



City of Douglas

City Hall,
Douglas,
31st January, 2025

At a SPECIAL MEETING of the COUNCIL of the CITY OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 10.00 a.m. on FRIDAY, the 31st day of JANUARY, 2025, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the CITY HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

COUNCILLOR MRS NATALIE BYRON-TEARE, JP

Councillors

Mr I.J.G. Clague, MBE

Mr D.R. Watson

Mr S.R. Crellin

Mrs C.L. Wells

Mr F. Horning

Ms J. Thommeny

Mr P.J. Washington

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Environment and Regeneration, and the Director of Housing and Property were in attendance.

Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner and Mr Councillor A.J. Bentley.

1. **Papers before the Council**

Members had before them:

- (1) Minutes of Special Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday, 16th January, 2025.
- (2) The Director of Finance's budget report and estimates of expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2026, incorporating amendments made by the respective Committees.

2. **Executive Committee – 16th January, 2025**

Borough Rate 2025/2026

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in report of special meeting held on Thursday, 16th January, 2025, and containing the recommendation:

*"That in accordance with Section 11 of the Local Government Act 2006, a Borough Rate of **SIX HUNDRED AND SEVEN PENCE** in the pound on the net annual value of all rateable property in the Borough be levied for the year ending 31st March, 2026."*

together with the associated budget report and estimates be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

Further motion moved by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, "That the Council consider the Motion in Committee."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically and the Motion was carried unanimously.

Further Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, "That the Council resume proceedings in Council."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically and the Motion was carried unanimously.

On resumption of proceedings in Council:

Further Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, "That the pay award assumption of 4.5% for the current financial year, 2024/25, be reduced to 4%."

Question put on further Motion, a vote was taken electronically and the Motion was carried unanimously.

Further Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, "That the growth item for an increase in establishment in the HR Department be not supported for the 2025/26 budget."

Question put on Further Motion, a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the Motion: Councillors: Mr D.R. Watson, Ms J. Thommeny, Mr P.J. Washington, the Mayor – 4

Against: Councillors: Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mr F. Horning – 4

The Mayor exercised her casting vote **For** the Motion and the Motion was carried.

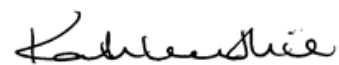
Question put on amended Motion containing the recommendation:

*"That in accordance with Section 11 of the Local Government Act 2006, a Borough Rate of **SIX HUNDRED AND TWO PENCE** in the pound on the net annual value of all rateable property in the Borough be levied for the year ending 31st March, 2026."*

together with the associated budget report and estimates be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

Question put on amended Motion, a vote was taken electronically and was carried unanimously.

The Council rose at 11.01am.



Town Clerk & Chief Executive