

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

BUDGET COUNCIL

4.30pm 28 FEBRUARY 2019

HOVE TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBER

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Simson (Chair), Phillips (Deputy Chair), Allen, Atkinson, Barford, Barnett, Bell, Bennett, Bewick, Brown, Cattell, Chapman, Cobb, Daniel, Deane, Druitt, Gibson, Gilbey, Greenbaum, Hamilton, Hill, Horan, Hyde, Inkpin-Leissner, Janio, Lewry, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Marsh, Meadows, Mears, Miller, Mitchell, Moonan, Morgan, Nemeth, A Norman, K Norman, Page, Peltzer Dunn, Platts, Robins, Sykes, Taylor, C Theobald, G Theobald, Wares, Wealls, West and Yates.

PART ONE

70 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 70.1 Councillor Simson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 73, General Fund Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Strategy 2019/20 and in particular to Conservative Group Amendment 1 as she was a Trustee and Treasurer of the Deans Youth Project; and confirmed that she had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer;
- 70.2 Councillor Nemeth declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 73, General Fund Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Strategy 2019/20 as he was the Chairman of the Friends of Hove Lagoon; and confirmed that he had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer;
- 70.3 Councillor C. Theobald declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 73, General Fund Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Strategy 2019/20 as she was the President of Mencap Brighton; and confirmed that she had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer;
- 70.4 Councillor Druitt declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 73, General Fund Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Strategy 2019/20. He was the General Manager of Brighton & Hove Community Transport which currently operates the Easylink service and is contracted to do so until 31 March, which could be affected by the Green Group Amendment. He also received an income from The Big Lemon, as a shareholder. He also confirmed that his wife was employed by the national HIV and sexual health charity Terrence Higgins Trust, which could be affected if either Conservative or Green amendments to the budget were passed. He confirmed that he

had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer;

- 70.5 Councillor Phillips declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 73, General Fund Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Strategy 2019/20 as she was employed by the national HIV and sexual health charity Terrence Higgins Trust, which could be affected if either the Conservative and/or Green amendments to the budget were passed. She was also the partner of Tom Druitt who was the General Manager of Brighton & Hove Community Transport which currently operated the Easylink service and is contracted to do so until 31 March. If the Green Amendment on Easylink was passed, there was a possibility it would impact on the service. She confirmed that she had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer;
- 70.6 Councillor Yates declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 73, General Fund Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Strategy 2019/20 as his partner was employed by Sanctuary Housing. He confirmed that he had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer;
- 70.7 Councillor Atkinson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 73, General Fund Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Strategy 2019/20 as he and his wife both worked for the Sussex Partnership NHS Trust and the council had a number of jointly funded services with the Trust. He confirmed that he had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer;
- 70.8 Councillor Robins declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 73, General Fund Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Strategy 2019/20 as he rented an allotment from the Council; and confirmed that he had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer;
- 70.9 Councillor Deane declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 73, General Fund Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Strategy 2019/20 as her partner worked for the Grace Eyre Foundation; and confirmed that she had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on the item by the Monitoring Officer;
- 70.10 No other declarations of interests in matters appearing on the agenda were made.

71 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.

- 71.1 The Mayor stated that she had been informed of the passing of two former Councillors, David Laing, Councillor for Elm Grove on Brighton County Borough Council, and Peter Willows, Councillor, in Hangleton Ward for 15 years. In addition, she had also been informed of the passing of Mr. Len Stafford, President of Royal Air Forces Association of Brighton. She therefore invited everyone to stand for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

72 ADOPTION OF SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR BUDGET COUNCIL

- 72.1 The Mayor referred to the proposed special budget procedure rules that had been circulated as part of the agenda and were detailed in the addendum, pages 5 – 14 and proposed that the Council procedure rules be suspended to the extent necessary to

enable the meeting to be conducted under the rules as modified by the procedural note as circulated.

72.2 **RESOLVED:** That the special procedural rules as circulated be adopted for the meeting and that the Council Standing Orders be suspended to the extent that it enabled the meeting to be conducted under the rules agreed.

73 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET, COUNCIL TAX AND CAPITAL STRATEGY 2019/20

- 73.1 The Mayor noted that the principal budget items listed as Items 73 and 75 on the agenda would be debated together, along with Item 74 Supplementary Financial Information, once the proposed budget and the various amendments had been moved and seconded. She therefore invited Councillor Yates to propose the budget for 2019/20.
- 73.2 Councillor Yates thanked the Mayor and stated that this budget brought to an end the 4-year planning cycle for the Administration and he wished to thank finance officers, all the officers across the council and Members involved in delivering this budget process. He acknowledged that the council continued to face unprecedented demands and pressures but had sought to tackle these and to bring investment and development into the city. He noted that the Valley Gardens project was coming forward and the development at Preston Barracks would see over 1,000 student units and new homes for residents. The Royal Sussex County Hospital redevelopment was going well, and plans were advanced for improvements to the seafront and West Street. However, the impact of Brexit was something that still needed to be considered and planned for if the city's economy was to continue to grow.
- 73.3 He noted that there were ongoing changes to shopping habits and on-line retail which would have to be accounted for. The city's own retail economy was strong, with the 5th lowest rate for vacant properties in the high street and a key component for the future would be the plans for the Waterfront development. There was also a need to ensure that the city's heritage was protected with valuable icons such as the Royal Pavilion.
- 73.4 He also acknowledged that the council's staff were its most valuable asset and services needed to be supported going forward. He was pleased to note that there had been no compulsory redundancies to date even with the severe reductions in resources and significant changes to welfare reforms etc. He referred to key items in the budget which included support for children and social care, adult social care, investment in cycling and walking infrastructure, the field officer service, housing schemes and support for homeless and rough sleeping.
- 73.5 Councillor Yates stated that the overall budget proposals aimed to enable the council to deliver its services and meet the needs of residents. He believed that the Council had achieved a great deal and was delivering across all its services. He was proud to be able to lead an excellent team and commended the budget to the council.
- 73.6 Councillor Hamilton formally seconded the budget proposals and stated that was grateful for all the work undertaken by officers and his colleagues in securing a balanced budget for 2019/20. There were significant pressures that still needed to be addressed

in certain areas such as the i360 and capital expenditure. He also reminded councillors of the potential impact for future budgets should the council tax increase not be agreed. However, overall, he believed the 4-year programme had been vindicated and hoped that the budget would be supported.

- 73.7 Councillor Wealls formally moved the Conservative Group's amendments 1-3 and stated that he wished to thank the finance officers who had assisted with the budget process and to thank the Members of the Conservative Group for their contributions. He then referred to the Administration's period of office and questioned areas where he believed there were failings e.g. not getting the Dome into Trust status, the King Alfred remaining undeveloped, rough sleeping remained an area to be addressed, the lack of secondary schools being out-standing and under-achievement of young people, the failure to meet the recycling target of 38%, traffic congestion, lost bin collections, the lack of housing in the city, and the general state of the city.
- 73.8 Councillor Wealls questioned whether the current budget proposals would prevent compulsory redundancies and referred to the Conservative amendments which sought to invest in much needed areas and improve residents' lives. He therefore hoped that the amendments could be supported.
- 73.9 Councillor Janio formally seconded the amendments and thanked officers for their assistance with the budget process. He also wished to pay tribute to Councillor Wealls for his services to the Group and as an advocate for the city. The Conservative amendments sought to reduce waste and supported a number of services and put forward a smaller increase in council tax as a clear commitment to residents who would receive improved services at less cost. He therefore urged councillors to support the amendments.
- 73.10 Councillor Sykes moved the Green Group's five amendments relating to the General Fund and the Housing Revenue Account. He stated that also wished to thank the finance officers for their support during the budget process. He stated that there was a real need to consider how the proposed increase in council tax could be afforded by those who were in vulnerable positions and questioned the budget proposals which he felt did not address the needs of the city. He believed the Green Group's amendments would have a real impact and should be supported. They would protect services and enable improvements to be made such as to the environment and help to address climate change by investing in the Sustainability Team. He could not support the Conservative amendments and recommended the Green amendments to the council.
- 73.11 Councillor Mac Cafferty formally seconded the Green Group's amendments and stated that it there was a need to protect front-line services and ensure value for money was achieved with contracts. There was a need to get the basics right and to improve resources with investment in areas to tackle issues such as climate change. He also wished to thank Councillor Sykes for his work on the budget proposals and scrutiny of the budgets over the last four years.
- 73.12 The Mayor then opened the matter up to a general debate and the following Members of the Council spoke on the various amendments that had been put forward as well as the general prevailing budget proposals and position:

Councillors Daniel, Deane, Taylor, Hill, Page, Peltzer Dunn, Inkpin-Leissner, Cattell, Lewry, Phillips, Mitchell, Druitt, G. Theobald, Bewick, Miller, Gibson, Mears, Robins, Littman, Wares, Moonan, Meadows, Bell, Greenbaum, C. Theobald, and Hamilton.

73.13 The Mayor noted that all Members wishing to speak during the debate had done so. She then called on Councillor Mitchell to respond to the debate and the amendments.

73.14 Councillor Mitchell thanked the Mayor and all Members for their contributions during the debate. She wished to reiterate the thanks to the staff involved in preparing the overall budget and noted the tremendous amount of work that went into bringing the proposals to the meeting. She could not accept the Conservative amendments but was happy to support the Green amendment No.1 as it added real value to the budget. She therefore recommended the budget proposals as outlined to the council for approval.

73.15 The Mayor noted that the meeting had been in progress for two and a half hours and stated that she felt a short adjournment should be held. She therefore adjourned the meeting for a period of 20 minutes.

73.16 The meeting was adjourned at 7.10pm and the Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7.35pm.

73.17 The Mayor stated that in view of the fact that the amendments related to either the General Fund or the Housing revenue Account, she intended to put each one to the vote. However, she would call on the Executive Director for Finance & Resources to confirm the budgetary position should any amendment be carried and have an impact on the overall budget as necessary. She would then put the substantive recommendations to the vote as outlined in the procedural rules.

73.18 The Mayor then asked for the electronic voting system to be activated and put the Conservative Group amendments No's.1 to 3 to the vote as detailed below:

Conservative Amendment No.1

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen		X		28	Marsh		X	
2	Atkinson		X		29	Meadows	√		
3	Barford		X		30	Mears	√		
4	Barnett	√			31	Miller	√		
5	Bell	√			32	Mitchell		X	
6	Bennett	√			33	Moonan		X	
7	Bewick		X		34	Morgan		X	
8	Brown	√			35	Morris			
9	Cattell		X		36	Nemeth	√		

10	Chapman		X		37	Norman A	√			
11	Cobb	√			38	Norman K	√			
12	Daniel		X		39	O'Quinn		X		
13	Deane		X		40	Page		X		
14	Druitt		X		41	Peltzer Dunn	√			
15	Gibson		X		42	Phillips		X		
16	Gilbey		X		43	Platts		X		
17	Greenbaum		X		44	Robins		X		
18	Hamilton		X		45	Simson	√			
19	Hill		X		46	Sykes		X		
20	Horan		X		47	Taylor	√			
21	Hyde	√			48	Theobald C	√			
22	Inkpin-Leissner		X		49	Theobald G	√			
23	Janio	√			50	Wares	√			
24	Knight	Not present			51	Wealls	√			
25	Lewry	√			52	West		X		
26	Littman		X		53	Yates		X		
27	Mac Cafferty		X		54					
							Total	21	30	0

77.20 The Mayor confirmed that the amendment had been **lost** by 21 votes to 30 with no abstentions.

Conservative Amendment No.2

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen		X		28	Marsh		X	
2	Atkinson		X		29	Meadows	√		
3	Barford		X		30	Mears	√		
4	Barnett	√			31	Miller	√		
5	Bell	√			32	Mitchell		X	
6	Bennett	√			33	Moonan		X	

7	Bewick		X		34	Morgan		X		
8	Brown	√			35	Morris				
9	Cattell		X		36	Nemeth	√			
10	Chapman		X		37	Norman A	√			
11	Cobb	√			38	Norman K	√			
12	Daniel		X		39	O'Quinn		X		
13	Deane		X		40	Page		X		
14	Druitt		X		41	Peltzer Dunn	√			
15	Gibson		X		42	Phillips		X		
16	Gilbey		X		43	Platts		X		
17	Greenbaum		X		44	Robins		X		
18	Hamilton		X		45	Simson	√			
19	Hill		X		46	Sykes		X		
20	Horan		X		47	Taylor	√			
21	Hyde	√			48	Theobald C	√			
22	Inkpin-Leissner		X		49	Theobald G	√			
23	Janio	√			50	Wares	√			
24	Knight	Not present			51	Wealls	√			
25	Lewry	√			52	West		X		
26	Littman		X		53	Yates		X		
27	Mac Cafferty		X		54					
							Total	21	30	0

77.21 The Mayor confirmed that the amendment had been **lost** by 21 votes to 30 with no abstentions.

Conservative Amendment No.3

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen		X		28	Marsh		X	
2	Atkinson		X		29	Meadows	√		
3	Barford		X		30	Mears	√		

4	Barnett	√			31	Miller	√		
5	Bell	√			32	Mitchell		X	
6	Bennett	√			33	Moonan		X	
7	Bewick		X		34	Morgan		X	
8	Brown	√			35	Morris			
9	Cattell		X		36	Nemeth	√		
10	Chapman		X		37	Norman A	√		
11	Cobb	√			38	Norman K	√		
12	Daniel		X		39	O'Quinn		X	
13	Deane		X		40	Page		X	
14	Druitt		X		41	Peltzer Dunn	√		
15	Gibson		X		42	Phillips		X	
16	Gilbey		X		43	Platts		X	
17	Greenbaum		X		44	Robins		X	
18	Hamilton		X		45	Simson	√		
19	Hill		X		46	Sykes		X	
20	Horan		X		47	Taylor	√		
21	Hyde	√			48	Theobald C	√		
22	Inkpin-Leissner		X		49	Theobald G	√		
23	Janio	√			50	Wares	√		
24	Knight		Not present		51	Wealls	√		
25	Lewry	√			52	West		X	
26	Littman		X		53	Yates		X	
27	Mac Cafferty		X		54				
						Total	21	30	0

77.22 The Mayor confirmed that the amendment had been **lost** by 21 votes to 30 with no abstentions.

77.23 The Mayor then asked for the electronic voting system to be activated and put the Green Group amendments No's.1 to 5 to the vote as detailed below:

Green Amendment No.1

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen	√			28	Marsh	√		
2	Atkinson	√			29	Meadows		X	
3	Barford	√			30	Mears		X	
4	Barnett		X		31	Miller		X	
5	Bell		X		32	Mitchell	√		
6	Bennett		X		33	Moonan	√		
7	Bewick	√			34	Morgan	√		
8	Brown		X		35	Morris			
9	Cattell	√			36	Nemeth		X	
10	Chapman	√			37	Norman A		X	
11	Cobb		X		38	Norman K		X	
12	Daniel	√			39	O'Quinn	√		
13	Deane	√			40	Page	√		
14	Druitt	√			41	Peltzer Dunn		X	
15	Gibson	√			42	Phillips	√		
16	Gilbey	√			43	Platts	√		
17	Greenbaum	√			44	Robins	√		
18	Hamilton	√			45	Simson		X	
19	Hill	√			46	Sykes	√		
20	Horan	√			47	Taylor		X	
21	Hyde		X		48	Theobald C		X	
22	Inkpin-Leissner	√			49	Theobald G		X	
23	Janio		X		50	Wares		X	
24	Knight	Not present			51	Wealls		X	
25	Lewry		X		52	West	√		
26	Littman	√			53	Yates	√		
27	Mac Cafferty	√			54				
						Total	30	21	0

77.24 The Mayor confirmed that the amendment had been **carried** by 30 votes to 21 with no abstentions.

Green Amendment No.2

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen	√			28	Marsh	√		
2	Atkinson	√			29	Meadows		X	
3	Barford	√			30	Mears		X	
4	Barnett		X		31	Miller		X	
5	Bell		X		32	Mitchell	√		
6	Bennett		X		33	Moonan	√		
7	Bewick	√			34	Morgan	√		
8	Brown		X		35	Morris			
9	Cattell	√			36	Nemeth		X	
10	Chapman	√			37	Norman A		X	
11	Cobb		X		38	Norman K		X	
12	Daniel	√			39	O'Quinn	√		
13	Deane	√			40	Page	√		
14	Druitt	√			41	Peltzer Dunn		X	
15	Gibson	√			42	Phillips	√		
16	Gilbey	√			43	Platts	√		
17	Greenbaum	√			44	Robins	√		
18	Hamilton	√			45	Simson		X	
19	Hill	√			46	Sykes	√		
20	Horan	√			47	Taylor		X	
21	Hyde		X		48	Theobald C		X	
22	Inkpin-Leissner	√			49	Theobald G		X	
23	Janio		X		50	Wares		X	
24	Knight	Not present			51	Wealls		X	
25	Lewry		X		52	West	√		
26	Littman	√			53	Yates	√		

27	Mac Cafferty	√			54				
						Total	30	21	0

77.25 The Mayor confirmed that the amendment had been **carried** by 30 votes to 21 with no abstentions.

Green Amendment No.3

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen	√			28	Marsh	√		
2	Atkinson	√			29	Meadows		X	
3	Barford	√			30	Mears		X	
4	Barnett		X		31	Miller		X	
5	Bell		X		32	Mitchell	√		
6	Bennett		X		33	Moonan	√		
7	Bewick	√			34	Morgan	√		
8	Brown		X		35	Morris			
9	Cattell	√			36	Nemeth		X	
10	Chapman	√			37	Norman A		X	
11	Cobb		X		38	Norman K		X	
12	Daniel	√			39	O'Quinn	√		
13	Deane	√			40	Page	√		
14	Druitt	√			41	Peltzer Dunn		X	
15	Gibson	√			42	Phillips	√		
16	Gilbey	√			43	Platts	√		
17	Greenbaum	√			44	Robins	√		
18	Hamilton	√			45	Simson		X	
19	Hill	√			46	Sykes	√		
20	Horan	√			47	Taylor		X	
21	Hyde		X		48	Theobald C		X	
22	Inkpin-Leissner	√			49	Theobald G		X	
23	Janio		X		50	Wares		X	

24	Knight	Not present			51	Wealls		X	
25	Lewry		X		52	West	√		
26	Littman	√			53	Yates	√		
27	Mac Cafferty	√			54				
						Total	30	21	0

77.26 The Mayor confirmed that the amendment had been **carried** by 30 votes to 21 with no abstentions.

Green Amendment No.4

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen	√			28	Marsh	√		
2	Atkinson	√			29	Meadows		X	
3	Barford	√			30	Mears		X	
4	Barnett		X		31	Miller		X	
5	Bell		X		32	Mitchell	√		
6	Bennett		X		33	Moonan	√		
7	Bewick	√			34	Morgan	√		
8	Brown		X		35	Morris			
9	Cattell	√			36	Nemeth		X	
10	Chapman	√			37	Norman A		X	
11	Cobb		X		38	Norman K		X	
12	Daniel	√			39	O'Quinn	√		
13	Deane	√			40	Page	√		
14	Druitt	√			41	Peltzer Dunn		X	
15	Gibson	√			42	Phillips	√		
16	Gilbey	√			43	Platts	√		
17	Greenbaum	√			44	Robins	√		
18	Hamilton	√			45	Simson		X	
19	Hill	√			46	Sykes	√		
20	Horan	√			47	Taylor		X	

21	Hyde		X		48	Theobald C		X	
22	Inkpin-Leissner	√			49	Theobald G		X	
23	Janio		X		50	Wares		X	
24	Knight	Not present			51	Wealls		X	
25	Lewry		X		52	West	√		
26	Littman	√			53	Yates	√		
27	Mac Cafferty	√			54				
						Total	30	21	0

77.27 The Mayor confirmed that the amendment had been **carried** by 30 votes to 21 with no abstentions.

Green Amendment No.5

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen	√			28	Marsh	√		
2	Atkinson	√			29	Meadows		X	
3	Barford	√			30	Mears		X	
4	Barnett		X		31	Miller		X	
5	Bell		X		32	Mitchell	√		
6	Bennett		X		33	Moonan	√		
7	Bewick	√			34	Morgan	√		
8	Brown		X		35	Morris			
9	Cattell	√			36	Nemeth		X	
10	Chapman	√			37	Norman A		X	
11	Cobb		X		38	Norman K		X	
12	Daniel	√			39	O'Quinn	√		
13	Deane	√			40	Page	√		
14	Druitt	√			41	Peltzer Dunn		X	
15	Gibson	√			42	Phillips	√		
16	Gilbey	√			43	Platts	√		
17	Greenbaum	√			44	Robins	√		

18	Hamilton	√			45	Simson		X	
19	Hill	√			46	Sykes	√		
20	Horan	√			47	Taylor		X	
21	Hyde		X		48	Theobald C		X	
22	Inkpin-Leissner	√			49	Theobald G		X	
23	Janio		X		50	Wares		X	
24	Knight	Not present			51	Wealls		X	
25	Lewry		X		52	West	√		
26	Littman	√			53	Yates	√		
27	Mac Cafferty	√			54				
						Total	30	21	0

77.28 The Mayor confirmed that the amendment had been **carried** by 30 votes to 21 with no abstentions.

77.29 The Mayor noted that all three Conservative Group amendments had been lost and that the five Green amendments had been carried. She therefore asked the Executive Director for Finance & Resources to confirm the overall position in relation to the budget and proposed council tax increase.

77.30 The Executive Director for Finance & Resources stated that following the approval of the Green Group's amendments No's. 1, 2 and 5 there was a need to revise the council tax resolution prior to a vote on the overall budget.

77.31 The Mayor stated that she would adjourn the meeting for a short period to enable officers to revise the council tax resolution and circulate copies to Members.

77.32 The meeting was then adjourned at 19.52pm.

77.33 The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 20.03 and confirmed that Members had received copies of the revised council tax resolution and asked for the electronic voting system to be activated. The Mayor then put the proposed General Fund Revenue Budget as amended based on a 2.99% council tax increase to the vote as detailed below:

General Fund Budget proposal

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen	√			28	Marsh	√		
2	Atkinson	√			29	Meadows		X	
3	Barford	√			30	Mears		X	

4	Barnett		X		31	Miller		X	
5	Bell		X		32	Mitchell	√		
6	Bennett		X		33	Moonan	√		
7	Bewick	√			34	Morgan	√		
8	Brown		X		35	Morris			
9	Cattell	√			36	Nemeth		X	
10	Chapman	√			37	Norman A		X	
11	Cobb		X		38	Norman K		X	
12	Daniel	√			39	O'Quinn	√		
13	Deane			Ab	40	Page			Ab
14	Druitt			Ab	41	Peltzer Dunn		X	
15	Gibson			Ab	42	Phillips			Ab
16	Gilbey	√			43	Platts	√		
17	Greenbaum			Ab	44	Robins	√		
18	Hamilton	√			45	Simson		X	
19	Hill	√			46	Sykes			Ab
20	Horan	√			47	Taylor		X	
21	Hyde		X		48	Theobald C		X	
22	Inkpin-Leissner	√			49	Theobald G		X	
23	Janio		X		50	Wares		X	
24	Knight		Not present		51	Wealls		X	
25	Lewry		X		52	West			Ab
26	Littman			Ab	53	Yates	√		
27	Mac Cafferty			Ab	54				
						Total	20	21	10

77.34 The Mayor confirmed that the motion had been **lost** by 20 votes to 21 with 10 abstentions and as such the Council had failed to approve a Budget. In having regard to the need to set a Budget, the Mayor stated that she would adjourn the meeting for a period of 30minutes to enable the Group Leaders and Groups to discuss matters and find a way forward.

77.35 The Mayor then adjourned the meeting at 20.06pm.

77.36 The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 22.45pm and stated that she had been made aware of a further Green amendment to be considered and noted that procedural rules would need to be suspended, in order to enable the additional amendment to be taken. She also noted that there would be a need to move the previous 5 Green amendments should they form part of the new budget motion.

77.37 Councillor Yates formally moved the suspension of procedural rules to the extent necessary to enable the meeting to be conducted under the rules as modified by the procedural note as circulated and to enable the additional Green amendment to be taken into consideration.

77.38 Councillor Sykes formally seconded the motion.

77.39 The Mayor then put the motion to the vote as detailed below:

Suspension of Procedural Rules

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen	√			28	Marsh	√		
2	Atkinson	√			29	Meadows		X	
3	Barford	√			30	Mears		X	
4	Barnett		X		31	Miller		X	
5	Bell		X		32	Mitchell	√		
6	Bennett		X		33	Moonan	√		
7	Bewick	√			34	Morgan	√		
8	Brown		X		35	Morris			
9	Cattell	√			36	Nemeth		X	
10	Chapman	√			37	Norman A		X	
11	Cobb		X		38	Norman K		X	
12	Daniel	√			39	O'Quinn	√		
13	Deane	√			40	Page	√		
14	Druitt	√			41	Peltzer Dunn		X	
15	Gibson	√			42	Phillips	√		
16	Gilbey	√			43	Platts	√		
17	Greenbaum	√			44	Robins	√		
18	Hamilton	√			45	Simson		X	

19	Hill	√			46	Sykes	√			
20	Horan	√			47	Taylor		X		
21	Hyde		X		48	Theobald C		X		
22	Inkpin-Leissner	√			49	Theobald G		X		
23	Janio		X		50	Wares		X		
24	Knight	Not present			51	Wealls		X		
25	Lewry		X		52	West	√			
26	Littman	√			53	Yates	√			
27	Mac Cafferty	√			54					
							Total	30	21	0

77.40 The Mayor confirmed that the amendment to suspend procedural rules had been **carried** by 30 votes to 21 with no abstentions.

77.41 Councillor Yates formally moved the revised budget recommendations which included the 5 Green amendments as detailed in the addendum papers together with a further Green amendment No.6 as circulated, which the Labour Group were happy to support.

77.42 Councillor Mitchell formally seconded the motion.

77.43 Councillor Sykes formally moved the Green Group amendments No.'s 1-6 and stated that it provided for funding to be allocated to the sustainability action fund.

77.44 Councillor Mac Cafferty formally seconded the amendments and acknowledged that the new amendment No.6 was similar to the Conservative Group amendment No.2.

77.45 The Mayor noted that the six amendments had been moved and seconded and asked for the electronic voting system to be activated in order that she could put each amendment to the vote:

Green Amendment No.1

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen	√			28	Marsh	√		
2	Atkinson	√			29	Meadows		X	
3	Barford	√			30	Mears		X	
4	Barnett		X		31	Miller		X	
5	Bell		X		32	Mitchell	√		
6	Bennett		X		33	Moonan	√		

7	Bewick	√			34	Morgan	√		
8	Brown		X		35	Morris			
9	Cattell	√			36	Nemeth		X	
10	Chapman	√			37	Norman A		X	
11	Cobb		X		38	Norman K		X	
12	Daniel	√			39	O'Quinn	√		
13	Deane	√			40	Page	√		
14	Druitt	√			41	Peltzer Dunn		X	
15	Gibson	√			42	Phillips	√		
16	Gilbey	√			43	Platts	√		
17	Greenbaum	√			44	Robins	√		
18	Hamilton	√			45	Simson		X	
19	Hill	√			46	Sykes	√		
20	Horan	√			47	Taylor		X	
21	Hyde		X		48	Theobald C		X	
22	Inkpin-Leissner	√			49	Theobald G		X	
23	Janio		X		50	Wares		X	
24	Knight		Not present		51	Wealls		X	
25	Lewry		X		52	West	√		
26	Littman	√			53	Yates	√		
27	Mac Cafferty	√			54				
						Total	30	21	0

77.46 The Mayor confirmed that the amendment had been **carried** by 30 votes to 21 with no abstentions.

Green Amendment No.2

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen	√			28	Marsh	√		
2	Atkinson	√			29	Meadows		X	
3	Barford	√			30	Mears		X	

4	Barnett		X		31	Miller		X	
5	Bell		X		32	Mitchell	√		
6	Bennett		X		33	Moonan	√		
7	Bewick	√			34	Morgan	√		
8	Brown		X		35	Morris			
9	Cattell	√			36	Nemeth		X	
10	Chapman	√			37	Norman A		X	
11	Cobb		X		38	Norman K		X	
12	Daniel	√			39	O'Quinn	√		
13	Deane	√			40	Page	√		
14	Druitt	√			41	Peltzer Dunn		X	
15	Gibson	√			42	Phillips	√		
16	Gilbey	√			43	Platts	√		
17	Greenbaum	√			44	Robins	√		
18	Hamilton	√			45	Simson		X	
19	Hill	√			46	Sykes	√		
20	Horan	√			47	Taylor		X	
21	Hyde		X		48	Theobald C		X	
22	Inkpin-Leissner	√			49	Theobald G		X	
23	Janio		X		50	Wares		X	
24	Knight		Not present		51	Wealls		X	
25	Lewry		X		52	West	√		
26	Littman	√			53	Yates	√		
27	Mac Cafferty	√			54				
						Total	30	21	0

77.47 The Mayor confirmed that the amendment had been **carried** by 30 votes to 21 with no abstentions.

Green Amendment No.3

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen	√			28	Marsh	√		
2	Atkinson	√			29	Meadows		X	
3	Barford	√			30	Mears		X	
4	Barnett		X		31	Miller		X	
5	Bell		X		32	Mitchell	√		
6	Bennett		X		33	Moonan	√		
7	Bewick	√			34	Morgan	√		
8	Brown		X		35	Morris			
9	Cattell	√			36	Nemeth		X	
10	Chapman	√			37	Norman A		X	
11	Cobb		X		38	Norman K		X	
12	Daniel	√			39	O'Quinn	√		
13	Deane	√			40	Page	√		
14	Druitt	√			41	Peltzer Dunn		X	
15	Gibson	√			42	Phillips	√		
16	Gilbey	√			43	Platts	√		
17	Greenbaum	√			44	Robins	√		
18	Hamilton	√			45	Simson		X	
19	Hill	√			46	Sykes	√		
20	Horan	√			47	Taylor		X	
21	Hyde		X		48	Theobald C		X	
22	Inkpin-Leissner	√			49	Theobald G		X	
23	Janio		X		50	Wares		X	
24	Knight	Not present			51	Wealls		X	
25	Lewry		X		52	West	√		
26	Littman	√			53	Yates	√		
27	Mac Cafferty	√			54				
						Total	30	21	0

77.48 The Mayor confirmed that the amendment had been **carried** by 30 votes to 21 with no abstentions.

Green Amendment No.4

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen	√			28	Marsh	√		
2	Atkinson	√			29	Meadows		X	
3	Barford	√			30	Mears		X	
4	Barnett		X		31	Miller		X	
5	Bell		X		32	Mitchell	√		
6	Bennett		X		33	Moonan	√		
7	Bewick	√			34	Morgan	√		
8	Brown		X		35	Morris			
9	Cattell	√			36	Nemeth		X	
10	Chapman	√			37	Norman A		X	
11	Cobb		X		38	Norman K		X	
12	Daniel	√			39	O'Quinn	√		
13	Deane	√			40	Page	√		
14	Druitt	√			41	Peltzer Dunn		X	
15	Gibson	√			42	Phillips	√		
16	Gilbey	√			43	Platts	√		
17	Greenbaum	√			44	Robins	√		
18	Hamilton	√			45	Simson		X	
19	Hill	√			46	Sykes	√		
20	Horan	√			47	Taylor		X	
21	Hyde		X		48	Theobald C		X	
22	Inkpin-Leissner	√			49	Theobald G		X	
23	Janio		X		50	Wares		X	
24	Knight	Not present			51	Wealls		X	
25	Lewry		X		52	West	√		
26	Littman	√			53	Yates	√		

27	Mac Cafferty	√			54				
						Total	30	21	0

77.49 The Mayor confirmed that the amendment had been **carried** by 30 votes to 21 with no abstentions.

Green Amendment No.5

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen	√			28	Marsh	√		
2	Atkinson	√			29	Meadows		X	
3	Barford	√			30	Mears		X	
4	Barnett		X		31	Miller		X	
5	Bell		X		32	Mitchell	√		
6	Bennett		X		33	Moonan	√		
7	Bewick	√			34	Morgan	√		
8	Brown		X		35	Morris			
9	Cattell	√			36	Nemeth		X	
10	Chapman	√			37	Norman A		X	
11	Cobb		X		38	Norman K		X	
12	Daniel	√			39	O'Quinn	√		
13	Deane	√			40	Page	√		
14	Druitt	√			41	Peltzer Dunn		X	
15	Gibson	√			42	Phillips	√		
16	Gilbey	√			43	Platts	√		
17	Greenbaum	√			44	Robins	√		
18	Hamilton	√			45	Simson		X	
19	Hill	√			46	Sykes	√		
20	Horan	√			47	Taylor		X	
21	Hyde		X		48	Theobald C		X	
22	Inkpin-Leissner	√			49	Theobald G		X	
23	Janio		X		50	Wares		X	

24	Knight	Not present			51	Wealls		X	
25	Lewry		X		52	West	√		
26	Littman	√			53	Yates	√		
27	Mac Cafferty	√			54				
						Total	30	21	0

77.50 The Mayor confirmed that the amendment had been **carried** by 30 votes to 21 with no abstentions.

Green Amendment No.6

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen	√			28	Marsh	√		
2	Atkinson	√			29	Meadows		X	
3	Barford	√			30	Mears		X	
4	Barnett		X		31	Miller		X	
5	Bell		X		32	Mitchell	√		
6	Bennett		X		33	Moonan	√		
7	Bewick	√			34	Morgan	√		
8	Brown		X		35	Morris			
9	Cattell	√			36	Nemeth		X	
10	Chapman	√			37	Norman A		X	
11	Cobb		X		38	Norman K		X	
12	Daniel	√			39	O'Quinn	√		
13	Deane	√			40	Page	√		
14	Druitt	√			41	Peltzer Dunn		X	
15	Gibson	√			42	Phillips	√		
16	Gilbey	√			43	Platts	√		
17	Greenbaum	√			44	Robins	√		
18	Hamilton	√			45	Simson		X	
19	Hill	√			46	Sykes	√		
20	Horan	√			47	Taylor		X	

21	Hyde		X		48	Theobald C		X	
22	Inkpin-Leissner	√			49	Theobald G		X	
23	Janio		X		50	Wares		X	
24	Knight	Not present			51	Wealls		X	
25	Lewry		X		52	West	√		
26	Littman	√			53	Yates	√		
27	Mac Cafferty	√			54				
						Total	30	21	0

77.51 The Mayor confirmed that the amendment had been **carried** by 30 votes to 21 with no abstentions.

77.52 The Mayor noted that the six amendments had been carried and therefore put the General Fund Revenue Budget based on a 2.99% council tax increase as amended; together with the supplementary financial information to the vote as detailed below:

General Fund Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Strategy 2019/20 and Supplementary Financial Information

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen	√			28	Marsh	√		
2	Atkinson	√			29	Meadows		X	
3	Barford	√			30	Mears		X	
4	Barnett		X		31	Miller		X	
5	Bell		X		32	Mitchell	√		
6	Bennett		X		33	Moonan	√		
7	Bewick	√			34	Morgan	√		
8	Brown		X		35	Morris			
9	Cattell	√			36	Nemeth		X	
10	Chapman	√			37	Norman A		X	
11	Cobb		X		38	Norman K		X	
12	Daniel	√			39	O'Quinn	√		
13	Deane	√			40	Page	√		
14	Druitt	√			41	Peltzer Dunn		X	

15	Gibson	√			42	Phillips	√		
16	Gilbey	√			43	Platts	√		
17	Greenbaum	√			44	Robins	√		
18	Hamilton	√			45	Simson		X	
19	Hill	√			46	Sykes	√		
20	Horan	√			47	Taylor		X	
21	Hyde		X		48	Theobald C		X	
22	Inkpin-Leissner	√			49	Theobald G		X	
23	Janio		X		50	Wares		X	
24	Knight	Not present			51	Wealls		X	
25	Lewry		X		52	West	√		
26	Littman	√			53	Yates	√		
27	Mac Cafferty	√			54				
						Total	30	21	0

77.53 The Mayor confirmed that the motion had been **carried** by 30 votes to 21 against with no abstentions.

77.54 RESOLVED:

Formal Council Tax Resolution

1. That It be noted that on 24 January 2019 the council calculated the Council Tax Base 2019/20:
 - (a) for the whole Council area as 90,038.5 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which special items relate: -
 - Rottingdean Parish – 1,572.40
 - Hanover Crescent Enclosure – 40.10
 - Marine Square Enclosure – 78.00
 - Royal Crescent Enclosure – 30.60
2. That the Council Tax requirement for the council's own purposes for 2019/20 (excluding Parish precepts) is calculated as £143,679,000.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2019/20 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:

- (a) £698,251,740 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) £554,524,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act;
- (c) £143,727,740 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) £1,596.29 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) £75,973 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act;
- (f) £1,595.45 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by the 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 special items relates;
- (g) £1,626.45 Rottingdean Parish
 £1,797.37 Hanover Crescent
 £1,737.19 Marine Square
 £1,859.50 Royal Crescent
 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 relevant amount at 1(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 the dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

Valuation Band: Parts of the Council's area	A* £	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Rottingdean Parish	903.58	1,084.30	1,265.02	1,445.73	1,626.45	1,987.88	2,349.32	2,710.75	3,252.90
Hanover Crescent	998.54	1,198.25	1,397.95	1,597.66	1,797.37	2,196.79	2,596.20	2,995.62	3,594.74
Marine Square	965.11	1,158.13	1,351.15	1,544.17	1,737.19	2,123.23	2,509.27	2,895.32	3,474.38
Royal Crescent	1,033.06	1,239.67	1,446.28	1,652.89	1,859.50	2,272.72	2,685.94	3,099.17	3,719.00
All other parts of the council's area	886.36	1,063.63	1,240.91	1,418.18	1,595.45	1,949.99	2,304.54	2,659.08	3,190.90

* Entitled to disabled relief

4. That it be noted that the Police & Crime Commissioner and the Fire Authority have issued precepts to the council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the council's area as indicated in the table below.

Valuation Band:	A* £	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner	105.51	126.61	147.71	168.81	189.91	232.11	274.31	316.52	379.82

* Entitled to disabled relief

Valuation Band:	A* £	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
East Sussex Fire Authority	52.04	62.45	72.85	83.26	93.67	114.49	135.30	156.12	187.34

* Entitled to disabled relief

5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2019/20 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Valuation Band: Parts of the Council's area	A* £	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Rottingdean Parish	1,061.13	1,273.36	1,485.58	1,697.80	1,910.03	2,334.48	2,758.93	3,183.39	3,820.06
Hanover Crescent	1,156.09	1,387.31	1,618.51	1,849.73	2,080.95	2,543.39	3,005.81	3,468.26	4,161.90
Marine Square	1,122.66	1,347.19	1,571.71	1,796.24	2,020.77	2,469.83	2,918.88	3,367.96	4,041.54
Royal Crescent	1,190.61	1,428.73	1,666.84	1,904.96	2,143.08	2,619.32	3,095.55	3,571.81	4,286.16
All other parts of the councils area	1,043.91	1,252.69	1,461.47	1,670.25	1,879.03	2,296.59	2,714.15	3,131.72	3,758.06

* Entitled to disabled relief

6. That in accordance with Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 the Council determines its relevant basic amount of council tax for the financial year 2019/20 is not excessive.

74 SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR BUDGET COUNCIL

Note:

- 74.1 The item was taken into consideration as part of the overall budget debate and included in the votes on the amendments to the General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2019/20 and Supplementary Financial Information recommendation 2.1 and the final vote on the overall General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2019/20 as detailed under Item 73 above.

75 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2019/20 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

- 75.1 The Mayor noted that the Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Investment Programme 2019/20 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy had been taken into consideration as part of the overall budget debate as detailed under Item 73 above. She also noted that an amendment (Green No.1) had been agreed, and therefore asked for the voting system to be activated and put the recommendations of the Policy & Resources Committee (1-5) as amended to the vote as detailed below:

Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Investment Programme 2019/20 and
Medium-Term Financial Strategy

		For	Against	Abstain			For	Against	Abstain
1	Allen	√			28	Marsh	√		
2	Atkinson	√			29	Meadows	√		
3	Barford	√			30	Mears	√		
4	Barnett	√			31	Miller	√		
5	Bell	√			32	Mitchell	√		
6	Bennett	√			33	Moonan	√		
7	Bewick	√			34	Morgan	√		
8	Brown	√			35	Morris			
9	Cattell	√			36	Nemeth	√		
10	Chapman	√			37	Norman A	√		
11	Cobb	√			38	Norman K	√		
12	Daniel	√			39	O'Quinn	√		
13	Deane	√			40	Page	√		
14	Druitt	√			41	Peltzer Dunn	√		
15	Gibson	√			42	Phillips	√		
16	Gilbey	√			43	Platts	√		
17	Greenbaum	√			44	Robins	√		
18	Hamilton	√			45	Simson	√		
19	Hill	√			46	Sykes	√		
20	Horan	√			47	Taylor	√		
21	Hyde	√			48	Theobald C	√		
22	Inkpin-Leissner	√			49	Theobald G	√		
23	Janio	√			50	Wares	√		
24	Knight	Not present			51	Wealls	√		
25	Lewry	√			52	West	√		
26	Littman	√			53	Yates	√		
27	Mac Cafferty	√			54				

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- a. The Mayor confirmed that the motion had been **carried** by 51 votes with none against with no abstentions.
- b. **RESOLVED:**
- (1) That the updated HRA revenue budget for 2019/20 as shown in Appendix 2, (as amended by the Green amendment No.1) to the report (as amended for any change to reserves arising from recommendations (3) and (5) below) be approved;
 - (2) That the capital programme budget of £26.964m for 2019/20 be approved and the 3-year programme as set out in Appendix 4 to the report (as amended for any change to the capital programme arising from recommendations (4), (5) and (6) below) be noted;
 - (3) That a HRA Rent Support Reserve of £1.050m be created, through a reduction in the reserve funding of the HRA capital programme by borrowing the same, and to apply this reserve in the form of a subsidy over the lifetime of modelled new schemes in order to support the provision of new council homes at lower rents, particularly social rents and 27.5% living wage rents;
 - (4) That the Purchase Properties budget be increased by £3.500m and added to the 2019/20 HRA Capital programme to be funded by HRA borrowing and Right to Buy receipts; and
 - (5) That a budget of £3.500m be added to the 2019/20 HRA Capital programme to purchase buildings to provide emergency homeless accommodation for inhouse delivery by the council to be funded by HRA borrowing and RTB receipts.

76 CLOSE OF MEETING

76.1 The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11.07pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2019