



Borough of Douglas

Town Hall,

Douglas,

29th January, 2020

At a SPECIAL MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 10.00 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 29th day of JANUARY, 2020, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the TOWN HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

MR COUNCILLOR JONATHAN JOUGHIN, JP

Councillors

Miss N.A. Byron

Mrs R. Chatel

Mr I.J.G. Clague, MBE (from 10.17am)

Mr D.W. Christian, MBE, JP

Mrs C.E. Crawley

Mrs C.L. Wells

Mr A.J. Bentley

Mr F. Horning

Mr R.H. McNicholl

Mr J.E. Skinner

Ms K. Angela

Mrs E.C. Quirk

Ms J. Thommeny

Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr Councillor S.R. Pitts, Councillor Mrs H. Callow and Councillor Miss D.A.M. Pitts.

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

1. **Papers before the Council**

Members had before them:

- (1) Minutes of Pensions Committee meeting as contained in Clause C1 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 27th November, 2019 in relation to revenue estimates for 2020/21.
- (2) Minutes of Housing Committee meeting as contained in Clauses C1 and C2 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 16th October, 2019 in relation to fees and charges for 2020/21 and the draft capital programme for 2020/21 and minutes of Housing Committee meeting as contained in Clause C1 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 18th December, 2019 in relation to revenue estimates for 2020/21.
- (3) Minutes of special Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday, 16th January, 2020.
- (4) The Director of Finance's Budget Report and estimates of expenditure for the year commencing 1st April, 2020 incorporating amendments made by the respective Committees.

2. **Pensions Committee – 27th November, 2019 – Clause C1**

Motion moved by Councillor Ms K. Angela, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 27th November, 2019, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

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

3. **Attendance**

During discussion of the following item Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague joined the meeting.

4. **Housing Committee – 16th October, 2019 – Clauses C1 and C2 and 18th December, 2019 – Clause C1**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.E. Crawley, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in Clauses C1 and C2 of report of meeting held on Wednesday 16th October, 2019 and the minutes of proceedings of the Housing Committee, as contained in Clause C1 of report of meeting held on Wednesday, 18th December, 2019, be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

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

5. **Executive Committee – 16th January, 2020**

Borough Rate 2020/2021

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, seconded by Mr Councillor R.H. McNicholl, "That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, as contained in report of special meeting held on Thursday, 16th January, 2020 and containing the recommendation;

*"That in accordance with Section 11 of the Local Government Act 2006, a Borough Rate of **FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR PENCE** in the pound, a 2.5 percent increase on the net annual value of all rateable property in the Borough be levied for the year ending 31st March 2021."*

together with the associated Budget Report and Estimates be received, approved and adopted by the Council."

Further Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Mr Councillor D.W. Christian, "That the Council consider the Motion in Committee."

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

During discussion the Council adjourned proceedings at 11.16am and resumed at 11.38am with the same Members and officers present.

Further Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Councillor Mrs C.E. Crawley, "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:

Amendment moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, "That the following words be added to the Motion; with the exception of resolution (ii) of Clause 8 of the report of the Committee meeting, which be deleted and referred back to the Committee for further consideration with a view to;

- 1) the roll-out of alternate weekly collections commencing in November, 2020;
- 2) the proposal to introduce a garden waste collection service be further investigated;

- 3) the acquisition of suitable receptacles for garden waste, in the sum of £105,000, proceed; and
- 4) the issue of additional recycling receptacles to households prior to introduction of alternate weekly collections.”

Question put on amendment, a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the amendment, Councillors: Miss N.A. Byron, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr F. Horning – **3**

Against – Councillors: Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr D.W. Christian, Mrs C.E. Crawley, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mr J.E. Skinner, Mrs E.C. Quirk, Ms J. Thommeny, Ms K. Angela, the Mayor – **11**

Amendment fell.

Further amendment moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Councillor Miss N.A. Byron, “That the following words be added to the motion; with the exception of Line LS 00095 in the Capital Programme, creation of a 9-hole Crazy Golf Course at Noble’s Park, which be deleted from the Capital Programme.”

Question put on further amendment, a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the amendment, Councillors: Miss N.A. Byron, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr F. Horning – **3**

Against – Councillors: Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr D.W. Christian, Mrs C.E. Crawley, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mr J.E. Skinner, Mrs E.C. Quirk, Ms J. Thommeny, Ms K. Angela, the Mayor – **11**

Amendment fell.

Question put on original Motion, a vote was taken electronically and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors: Miss N.A. Byron, Mr I.J.G. Clague, Mrs R. Chatel, Mr D.W. Christian, Mrs C.E. Crawley, Mrs C.L. Wells, Mr A.J. Bentley, Mr R.H. McNicholl, Mr J.E. Skinner, Mrs E.C. Quirk, Ms J. Thommeny, Ms K. Angela, the Mayor – **13**

Against – Mr Councillor F. Horning – **1**

Motion carried.

The Council rose at 12.42pm.



Town Clerk & Chief Executive