least half as much again in the loss

of New Homes Bonus. Business rates income was, however, increasing, though this would not be enough to offset the other losses. The borough needed to grow and prosper to help balance the books. Decisions needed to be taken to control and shape the future.

The crematorium was due to open in the summer of 2016 which will be a major asset for the borough. The Stanton Cross development is moving forward with building starting in April this year. There is increased interest from developers who can see the potential we have in the borough. This will all help us to become more self-sufficient and less reliant on central government funding.

Members would be aware that we collect the council tax for the borough, the county council and the Police and Crime Commissioner. The borough council's share of the council tax amounts to 11%. The county council and the Police and Crime Commissioner have both increased their council tax and the county council has taken the opportunity to levy an extra Adult Social care precept of 2% to help maximise its income. We, as a borough, have historically, protected residents from increases in council tax and remain one of the lower charging district councils. As council tax is now one of the key elements central government uses in assessing our spending power it is assumed that there will be an increase in council tax to maximise our spending power thus reducing reliance on funding from government.

It was recommended that an increase of £5 for an average band D, for this year, and also for future years, subject to referendum limits and appropriate consultations. This would mean an increase to the average band D charge for the borough wide element in 2016-17 from £95.71 to £100.71 and by the end of the medium term to a maximum of £115.71. Local precepts for the town and parishes would add an extra £55.85 to the average band D charge, bringing it to £156.66 for 2016/17. This borough would still have one of the lowest charges in the country.

In addition the sum of £619,000 would be needed from reserves to balance the budget. The council is aware that longer term solutions for funding need to be identified and planned for over the next four years. To help balance the budget we need to continue to use our reserves, though these will not last for ever. There were major and tough challenges ahead.

He commended the budget to council. This was seconded by Councillor Scarborough.

Councillor Scarborough, as leader of the opposition group, also addressed the meeting.

Whilst not wishing to increase council tax, he supported the proposal for the £5 increase and the need to use the reserves to balance the budget. He considered that the move to use capital to generate revenue income was also a good way forward. He commended the ongoing work of the council with the local community and the partnership working that was ongoing. He believed

that austerity cuts would continue and that there would be bigger problems and challenges ahead for the council. He also cautioned that this council should not pick up the burdens that the county council could no longer support and considered that the voluntary sector would become more and more important in the future and that there should be continued support given to them.

The leader thanked Councillor Scarborough for his support.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 the following votes were cast:

For: Councillors Abram, Allebone, Anslow, Aslam, Bailey, Beirne, Bell, Bone, Carr, Ekins, Emerson, Francis, Gough, Griffiths, Hallam, Harrington, Henley, G Lawman, L Lawman, Lloyd, Morrall, Partridge-Underwood, Patel, Scanlon, Scarborough, Simmons, Skittrall, Stevenson, Walia, Ward, M Waters, V Waters and Watts.(no. 33);

Against: None (no. 0);

Abstention: None. (no. 0);

Absent: Councillors Maguire and York (no.2)

The motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED that approval be given to:

- (i) an increase in the council's average band D council tax in 2016-17 of £5, as allowed within the referendum levels announced;
- (ii) an increase in the council's average band D council tax in 2017-18 to 2019-20 of £5 or 1.99%, whichever is the greater, subject to meeting the referendum criteria;
- (iii) the revenue budget for 2016-17 and financial plans, after consideration of the S151 officer's Section 25 report;
- (iv) the development of an efficiency plan, by the Head of Finance, to allow the council to take advantage of the four year settlement proposal offered by central government;
- (v) the fees and charges schedule.
- (vi) the capital funding for the financial years 2016-17 to 2020-21;
- (vii) the list of prioritised capital schemes and schedule 1 be released into the capital programme 2016-17 to 2020-21;
- (viii) the capital schemes awaiting information in principle and it be noted that schemes will be released into the capital programme as soon as further information is received.
- (ix) the minutes of the Resources Committee of 3 February 2016 be adopted.

8. PARTNERSHIPS AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE – 8 FEBRUARY 2016

The minutes of the Partnerships and Performance Committee of 8 February 2016 were received.

RESOLVED that subject to it being noted that, in minute 4 Sports and Leisure Performance Report, the last paragraph should read 3G pitch instead of 3D pitch; the minutes of the Partnerships and Performance Committee of 8 February 2016 be adopted.

9. COUNCIL TAX 2016-17

The annexed circulated report of the Head of Finance was received in relation to the calculation and setting of the council tax for 2016-17.

Councillor Bell put the proposition to the meeting and this was seconded by Councillor Scarborough.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried with the following votes:

For: Councillors Abram, Allebone, Anslow, Aslam, Bailey, Beirne, Bell, Bone, Carr, Ekins, Emerson, Francis, Gough, Griffiths, Hallam, Harrington, Henley, G Lawman, L Lawman, Lloyd, Morrall, Partridge-Underwood, Patel, Scanlon, Scarborough, Simmons, Skittrall, Stevenson, Walia, Ward, M Waters, V Waters and Watts (no. 33)

Against: None (no. 0).

Abstentions: None (no. 0).

Absent: Councillors Maguire and York (no. 2).

RESOLVED that:

1. The recommendations of the Resources Committee relating to the Revenue Estimates 2016-17 be approved.
2. (a) it be noted that at its meeting on the 19 January 2016, the council calculated the amount of 23,480 as its council tax base for the year 2016-17, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

(b) the following amounts are calculated by the council, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as the

amounts of council tax base for the year 2016-17 for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate
(*Tax base for parishes and Wellingborough special expenses*)

Parish of	Tax Base
Bozeat	754
Great Doddington	489
Earls Barton	1,838
Easton Maudit	41
Ecton	229
Finedon	1,404
Grendon	242
Hardwick	44
Great Harrowden	43
Little Harrowden	329
Irchester	1,497
Isham	311
Mears Ashby	221
Orlingbury	229
Strixton	15
Sywell	361
Wilby	216
Wollaston	1,194
Wellingborough	14,023
Total	23,480

3. the following amounts be now calculated by the council for the year 2016-17 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
- (a) £46,056,247 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) £42,377,951 being the aggregate of the amounts which the council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act.
 - (c) £3,678,296 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 31B of the Act).

- (d) £156.66 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(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 (including Parish precepts).
- (e) £1,313,626 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix B).
- (f) £100.71 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(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 parish precept relates.

(g) **Part of the council's area**

Parish of	£
Bozeat	40.92
Great Doddington	51.12
Earls Barton	54.40
Easton Maudit	23.78
Ecton	53.40
Finedon	38.64
Grendon	59.32
Hardwick	36.36
Great Harrowden	27.44
Little Harrowden	61.99
Irchester	54.61
Isham	72.35
Mears Ashby	40.72
Orlingbury	32.95
Strixton	93.33
Sywell	60.94
Wilby	43.98
Wollaston	57.26
Wellingborough	59.24

The amounts stated in column 5 of Schedule 1 (attached) 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 specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 divided in each case by the amount at 1(a) 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 set out in column 1 of Schedule 1 (attached) to which one or more special items relate. (*Council tax at*

band D for those parishes that have issued a precept and Wellingborough special expenses added to this council's council tax.)

(h) Valuation Bands

being the amounts given by multiplying the amount 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. *(This council and each parish council's combined council tax for each council tax band and which will appear on the council tax bill).*

	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Bozeat	94.42	110.16	125.89	141.63	173.10	204.58	236.05	283.26
Gt Doddington	101.22	118.09	134.96	151.83	185.57	219.31	253.05	303.66
Earls Barton	103.41	120.64	137.88	155.11	189.58	224.05	258.52	310.22
Easton Maudit	82.99	96.83	110.66	124.49	152.15	179.82	207.48	248.98
Ecton	102.74	119.86	136.99	154.11	188.36	222.60	256.85	308.22
Finedon	92.90	108.38	123.87	139.35	170.32	201.28	232.25	278.70
Grendon	106.69	124.47	142.25	160.03	195.59	231.15	266.72	320.06
Hardwick	91.38	106.61	121.84	137.07	167.53	197.99	228.45	274.14
Gt Harrowden	85.43	99.67	113.91	128.15	156.63	185.11	213.58	256.30
Lt Harrowden	108.47	126.54	144.62	162.70	198.86	235.01	271.17	325.40
Irchester	103.55	120.80	138.06	155.32	189.84	224.35	258.87	310.64
Isham	115.37	134.60	153.83	173.06	211.52	249.98	288.43	346.12
Mears Ashby	94.29	110.00	125.72	141.43	172.86	204.29	235.72	282.86
Orlingbury	89.11	103.96	118.81	133.66	163.36	193.06	222.77	267.32
Strixton	129.36	150.92	172.48	194.04	237.16	280.28	323.40	388.08
Sywell	107.77	125.73	143.69	161.65	197.57	233.49	269.42	323.30
Wilby	96.46	112.54	128.61	144.69	176.84	209.00	241.15	289.38
Wollaston	105.31	122.87	140.42	157.97	193.07	228.18	263.28	315.94
Wellingborough	106.63	124.41	142.18	159.95	195.49	231.04	266.58	319.90

4. it be noted that for the year 2015/16 the major precepting authorities have stated 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 the dwellings shown below :-

Valuation Bands

	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Northants County Council	740.83	864.31	987.78	1,111.25	1,358.19	1,605.14	1,852.08	2,222.50
Northants PCC	136.64	159.41	182.19	204.96	250.51	296.05	341.60	409.92

5. 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 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2015/16 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below: - (*total council tax in each band for each parish*)

Valuation Bands

	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Bozeat	971.89	1,133.88	1,295.86	1,457.84	1,781.80	2,105.77	2,429.73	2,915.68
Gt Doddington	978.69	1,141.81	1,304.93	1,468.04	1,794.27	2,120.50	2,446.73	2,936.08
Earls Barton	980.88	1,144.36	1,307.85	1,471.32	1,798.28	2,125.24	2,452.20	2,942.64
Easton Maudit	960.46	1,120.55	1,280.63	1,440.70	1,760.85	2,081.01	2,401.16	2,881.40
Ecton	980.21	1,143.58	1,306.96	1,470.32	1,797.06	2,123.79	2,450.53	2,940.64
Finedon	970.37	1,132.10	1,293.84	1,455.56	1,779.02	2,102.47	2,425.93	2,911.12
Grendon	984.16	1,148.19	1,312.22	1,476.24	1,804.29	2,132.34	2,460.40	2,952.48
Hardwick	968.85	1,130.33	1,291.81	1,453.28	1,776.23	2,099.18	2,422.13	2,906.56
Gt Harrowden	962.90	1,123.39	1,283.88	1,444.36	1,765.33	2,086.30	2,407.26	2,888.72
Lt Harrowden	985.94	1,150.26	1,314.59	1,478.91	1,807.56	2,136.20	2,464.85	2,957.82
Irchester	981.02	1,144.52	1,308.03	1,471.53	1,798.54	2,125.54	2,452.55	2,943.06
Isham	992.84	1,158.32	1,323.80	1,489.27	1,820.22	2,151.17	2,482.11	2,978.54
Mears Ashby	971.76	1,133.72	1,295.69	1,457.64	1,781.56	2,105.48	2,429.40	2,915.28
Orlingbury	966.58	1,127.68	1,288.78	1,449.87	1,772.06	2,094.25	2,416.45	2,899.74
Strixton	1,006.83	1,174.64	1,342.45	1,510.25	1,845.86	2,181.47	2,517.08	3,020.50
Sywell	985.24	1,149.45	1,313.66	1,477.86	1,806.27	2,134.68	2,463.10	2,955.72
Wilby	973.93	1,136.26	1,298.58	1,460.90	1,785.54	2,110.19	2,434.83	2,921.80
Wollaston	982.78	1,146.59	1,310.39	1,474.18	1,801.77	2,129.37	2,456.96	2,948.36
Wellingborough	984.10	1,148.13	1,312.15	1,476.16	1,804.19	2,132.23	2,460.26	2,952.32

6. the council has determined that its relevant basic amount of council tax for 2016-17 is **not** excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Wellingborough Council, as the billing authority, has **not** been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of council tax for 2016-17 is excessive. Therefore the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Parish/Town Council	2015-16			2016-17			Council Tax Change
	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Tax Band D £	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Tax Band D £	
Bozeat	730	29,900	40.96	754	30,850	40.92	-0.10%
Great Doddington	473	22,000	46.51	489	25,000	51.12	9.91%
Earls Barton	1,836	96,995	52.83	1,838	99,996	54.40	2.97%
Easton Maudit	39	975	25.00	41	975	23.78	-4.88%
Ecton	223	11,908	53.40	229	12,229	53.40	0.00%
Finedon	1,388	51,218	36.90	1,404	54,255	38.64	4.72%
Grendon	236	14,000	59.32	242	14,355	59.32	0.00%
Hardwick	43	1,600	37.21	44	1,600	36.36	-2.28%
Great Harrowden	42	1,180	28.10	43	1,180	27.44	-2.35%
Little Harrowden	329	20,394	61.99	329	20,394	61.99	0.00%
Irchester	1,453	77,755	53.51	1,497	81,755	54.61	2.06%
Isham	306	19,557	63.91	311	22,500	72.35	13.21%
Mears Ashby	216	9,000	41.67	221	9,000	40.72	-2.28%
Orlingbury	226	7,446	32.95	229	7,546	32.95	0.00%
Strixton	15	1,000	66.67	15	1,400	93.33	39.99%
Sywell	348	18,000	51.72	361	22,000	60.94	17.83%
Wilby	214	9,900	46.26	216	9,500	43.98	-4.93%
Wollaston	1,172	65,797	56.14	1,194	68,368	57.26	2.00%
Total Parishes	9,289	458,625	49.37	9,457	482,903	51.06	3.42%
Wellingborough Town	13,901	823,495	59.24	14,023	830,723	59.24	0.00%
TOTAL	23,190	1,282,120		23,480	1,313,626		

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
	£ 000's	£ 000's	£ 000's	£ 000's	£ 000's
Current spending levels B/F	10,922	10,046	9,936	9,575	9,631
Net Changes - Standstill Budget	- 50	-17			
Revised spending levels	10,872	10,029	9,936	9,575	9,631
Inescapable pressures - Operational:					
Pay Inflation	-	-	50	50	50
Additional Contributions to offset Pension Strain	70	70	70	70	70
Insurance premiums	-30				
NI pressures from national contracting out changes					
Local Plan pressures	87	126	-213		
Planning Appeals		100	-100		
Borough Elections	100	-100			120
Partnership/Contract Savings:					
Norse Partnership fee changes	-205	-	-40	-40	-40
Castle Contact Savings - 15% Annual	-38	-33	-28	-24	-21
Contract & Procurement savings	-300				
Service Transformation					
Shared Services	-175				
Asset Management & Service Review:					
Glamis Hall	-185				
Statutory/National Changes:					
Changes in welfare reform demand pressures	-150	-100			
Invest to Save:					
Crematorium Operating net income		-100	-100		
Investment property income		-56			
Total Changes to Base spending levels	-826	-93	-361	56	179
Revised spending levels C/F	10,046	9,936	9,575	9,631	9,810
Financed by:					
Previous use of reserves or savings to be identified:	-564	-625	-619	-604	-891
Central Government Funding	-1,663	-1,239	-806	-531	-223
Efficiency Support Grant (one off)	-74	-	-	-	-
Council Tax Freeze Grant	-32	-	-	-	-
Business Rates Retention Scheme - Baseline	-2,197	-2,215	-2,259	-2,325	-2,400
Business Rates Retention Scheme - Growth	-786	-587	-599	-617	-636
Business Rates Retention Scheme - Pooling Benefit	-190	-294	-299	-308	-318
Section 31 Grant	-501	-479	-	-	-
Business Rates Collection Fund (-surplus/deficit)	699	679	-	-	-
Total Business Rates Income	-2,975	-2,896	-3,157	-3,250	-3,354
Council Tax - Baseline	-3,501	-3,533	-3,662	-3,807	-3,954
Council Tax - Growth (1.5%)	-	-28	-64	-106	-151
Council Tax - Band D Increase (£5 & 1.99%)	-	-117	-136	-138	-141
Council Tax Collection Fund (-surplus/deficit)	-130	-3	-	-	-
Total Council Tax Income	-3,631	-3,681	-3,862	-4,051	-4,246
New Homes Bonus additional income above current budget	-1,001	-1,457	-1,146	-908	-905
Planned use of Ear Marked Reserves	-95	-44	-	-	-
Total On going Funding available	-9,471	-9,317	-8,971	-8,740	-8,728
Total Funding including the one off use of reserves from previous years	-10,035	-9,942	-9,590	-9,344	-9,619
Additional savings needed to balance budget/additional use of reserves (+) or reduced need for reserves (-)	11	-6	-15	287	191
Original Cumulative Total Savings needed:	575	619	604	891	1,082
Changes as a result of in year Budget Monitoring	50	-	-	-	-
Revised Cumulative Total Savings needed:	625	619	604	891	1,082
General Fund Reserves as at 1st April	-3,984	-4,524	-3,921	-3,317	-2,426
Less used to fund annual base shortfalls	625	619	604	891	1,082
Use of Budget Implementation reserve	-625	-16			
Business Rates Equalisation Reserve					
Contribution -to/from GF Reserves	-540				
Total revised General Fund Balance	-4,524	-3,921	-3,317	-2,426	-1,344

10. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2016/17

The annexed circulated report of the Head of Resources was received in relation to the council's pay policy statement for publication by 1 April 2016.

The draft pay policy statement was appended to the report and notable changes were detailed therein.

Councillor Henley expressed his surprise that the last review of the Chief Executive's salary was in July 2004 and asked if this could be placed on a future agenda for Resources Committee. The leader confirmed that he would seek guidance on this.

RESOLVED that the Pay Policy Statement 2016/17 be approved for publication.

11. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND/OR MOTIONS

There were no questions or motions from members.

12. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE DIRECTION OF THE MAYOR OR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING:

Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) Liaison Group

It was proposed that Councillor M Waters be appointed to the Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) Liaison Group, as the representative for Redwell Ward.

History of Wellingborough – Presentation by Councillor Carr

The Mayor reminded members that this was taking place on Thursday 3 March in the Council Chamber, with proceeds going to his mayoral charity. There were two sessions, with tickets available from his secretary.

Mayor

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

