

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF EXETER CITY COUNCIL

Guildhall
Tuesday 26 February 2013

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

1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mitchell and Ruffle.

2 **BUDGET 2013/14**

Minute 14 (General Fund Revenue Estimates and Capital Programme 2013/14) of the meeting of Executive held on 5 February 2013 was taken as read and adopted.

Councillor Edwards, the Leader of the Council, moved and Councillor Denham seconded the resolution as set out in the agenda papers in respect of the Council Tax for 2013-2014.

After discussion, which included:-

- some Members opposing the proposed increase in Council Tax, 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;
- the impact of the Government's changes to welfare benefits on the citizens of Exeter; and
- the level of debt payments to be made by the Council and how it impacts on the Council's revenue budget.

The following resolution was adopted:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) that the following, as submitted in the Estimates Book, be approved:-
 - (a) the Revenue estimates for 2013-2014;
 - (b) the Capital programme for 2013-2014;
- (2) that it be noted that, at the meeting of the Executive on the 22 January 2013, the Council calculated the figure of 33,820, as its council tax base for the year 2013-2014 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 2013-2014 in accordance with Sections 31A of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:-

- (a) £99,175,000 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) £94,783,811 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) £4,391,189 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) £129.84 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
£86.56	£100.99	£115.41	£129.84
E	F	G	H
£158.69	£187.55	£216.40	£259.68

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 2013-2014, 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
£744.24	£868.28	£992.32	£1,116.36
E	F	G	H
£1,364.44	£1,612.52	£1,860.60	£2,232.72

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall

A	B	C	D
£108.61	£126.72	£144.82	£162.92
E	F	G	H
£199.12	£235.33	£271.53	£325.84

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority
Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D
£50.26	£58.64	£67.01	£75.39
E	F	G	H
£92.14	£108.90	£125.65	£150.78

- (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 2013-2014 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D
£989.67	£1,154.63	£1,319.56	£1,484.51
E	F	G	H
£1,814.39	£2,144.30	£2,474.18	£2,969.02

(The meeting commenced at 6.05 pm and closed at 7.05 pm)

Chair