

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF EXETER CITY COUNCIL

Guildhall
Tuesday 25 February 2014

The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor (Cllr Lyons)
The Deputy Lord Mayor (Cllr Hannaford)
Councillors Baldwin, Bialyk, Bowkett, Branston, Brock, Bull, Choules, Clark, Crew, Crow, Dawson, Denham, Donovan, Fullam, D J Henson, Mrs Henson, Laws, Leadbetter, Macdonald, Mitchell, Morris, Mottram, Newby, Owen, Payne, Pearson, Prowse, Robson, Ruffle, Sheldon, Shiel, Spackman, Sutton, Tippins, Wardle and Winterbottom

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Edwards and Martin.

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BUDGET 2014/15

Minute 8 (2014/15 Council Tax Base and NNDR1)) of the meeting of Executive held on 21 January 2014 was taken as read and adopted.

Councillor Sutton, the Deputy Leader of the Council, moved and Councillor Denham seconded the resolution as set out in the agenda and circulated papers in respect of the Council Tax for 2014/15.

After discussion, which included:-

- some Members opposing the proposed increase in Council Tax and the impact it could have on low income households in the city, particularly when the Government was offering a payment for those authorities who did not impose an increase;
- the prudent way in which this Council was treating its receipts of New Homes Bonus and using them to help local communities; and
- the level of interest and debt payments that the Council will be required to make; how this could impact on the Council's revenue budget and the effect a rise in interest rates could have on the future medium term financial plan and the Council resources.

The following resolution was adopted:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the following, as submitted in the Estimates Book, be approved:-
 - (a) the Revenue estimates for 2014-2015;
 - (b) the Capital programme for 2014-2015;
- (2) that it be noted that, at the meeting of the Executive on the 21 January 2014, the Council calculated the figure of 34,344, as its council tax base for the year 2014-2015 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (3) that the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2014-2015 in accordance with Sections 31A of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:-

- (a) £102,645,000m being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2)(a) to (f) of the Act;
- (b) £98,097,168 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3)(a) to (d) of the Act;
- (c) £4,547,832 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;
- (d) £132.42 being the amount at (3)(c) above divided by the amount at 2 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year;
- (e) Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D
£88.28	£102.99	£117.71	£132.42
E	F	G	H
£161.85	£191.27	£220.70	£264.84

Being the amount given by multiplying the amount at (3)(d) 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.

- (4) That it will be noted that, for the year 2014-2015, Devon County Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall and the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority have stated the following amounts on precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2003, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:-

Devon County Council
Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D
£759.06	£885.57	£1,012.08	£1,138.59
E	F	G	H
£1,391.61	£1,644.63	£1,897.65	£2,277.18

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall

A	B	C	D
£110.77	£129.24	£147.70	£166.16
E	F	G	H
£203.08	£240.01	£276.93	£332.32

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority
Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D
£51.26	£59.80	£68.35	£76.89
E	F	G	H
£93.98	£111.06	£128.15	£153.78

- (5) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (3)(e) and (4) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby set the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2014-2015 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D
£1,009.37	£1,177.60	£1,345.84	£1,514.06
E	F	G	H
£1,850.52	£2,186.97	£2,523.43	£3,028.12

In accordance with Standing Order 27(1), a named vote on the Resolution was called for, as follows:

Voting for:

Councillors Bialyk, Branston, Bowkett, Bull, Choules, Clark, Crew, Dawson, Denham, The Deputy Lord Mayor, The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor, Councillors Macdonald, Morris, Owen, Pearson, Robson, Sheldon, Spackman, Sutton, Tippins and Wardle.

(21 Members)

Voting against:

Councillors Brock, Fullam, Mitchell, Payne and Ruffle.

(5 Members)

Abstain:

Councillors Baldwin, Crow, Donovan, Henson D, Mrs Henson, Leadbetter, Mottram, Newby, Prowse, Shiel and Winterbottom

(11 Members)

(Councillor Laws left the Council Chamber before the vote was cast)

The Resolution was carried.

(The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and closed at 7.10 pm)

Chair