

CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD IN
VICTORIA ROOM, LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN HALL
ON 1ST MARCH 2022

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Baines)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Tillotson)

Councillor Bailey	Councillor Lowe
Councillor Barkley	Councillor Miah
Councillor Bokor	Councillor Morgan
Councillor Boldrin	Councillor Needham
Councillor S. Bradshaw	Councillor Parsons
Councillor Campsall	Councillor Parton
Councillor Charles	Councillor Poland
Councillor Forrest	Councillor Ranson
Councillor Gerrard	Councillor Rattray
Councillor Goddard	Councillor Savage
Councillor Gray	Councillor Shepherd
Councillor Gray	Councillor Taylor
Councillor Hamilton	Councillor Tillotson
Councillor Harper-Davies	Councillor Ward
Councillor C. Harris	Councillor Williams
Councillor K. Harris	

The Mayor made the following announcement:

“I would like to make it clear that we stand as a Council in solidarity with Ukraine and the Ukrainian people. We are currently flying the Ukrainian flag at the Southfields building and it will be lit in the Ukrainian national colours. We stand to offer support to the refugees as the situation unfolds, as and when that occurs.”

146. APOLOGIES

Councillor Barkley arrived at the meeting at 5:35pm.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Bentley, J Bradshaw, Brookes, Capleton, Draycott, Fryer, Grimley, Hadji-Nikolaou, Howe, Mercer, Murphy, Pacey, Paling, Popley, Radford, Rollings, Seaton, Snartt and Smidowicz.

Apologies for absence had also been received from Honorary Aldermen Bush, Day Shields, Stott and Tormey.

147. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

The following disclosures of pecuniary and personal interests were made:

- i. by Councillor Barkley - a personal interest in item 3 on the agenda (Council Tax 2022-23) as a member of Leicestershire County Council and Syston Town Council.
- ii. by Councillor Charles – a personal interest in item 3 on the agenda (Council Tax 2022-23) as a member of Thurcaston and Cropston Parish Council.
- iii. by Councillor Forrest – a personal interest in item 3 on the agenda (Council Tax 2022-23) as Chair of Barrow upon Soar Parish Council.
- iv. by Councillor Lowe - a personal interest in item 3 on the agenda (Council Tax 2022-23) as Chairman of Thurmaston Parish Council.
- v. by Councillor Miah – a personal interest in item 3 on the agenda (Council Tax 2022-23) as a member of Leicestershire County Council.
- vi. by Councillor Morgan – a personal interest in item 3 on the agenda (Council Tax 2022-23) as a member of Leicestershire County Council.
- vii. by Councillor Needham - a personal interest in item 3 on the agenda (Council Tax 2022-23) as Chair of East Goscote Parish Council.
- viii. by Councillor Parton - a personal interest in item 3 on the agenda (Council Tax 2022-23) as a member of Leicestershire County Council.
- ix. by Councillor Poland – a personal interest in item 3 on the agenda (Council Tax 2022-23) as a member of Leicestershire County Council and as his wife is a member of Thurmaston Parish Council.
- x. by Councillor Ranson – a personal interest in item 3 on the agenda (Council Tax 2022-23) as a member of Barrow Upon Soar Parish Council.
- xi. by Councillor Savage - a personal interest in item 3 on the agenda (Council Tax 2022-23) as a member of Shepshed Town Council.
- xii. by Councillor Shepherd – a personal interest in item 3 on the agenda (Council Tax 2022-23) as a member of Leicestershire County Council.
- xiii. by Councillor Taylor – a personal interest in item 3 on the agenda (Council Tax 2022-23) as a member of Leicestershire County Council.
- xiv. by Councillor Williams - a personal interest in item 3 on the agenda (Council Tax 2022-23) as a member of Shepshed Town Council.

148. COUNCIL TAX 2022-23

An additional budget report was submitted to enable the Council to complete the adoption of a General Fund Revenue Budget and a Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

Budget for Charnwood Borough Council, including the precept requirements of the major preceptors.

Due to the timings of the Borough Council and County Council meetings it was necessary to defer approval of the Council Tax levy calculations for 2022/23 to ensure that approvals are in line with legislative requirements.

The levy calculations were an arithmetic exercise to aggregate the total council tax billings based on the approved precepts of the County Council, the Police, the Combined Fire Authority and town and parish councils, as well as the Borough Council.

This report was to ask the Council to approve the Council Tax levy calculations for 2022/23 to ensure that the adoption of the complete budget and the associated council tax billing implications were in line with legislative requirements.

Councillors were reminded that it was a legal requirement that all votes taken on this item, including votes on amendments must be recorded votes.

Councillors highlighted that they were unified in their support for Ukraine and its citizens during the current invasion. Leicestershire councils had shown solidarity and were committed to offering support where appropriate.

It was proposed by Councillor Barkley and seconded by Councillor Rollings that recommendations 1 and 2 outlined in the supplementary additional budget report be approved for reasons set out in the report.

For the motion – Councillors Bailey, Baines, Barkley, Bokor, S Bradshaw, Campsall, Charles, Gerrard, Harper-Davies, Lowe, Morgan, Needham, Parsons, Parton, Poland, Ranson, Rattray, Savage, Shepherd, Taylor, Williams.

Against the motion – Councillors Boldrin, A Gray, B Gray, Forrest, Goddard, Hamilton, C Harris, K Harris, Miah, Ward.

Abstentions – Councillor Tillotson.

RESOLVED that the Council adopts recommendations 1 and 2 as set out in the supplementary additional budget report.

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the supplementary additional budget report.

Note:

These minutes are subject to confirmation as a correct record at the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Monday 25th April 2022.