

EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 25 February 2021  
at 7:00 pm

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Councillor Mann (Chairman); Councillors Tennent, Airey, Allingham, Asman, Atkinson, Bicknell, Bourne, Broadhurst, Campbell, Clarke, Corben, Couldrey, Craig, Cross, Dean, Garton, Gomer, Groves, Holes, House, Irish, Jurd, Kyrle, Manning, Parker-Jones, Pragnell, Pretty, Rich, Tidridge, Trace and Tyson-Payne

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Doguie, Grajewski and Rushton

53. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation on this occasion.

54. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an overview of recent Council highlights:

- In November, the Council funded the eleventh annual Youth Conference, which had brought students from schools and colleges together virtually to explore the timely theme of 'Keeping Safe during COVID'. Over 100 pupils and professionals from schools, colleges and youth agencies operating in the Borough had attended.
- In December, the Mayor presented a Local Hero award to Sharon Malcolm, who had been a lollipop lady in Eastleigh for 30 years. More Local Heroes would be awarded over the next few months and people who had given their time to help others during the pandemic could still be nominated.
- A letter of congratulations was sent to Borough-based mountaineer, Nims Purja MBE, whose latest achievement was as part of a team that became the first to reach the summit of K2, the world's second highest mountain, in winter. Nims had previously conquered all 14 of the world's 8,000-metre-plus peaks in a record time of six months and six days.
- The Borough Council had received the Volunteering Award from Mountbatten Hampshire for the work that had been carried out by the

Direct Services team on the upkeep of the gardens at their amazing West End hospice.

- The Citizens Advice Bureau was doing excellent work in supporting people through this difficult period. 2020 was the Eastleigh branch's 80th Anniversary. Unfortunately, the celebration had been postponed, but it was hoped that it could be re-arranged in the future.
- Condolences were given to the family of Len Welsh, who had recently passed away. Len was Mayor's Escort in 1999/2000 and 2015/16 when his wife Jane was Mayor. Tributes were also paid to Eastleigh Town Ranger, Neil Vincent, known as Vinnie, who had passed away recently after a short illness. His colleagues at the Eastleigh BID had set up a JustGiving page to raise money for a bench in his memory.
- The Mayor had paid tribute to the many residents across the Borough, local charities and other organisations, as well as Council staff, who had risen so brilliantly to the challenges presented by the pandemic in supporting communities and businesses. It was hoped that, with the rollout of the vaccine, Mayor's engagements would resume as soon as possible across the Borough so that thanks could be given in person, on behalf of the Borough, to the many people carrying out such important work.

55. MINUTES

**RESOLVED -**

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2020 be agreed as a correct record.**

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in relation to items on the agenda on this occasion.

57. LEADER'S REPORT

There was no Leader's Report on this occasion.

58. RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING CALL-INS) REQUIRING DECISION

Recommendations from Committee's were dealt with at the relevant Agenda items.

59. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2021/22

Consideration was given to the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 22 February 2021, taking into account the Minutes of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Panel held on 11 February 2021, concerning the 2021/22 Budget. The Leader introduced the budget.

**The Independent Group had planned to submit an amendment to the Revenue Budget, but it was withdrawn after assurances that a cross party collaboration of enhancements would take place.**

**The Conservative Group submitted an amendment to the Revenue Budget and the following Recorded Vote occurred.**

FOR: Councillors - Atkinson and Dean.

AGAINST: Councillors - Airey; Allingham; Asman; Bearder; Bicknell; Bourne; Broadhurst; Campbell; Clarke; Corben; Couldrey; Craig; Cross; Duguid; Garton; Gomer; Groves; Holes; House; Irish; Jurd; Kyrle; Mann; Manning; Marsh; Parker-Jones; Pragnell; Pretty; Rich; Tennent; Tidridge; Trace and Tyson-Payne.

(FOR: 2; AGAINST: 33)

**A Recorded Vote took place for the substantive motion, and was as follows:**

FOR: Councillors - Airey; Allingham; Asman; Bearder; Bicknell; Bourne; Broadhurst; Campbell; Clarke; Corben; Couldrey; Craig; Cross; Duguid; Garton; Gomer; Groves; Holes; House; Irish; Jurd; Kyrle; Mann; Manning; Marsh; Parker-Jones; Pragnell; Pretty; Rich; Tennent; Tidridge; Trace and Tyson-Payne.

AGAINST: Councillor Atkinson.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Dean.

(FOR: 33; AGAINST: 1; ABSTAIN 1)

**RESOLVED –**

**That Council:**

- (1) Approved service spending in line with forecast for 2020/21 which incorporated pressures and efficiencies as part of the Financial Monitoring to 31 December 2020 (Appendix G);**

- (2) Set the net Revenue Budget requirement for 2021/22 at £9,914,000 and note the impact on the Council's General Fund balance (para 12);**
- (3) Noted the provisional Local Government Finance settlement for 2020/21 (para 16);**
- (4) Approved budget adjustments for 2021/22 in line with the Medium Term Financial Plan (Appendices B & C);**
- (5) Decreased the average Council Tax for Eastleigh Borough Council by 0.4% (1% below CPI) (para 21-25); and**
- (6) Approved the Special Expenses for Parished and Non-Parished areas (para 26).**

60. COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTIONS 2021/22

Consideration was given to a report by the Chief Financial Officer detailing the Council Tax Resolutions for 2021/22.

A recorded vote occurred:

FOR: Councillors - Airey; Allingham; Asman; Bearder; Bicknell; Bourne; Broadhurst; Campbell; Clarke; Corben; Couldrey; Craig; Cross; Duguid; Garton; Gomer; Groves; Holes; House; Irish; Jurd; Kyrle; Mann; Manning; Marsh; Parker-Jones; Pragnell; Pretty; Rich; Tennent; Tidridge; Trace and Tyson-Payne

AGAINST: Councillors – Atkinson and Dean.

(FOR: 33; AGAINST: 2)

**RESOLVED –**

**That Council approved the Council Tax Resolutions as set out in the report which brings together the Borough's Council Tax Requirement, including special expenses and that of the other major preceptors (Hampshire County Council, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue and The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire) and sets the Council Tax charges for 2021/22.**

61. CAPITAL, INVESTMENT AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Consideration was given to the Capital, Investment and Treasury Management Strategy recommendations from the Cabinet meeting held on 22 February 2021.

**RESOLVED –**

**That the following be approved:**

**(1) the Capital Strategy at Appendix 1;**

**(2) the Treasury Management Strategy at Appendix 2;**

**(3) the Investment Strategy at Appendix 3;**

**(4) the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement at Appendix 2A.**

62. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - UNPARISHED AREA OF EASTLEIGH BOROUGH

Consideration was given to the report of the Strategic Planning Manager, taking into account the recommendations from Admin Committee on 15 February 2021.

A recorded vote occurred:

FOR: Councillors - Airey; Allingham; Asman; Bearder; Bicknell; Bourne; Broadhurst; Campbell; Clarke; Corben; Couldrey; Craig; Cross; Dean; Duguid; Garton; Gomer; Groves; Holes; House; Irish; Jurd; Kyrle; Mann; Manning; Marsh; Parker-Jones; Pragnell; Pretty; Rich; Tennent; Trace and Tyson-Payne

ABSTAIN: Councillors – Atkinson and Tidridge.

(FOR: 33; ABSTAIN: 2)

**RESOLVED –**

**That Council considered the comments and recommendations from the Administration Committee and agreed that a Reorganisation Order be made accordingly as follows:**

That warding arrangements for the new Councils are developed as follows:

**Boyatt Wood Parish Council**

Three wards with 10 councillors comprising the existing polling districts:

EN2 – South	1 councillor
EN3 – West	4 councillors
EN5 – East	5 councillors

**Eastleigh Town Council**

Five wards with 17 councillors comprising the existing polling districts:

EN1, EC1, EC2	3 councillors
EC3	3 councillors
EC4, EC5	3 councillors
ES1, ES2	4 councillors
ES4	4 councillors*

Ward names to be developed as part of the development of the proposals

\*Note this allows for electoral growth at North Stoneham Park

63. CABINET STATEMENTS

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Cabinet Statements, as set out in the agenda pack, be noted.**

64. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were Members' questions as set out in the Agenda, and supplementary questions were answered by the Leader and Cabinet Members.

65. RESOLVED ITEMS - FOR NOTING AND QUESTIONS ONLY

**RESOLVED -**

**That the Minutes of the following meetings be received:**

**CABINET**

26 November 2020

10 December 2020

22 February 2021

**ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

9 December 2020

15 February 2021

**AUDIT AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

24 November 2020

1 December 2020

9 February 2021

**POLICY AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY PANEL**

23 November 2020

7 December 2020

28 January 2021

11 February 2021

**BISHOPSTOKE, FAIR OAK AND HORTON HEATH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE**

25 November 2020

**BURSLEDON, HAMBLE-LE-RICE AND HOUND LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE**

3 December 2020

21 January 2021

**EASTLEIGH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE**

17 November 2020

19 January 2021

10 February 2021

**HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE**

25 January 2021

**HORTON HEATH DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

7 January 2021

The Mayor wished those standing for re-election well and thanked those that weren't for their service. The next meeting will be the AGM and Mayor Making.

The meeting finished at 8:50 pm.

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