

Extract of the Minutes of a meeting of the **Council** held on Thursday, 23rd February, 2012 at Main Hall Congleton Hall, Congleton Town Hall, High Street, Congleton CW12 1BN

PRESENT

Councillor R West (Chairman)

Councillor G M Walton (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Rachel Bailey, Rhoda Bailey, A Barratt, G Baxendale, D Bebbington, D Brickhill, D Brown, L Brown, B Burkhill, P Butterill, R Cartledge, J Clowes, S Corcoran, H Davenport, W S Davies, R Domleo, D Druce, K Edwards, P Edwards, I Faseyi, J P Findlow, W Fitzgerald, R Fletcher, D Flude, H Gaddum, M Grant, P Groves, J Hammond, M Hardy, P Hayes, S Hogben, D Hough, P Hoyland, O Hunter, J Jackson, L Jeuda, M Jones, S Jones, F Keegan, A Kolker, W Livesley, J Macrae, D Mahon, A Martin, M A Martin, P Mason, S McGrory, R Menlove, G Merry, A Moran, B Moran, B Murphy, H Murray, D Neilson, D Newton, P Nurse, M Parsons, P Raynes, L Roberts, J Saunders, M Sherratt, B Silvester, M J Simon, L Smetham, D Stockton, C G Thorley, A Thwaite, D Topping, G Wait, M J Weatherill, P Whiteley and J Wray

Apologies

Councillors C Andrew, G Boston, S Gardiner, L Gilbert, A Harewood, D Marren and S Wilkinson

Note: Councillor D Druce had offered apologies for the morning session and was also absent during consideration of Items 6, 7 and 8.

Note: Councillor P Edwards had offered apologies for the morning session.

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It was moved and seconded that

“1. the updated results of the Budget Engagement exercise undertaken by the Council be noted

2. the comments of the Director of Finance & Business Services (Chief Finance Officer), regarding the robustness of estimates and level of reserves held by the Council based on this budget be noted

3. the Business Plan 2012/2015 be approved

4. the three year Capital Programme for 2012/2013 to 2014/2015 be approved

5. the Band D Council Tax of £1,216.34 be approved

6. the Reserves Strategy be approved

7. the 2012/2013 non ringfenced Specific Grants (excluding DSG) be noted

8. the 2012/2013 Dedicated School Grant (DSG) of £193.8m and the associated policy proposals be agreed

9. the Children and Families Services Portfolio Holder be authorised to agreed any necessary amendment to the DSG position in the light of further information received from DfE, pupil number changes,

further academy transfers and the actual balance brought forward from 2011/12

10. the Prudential Indicators for Capital Funding be approved

11. the risk assessment detailed in the report be noted.”

RESOLVED

1. That the updated results of the Budget Engagement exercise undertaken by the Council, as set out in appendix A of the report, be noted.

2. That the comments of the Director of Finance & Business Services (Chief Finance Officer), regarding the robustness of estimates and level of reserves held by the Council based on this budget, as set out in Appendix B of the report, be noted.

3. That, subject to the removal of the intended saving of £13,207 in respect of Children’s Books, which was to be found from the Council’s reserves, the 2012/2015 Business Plan, as set out in Appendix B of the report, be approved.

4. That the three-year Capital Programme for 2012/2013 to 2014/2015, as set out in Appendix B, Annex 3, paragraphs 88 to 94 and Annex 7 pages 108-116 of the report be approved.

5. That the Band D Council Tax of £1,216.34, as set out in Appendix B, Annex 3, paragraphs 57 to 58 of the report (no change from 2011/2012), be approved.

6. That the Reserves Strategy, as set out in Appendix B, Annex 8 of report be approved.

7. That the 2012/2013 non-ring-fenced Specific Grants (excluding DSG), asset out in Appendix B, Annex 4 of the report be noted.

8. That the 2012/2013 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) of £193.8m and the associated policy proposals be agreed. (Appendix B, Annex 7, page 89 of the report).

9. That the Children and Family Services Portfolio Holder be authorised to agree any necessary amendment to the DSG position in the light of further information received from DfE, pupil number changes, further academy transfers and the actual balance brought forward from 2011/2012.

10. That the Prudential Indicators for Capital Financing be approved. (Appendix B, Annex 6 of the report).

11. That the risk assessment detailed in Appendix B, Chapter 4 of the report be noted.