

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 February 2021 at 7.00 pm

Present:-

Cllr D A Flagg – Chairman

Cllr L Fear – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr H Allen, Cllr L Allison, Cllr M Anderson, Cllr S C Anderson, Cllr M Andrews, Cllr J Bagwell, Cllr S Baron, Cllr S Bartlett, Cllr J Beesley, Cllr D Borthwick, Cllr P Broadhead, Cllr M F Brooke, Cllr N Brooks, Cllr D Brown, Cllr S Bull, Cllr R Burton, Cllr D Butler, Cllr D Butt, Cllr J J Butt, Cllr E Coope, Cllr M Cox, Cllr M Davies, Cllr N Decent, Cllr L Dedman, Cllr B Dion, Cllr B Dove, Cllr B Dunlop, Cllr M Earl, Cllr J Edwards, Cllr L-J Evans, Cllr G Farquhar, Cllr D Farr, Cllr A Filer, Cllr N C Geary, Cllr M Greene, Cllr N Greene, Cllr A Hadley, Cllr M Haines, Cllr P R A Hall, Cllr N Hedges, Cllr P Hilliard, Cllr M Howell, Cllr M Iyengar, Cllr C Johnson, Cllr T Johnson, Cllr A Jones, Cllr J Kelly, Cllr D Kelsey, Cllr R Lawton, Cllr M Le Poidevin, Cllr L Lewis, Cllr R Maidment, Cllr C Matthews, Cllr S McCormack, Cllr D Mellor, Cllr P Miles, Cllr S Moore, Cllr L Northover, Cllr T O'Neill, Cllr S Phillips, Cllr M Phipps, Cllr K Rampton, Cllr Dr F Rice, Cllr C Rigby, Cllr R Rocca, Cllr M Robson, Cllr V Slade, Cllr A M Stribley, Cllr T Trent, Cllr M White, Cllr L Williams and Cllr K Wilson

Also in
attendance:

69. Apologies

The Chairman prior to commencing the business on the agenda welcomed John Payne and Robert Mottershead from the Covid Task Force at the Cabinet Office to the Council meeting.

No apologies were received for this meeting.

70. Declarations of Interests

The Chief Executive reported that all Members of the Council had been granted a dispensation by the Monitoring Officer to take part in debate and to vote on the Budget and Council Tax proposals.

The following declarations were made:

- Councillor Tony Trent declared an interest in respect of item 7i – Cabinet 10 February 2021 - Minute No. 303 - Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Setting 2021 to 2022 as he was a tenant of a Poole Housing Partnership garage.
- Councillor Paul Hilliard declared an interest in respect of item 7g – Cabinet 10 February 2021 – Minute No. 300 - Wessex Fields – Proposed Land Disposal as he was the Council's representative on the University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust.

71. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting on 23 February 2021 were confirmed.

72. Announcement and Introductions from the Chairman

The Chairman made the following announcements:

A Death of Ian Andrews, Former Town Clerk of the Borough of Poole

The Chairman reported, with sadness, the death of Ian Andrews, former Town Clerk of the Borough of Poole. He reported that Mr. Andrews became Town Clerk in 1974. He had a wide range of interests and was an active member of numerous community and town organisations with a particular passion for the Borough's history.

The Chairman called on Councillor Stribley to say a few words. She paid tribute to Mr. Andrews for his service to the Borough of Poole, the Town and his family.

B Bill Cotton, Corporate Director

The Chairman reported that Bill Cotton, Corporate Director for Regeneration and Economy would be leaving the Council at the end of February to take up a role as Corporate Director for Environment and Place at Oxfordshire County Council.

Members were informed that Bill started work at Bournemouth Borough Council eight years ago and subsequently BCP Council. He played an integral role in the development of BCP Council's ambitious agenda for Regeneration and Economy, including the successful bid to the

Government's Transforming Cities Fund and the exciting Smart Place programme.

On behalf of the Council the Chairman took the opportunity to thank Bill for his service to the Council and wish him every success in his new role.

C LGBT Veterans can reclaim removed medals

Councillor David Kelsey, the Council's Armed Forces Champion, commented on the above issue. He explained that the Government had decided to lift the ban on ex-military personnel receiving the medals that they had so rightly earned during their time serving with Her Majesty's Forces. He also commented on his own personal experience and that he had waited 41 years to reclaim his medals and had now made an application for them. Councillor Kelsey took the opportunity to thank everyone for their support and good wishes following the interview on the TV and radio. He looked forward to all veterans receiving their medals.

D Pip Hare – Vendee Globe around the world yacht race

The Chairman acknowledged the achievement of Poole sailor Pip Hare in completing the Vendee Globe around the world yacht race.

Councillor Andy Hadley commented on Pip's significant achievement as the 8th women in history to finish the race and the first British sailor to cross the line in 95 days and 11.5 hours. He explained that she was an inspirational ambassador for the sport with a wide following across social media and especially an inspiration to young people to follow your dreams. He explained that from her hometown of Poole she had already signalled that she wanted to take part in the 2024 event which would be great for the area. I was keen that the Council marked this achievement and I hope that we can find a way to celebrate this further and work with her to inspire young people in the BCP area.

73. Public Issues

The Chairman reported as follows:

A – Public Questions

In accordance with the Constitution the following public questions had been published on the website and a link circulated to all Councillors.

Responses to these questions had also been published on the Council's website:

- Reverend Mike Oates on Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill.
- Phil Stanley on formulating a health and fitness strategy.

B – Statements

In accordance with the Constitution the following statements had been published on the website and a link circulated to all Councillors.

- Paul Sondheim on Item 7e – Licensing Committee – 4 February 2021 Minute No. 24 – Taxi and Private Hire Driver, Vehicle and Operator Policies

The statements from the following relate to the Budget/Alternative Budget

- James Croker Poole Bid
- Andy Lennox, the Wonky Table
- Tim Seward, BAHA
- Kris Gumbrell – Brewhouse and Kitchen Limited
- Craig Mathie, - South Coast Events Forum
- Elspeth McBain – Chief Executive, Lighthouse Dougie Scarfe – Chief Executive, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Zannah Chisholm – Artistic Director/CEO, Pavilion Dance South West
- Richard Davies – Bourne Asset Management

C – Petitions

There were no petitions submitted for this Council meeting.

74. Questions from Councillors

Question from Councillor Mark Howell

The Portfolio Holder for Regeneration was quoted in the Echo article discussing the unsuccessful Future High Streets bid published on 28th December as follows: "We are pressing ahead with some major plans for Poole High Street which we aim to be transformative." Given that the only publicly released initiative that has secured delivery funding is the Heritage Action Zone project, which is currently allocated the relatively small sum of £1.25 million, please could the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and/or Leader Member for Poole Regeneration set out the major plans to which he referred.

Response from Councillor Philip Broadhead, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Economy and Strategic Planning and Deputy Leader of the Council

I would like to thank Councillor Howell for his question.

As he will have noticed, Poole Regeneration is such a major priority for this administration that it made its way as one of the five key areas of focus as part of our Big Plan.

In order to truly put that plan into action, we have to ensure that actual delivery of regeneration is a priority and built into the system. For too long, many good ideas and plans have been drawn up, but they have never progressed their way to actual delivery on the ground, as very little thought has been given to how to actually bring them forward. Many have spent a lot of time on the why, what and where, but almost no time on the how and when. In my view, this is the wrong way round. There is no point in drawing up fancy plans if you have no idea on how you will bring them forward.

Accordingly, whilst also continuing the vital work on the what and where, we will be bringing forward a paper at the next Cabinet meeting titled The Future of Regeneration across the BCP Area. This paper and plan will focus particularly on how we ensure that we have the skills, funds and delivery mechanisms to actually bring forward regeneration across the BCP area, and Poole especially, at pace and scale.

We need to move firmly away from the broken method of drawing pretty plans on a page with no thought about how to get them built. This transformative plan will fix that and I look forward to being part of the administration that will actually deliver regeneration rather than just talk about it.

Councillor Howell asked why it had taken five months get to this stage and why it had not been released to Councillors before now. Councillor Broadhead explained that the paper coming forward to Cabinet would set out how the plans will be put in place as delivery was key.

Question from Councillor Vikki Slade

Since its inception in 2019, Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council has been clear that it is very much open for business and ambitious about the future. Both the unity alliance administration and this new administration have talked about transparency and consultation on every level and have worked to shake off some of the shadows of the legacy councils.

It is crucial that councillors can openly engage with business and with those who seek to invest in our area and that the public can be confident that those discussions are taking place in a structured way and with the officers not only present but documenting the meetings.

The Member Engagement Forum was introduced in late 2019 to enable developers to bring their ideas at an early stage to those cllrs who are not involved in the planning process for their views and to get a steer on our vision for the future. They provide a safe space for the sharing of ideas and avoid the risks associated with private meetings. Since the change of administration every meeting has been cancelled due to 'lack of business' but we are told that developers are keen to invest in our towns.

Can the portfolio holder explain what action has been taken by himself and his senior planners to encourage developers to showcase their ideas as was done under the previous administration and when we might see this helpful forum return in a virtual way so that members can share their collective vision for BCP?

Response from Councillor Philip Broadhead, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Economy and Strategic Planning and Deputy Leader of the Council

I would like to thank Councillor Slade for her question. The Member Engagement Forum, which was launched in 2019, was put on hold by the last administration at the outbreak of the pandemic in 2020. This was a completely appropriate decision in the circumstances.

I am as keen as anyone to get deeper engagement between those bringing forward development sites and councillors – especially as we have some large and important sites come through the system. As such, working with Officers since the end of last year, we have been working on how we could restart the paused engagement forum but, crucially, improve it.

Whilst the previous forum was a good way for developers to have a extended slot to brief councillors of their coming plans, the forum was restricted in its formal membership and lacked the ability, in my view, to do what it should be doing – having a productive and early conversation on how developing plans could actually be improved. This can only really happen effectively is the forum puts Members of the Planning Committee at its front and centre, and I have therefore been working with the Chairman of the Planning Committee, who in turn has been liaising with the committee members, to finalise arrangements for a new, improved engagement forum. This would have better engagement from councillors of both the wider council AND the planning committee members.

By getting planning committee members involved in the pre-planning stage of major developments, we should be able to more effectively input into the process and improve the quality of development in our area. This needs to involve the planning committee members and is considered to be good practice.

I understand that the Chairman of the planning committee has finalised arrangements for how this would work with his committee and I look forward to launching the new and improved developer major projects engagement forum – which will need a more catchy name! – shortly.

Question from Councillor David Brown

As the Portfolio Holder is aware, the Beryl Bike Share scheme was launched across Bournemouth and Poole in 2019, and the Unity Alliance administration expanded this service to include Christchurch in 2020, bringing about a common service offering to all residents and Council Tax payers across the BCP area.

While there was publicity for the addition of e-scooters to the Beryl scheme in January 2021, what was not mentioned was that at the same time the original Council contracted Beryl bike share scheme was withdrawn from residents across large parts of North Bournemouth and North Poole covering Bear Cross, Bearwood, West Howe, East Howe, Kinson, Northbourne and parts of Redhill and Ensbury Park.

When it is Council policy to encourage active travel through the Transforming Travel – Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) programme, and these areas include routes where investment will be made to encourage cycling, how does the portfolio holder justify the withdrawal of this service from residents in these areas?

At a time when service provision and Council Tax is being harmonised across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, how does the Portfolio Holder justify introducing an inequality in service provision to the residents of North Bournemouth and North Poole?

As an active user of this service across this part of the conurbation myself, can he explain to me why not all users of this service were notified of this change and were simply left to find out about it when they wanted to use the service and discovered that the bikes had been removed, without any communication or consultation with ward members or service users?

Response from Cllr Mike Greene, Portfolio Holder for Transport and Sustainability

BCP's Bike Share scheme with Beryl has been well received by both residents and visitors, with over 275 000 journeys undertaken since launch. The operating area of 140 km² with 323 parking bays makes the scheme one of the largest in Europe.

All bikes are GPS tracked and this provides Beryl with accurate origin/destination data for all journeys undertaken. Ridership of the scheme is continually monitored and analysis showed that usage in the North Poole and North Bournemouth areas has unfortunately been low.

The Bike Share operation in both Poole and Bournemouth is provided at no cost to BCP Council, with Beryl funding the bikes and all ongoing maintenance. Whilst the Council has a close working partnership with Beryl and is keen to see Bike Share develop, ultimately Beryl are responsible for the operation of the scheme in these areas and make the commercial decisions.

During the six months up until the 13 bays in question were withdrawn from service, each generated an average of just 0.36 rides per day. This is only a quarter of the average for bays elsewhere in BCP. Although I am disappointed by it, I can therefore understand Beryl's commercial decision to withdraw service from the North Poole and North Bournemouth areas of the scheme. Ultimately we need the overall scheme to be commercially viable if it is to continue and flourish as we hope.

Beryl have told me that users were notified by a direct email sent to any rider that had picked up or parked a bike in any of the 13 bays during the previous 30 days. This amounted to 77 customers, out of 50 000 users of the scheme overall: which again points to how little use those bays were generating. They say they received comments from 2 scheme users that they were not informed - however upon investigation this was due to both customers having duplicate accounts. No further comments have been received.

Notices have also been displayed at the closed bays and the locations no longer appear on the App.

Beryl have reassured me that the revised operating area is only a temporary measure. The Council liaise regularly with Beryl at monthly project meetings and I have asked to be kept updated on progress in the hope that the bays can be brought back into use as the weather improves and the demand increases. I can reassure Cllr Brown that we will be pressing for this to be as early as possible.

The Council will continue to work in partnership with Beryl to develop the Bike Share scheme across the conurbation. The forthcoming Transforming Travel corridors (with segregated cycle facilities) will provide an excellent opportunity to further encourage the demand for Bike Share services and ensure provision in the future.

Councillor Brown asked if the Portfolio Holder would give a commitment to reintroduce the beryl bikes in North Bournemouth and North Poole in keeping with the Council's policy to support active travel options. Councillor Mike Greene explained that this was not a decision for the Council but a decision for Beryl and therefore he could not give that commitment but that he very much hoped that as the weather improved so would demand and that Beryl would be able to reintroduce those bays. He also referred to the transforming travel corridors and as they were introduced that this would increase the demand for cycling and a bay would be available all year round.

Question from Councillor George Farquhar

In the ward I represent there is the installation of a pair of Vehicle Activated Signs that are activated to flash the speed limit when a vehicle approaches in excess of the posted speed limit.

These are installed on the Overcliff Road as a traffic calming measure. I have noted they are frequently triggered by vehicles approaching driving in excess of the 30mph speed limit. I have noted this when I am walking in the area both on weekdays and weekends and different times of the day.

Can I ask what information is available to the Local Authority for how often this pair are triggered and how the Local Authority gauges and implements changes based on the empirical evidence of the efficiency of calming traffic by reducing speed of not only this pair of VAS but all the many VAS across the conurbation (it would be useful to know how many VAS units are installed and active in the BCP geography)

Response from Councillor Mike Greene, Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability

We deploy two types of speed activated warning signs across the BCP area, mains powered fixed/permanent VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs) and battery operated mobile/temporary SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices). SID deployment times will depend on battery life.

In general, these signs have an activation threshold above which the sign is automatically triggered by approaching vehicles; this is usually around 1mph to 3mph above the posted speed limit (so 31-33 mph in a 30mph limit area).

We do not currently collect information about how often these signs activate. However, this is something that I would be happy to look into. There are various other methods of calculating speeds on our roads, including speed surveys and the Council is currently looking at how we might try to access speed data from external sources as well.

Although we do not continually measure speed reductions achieved through the use of Vehicle Activated Signs locally, there is very good national research available which points to an average reduction of 1.4mph.

The Council currently operates 52 Fixed VAS sites across BCP and 28 SID signs covering 91 mobile sites across BCP.

Councillor Farquhar asked if the Portfolio Holder would monitor the traffic on the above route as there was concern from residents in his ward. He asked if the Portfolio Holder could give a rough timeframe to actively monitor this location. Councillor Mike Greene explained that speed surveys were undertaken but there was a waiting list. He asked Councillor Farquhar to send a request for a speed survey he would include it on the waiting list and when the results were received if there were excessive speeds greater than expected it would have to be looked for speed reduction measures.

Question from Councillor Andy Hadley

BCP Council participate in the Western Gateway Sub-National Transport partnership, with authorities across Dorset, Wiltshire, Bath, Bristol, and the Gloucester areas. It is the method by which Government will give any significant capital funds for Transport priorities over coming years.

A Strategic Transport Plan document for the next 5 years was finalised at the end of last year. When the portfolio-holder asked me, I agreed that, since no formal decision was required of us, it perhaps did not need to come as a paper to Council, but I suggested that a link to the document be circulated to all Councillors. This did not happen, the link is <https://westerngatewaystb.org.uk/strategy/>

Can the portfolio-holder please explain why he chose not to share this document with his colleagues?

I was disappointed when reading this 5 year strategy, that the Urban Mass Transit aspects of the document now only cover points radiating out from the Bristol conurbation, whereas the draft I contributed to also highlighted the importance of this for the BCP conurbation.

Instead, new wording was added;

“A package of improvements to unlock key development site located close to Bournemouth Royal Hospital, reduce congestion on A3060 Castle Lane, A338, provide for sustainable transport improvements and improved access for cluster of key employment sites.”

The phenomenon of induced traffic is well researched, and Castle Lane already suffers hugely from it. Extra roads will add more congestion.

Can the portfolio-holder please assure Council that the intention to seek Western Gateway Funding is to pursue strategic **sustainable** transport solutions, not just for the area as stated, but to reduce congestion and improve productivity across the whole conurbation, and to aim to think big on transport solutions that will achieve this?

Indeed I would have expected to see something like this namechecked as an ambition for Infrastructure in the Big Plan. When will it be added and when will serious planning commence please?

Response from Cllr Mike Greene, Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability

I do apologise for any perceived delay in publicising the document as I agree with Cllr Hadley that it could be useful for Members. Unfortunately the weblink which Cllr Hadley provided was actually to the old draft plan as the final version had not yet been adopted. BCP officers contacted the Western Gateway Programme team and it was noted that all member local authorities needed to indicate approval before publication. This was confirmed at a senior officer meeting held early this month and we will be placing the document on our website very shortly.

The process of finalising the Sub National Strategy took on board the views of many across the area. It is important to stress that the Strategy itself is only for an interim short-term period and that the content reflects only those elements that were deemed to have potential as being shovel ready within the more immediate 5-year timescale. The Urban Mass Transit hopes for the Bristol conurbation met that time requirement but, unfortunately, although we in BCP are looking into the technical feasibility of mass transit at the moment, we are not at an advanced enough stage to realistically and credibly say we could do the same. Cllr Hadley will know that nobody will be more pleased than me if we are in the position to include Urban Mass Transit proposals for BCP within future iterations of the Plan.

I do not concur with Cllr Hadley's feelings on Wessex Fields. While great efforts are being made to reduce the amount of car use necessary to enable the development, some road improvements are required to ensure optimal use of this key and welcome employment site. The dogmatic approach of the previous Administration would not have allowed this. Moreover, it is hoped and expected that new roads associated with the development will help bring much needed relief to the congestion referred to by my colleague.

I would wish to reassure Members that much work is currently being undertaken for the BCP area towards our refresh of our local position while seeking to take on board the very latest Government guidance for walking, cycling, bus and rail. We are seeking to pursue strategic **sustainable** transport solutions to help reduce congestion and improve productivity across the whole conurbation, and these will form an integral part of our work as part of the Western Gateway Subnational Transport Body.

Question from Councillor Mark Howell

Now that a full planning application has been submitted for development of the empty employment land at Sterte Avenue West, only a couple of viable sites remain for relocation of the Wilts & Dorset bus depot. Its relocation is essential for the regeneration of the Seldown area adjacent to the Dolphin Centre so please could the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration confirm that the Council is treating relocation as a priority and actively and urgently working with Wilts & Dorset to secure a site for relocation.

Response from Councillor Philip Broadhead, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Economy and Strategic Planning and Deputy Leader of the Council

I thank Councillor Howell for his question.

I would challenge the assertion that Councillor Howell has presented as fact: "Its relocation is essential for the regeneration of the Seldown area adjacent to the Dolphin Centre".

As the previous Portfolio Holder, Councillor Howell spent almost 18 months on a costly and time consuming piece of work looking to where he would like to relocate the bus station and depot. The end result of this were proposals that were undeliverable on land which we didn't own.

The development of the Seldown area and others remains a priority, and we will be bringing forward a paper at next month's Cabinet outlining how we will be looking to ensure that delivery of these projects is prioritised.

Councillor Howell asked a supplementary question on the paper being submitted to Cabinet and what was the viable option. Councillor Broadhead explained that delivery was key in respect of any potential projects.

75. Recommendations from Cabinet and other Committees

7a – Audit and Governance Committee 26 November 20201 – Minute No. 47 Report of the Constitution Review Working Group – Changes to the Council’s Constitution – Procedure Rule 36

The Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee, Councillor Beesley reported that these recommendations had stood adjourned from the Council meeting held on 5 January 2021. Councillor Beesley outlined the current effect of Procedure Rule 36 and the impact of the proposed recommendations as set out on the agenda including the re-positioning of the Rule from the General Provisions to the section of the Constitution relating to Council meetings. Councillor Beesley moved the following recommendations which were seconded by Councillor Williams.

Procedure Rule 36

(a) That Procedure Rule 36 be amended to read “Any motion under Procedure Rule 12 (Motions on Notice), to vary or revoke these Rules shall, when proposed and seconded, stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Council”;

(b) That Procedure Rule 36 (as amended) be moved from Sub Part C (General Provisions) to Sub Part A (Council Meetings).

The above recommendations were approved.

Voting: Unanimously agreed.

7b – Cabinet 13 January 2021 – Minute No. 284 – Council Tax Base 2021/22

The Leader of the Council presented the report on the Council Tax Base as set out on the agenda. He explained that this was a technical requirement prior to submission and consideration of the Budget. Councillor Broadhead seconded the recommendations.

Councillor Butler asked if this meant that different tax bands were being set for each Town. She was advised that was not the case.

The recommendations arising from the Cabinet on 13 January 2021 relating to the above were approved.

Voting: Unanimously agreed.

7c – Cabinet 13 January 2021 – Minute 286 – Concessionary Fares Bus Operator Reimbursement

The Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability presented the report on Concessionary Fares Bus Operator Reimbursement as set out on the agenda. He reported on the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme and advised that this was the arrangement whereby Local Authorities reimbursed bus companies for the journeys that were taken by bus pass holders. He highlighted that Covid had meant that the number of journeys had dropped dramatically. Members were informed that if the payment was reduced it would have an effect on the bus companies' viability and the ability to run particular bus routes. As a result, the Department of Transport had made it clear to all Local Authorities that they expected them to reimburse the bus companies at the same level as pre covid. The Cabinet Member reported that there were a couple of adjustments relating to the overall bus patronage and the number of miles that were travelled by the buses where they may have reduced or increased services. He advised Council that the report had been discussed at the Overview and Scrutiny Board and approved by Cabinet but due to the amount being paid over the year of £7.83m it required full Council approval. The proposals were seconded by the Councillor Broadhead.

Councillors considered the recommendations including commenting on paragraph 13 of the report relating to the recovery partnership with the bus companies, the use of integrated ticketing, reducing fares to encourage people back on to the buses and that it seemed unfair if the bus companies were reimbursed to pre-covid levels and therefore could the amount be reduced.

The Cabinet Member in summing up responded to the issues raised. He indicated that as part of the partnership that integrated ticketing would be looked at explaining that the funding would come from the Department of Transport to the bus companies. In respect of reduced fares, it would be up to the Council to ensure that the overall routes were profitable and a reduction in fares was not likely to bring bus companies back to viability. The Cabinet Member explained if the reimbursement arrangements were not in place there may have been a collapse in bus companies. He reported that the bus companies had looked to reduce the frequency on some routes resulting in the percentage paid reduced due to frequency. He highlighted that the Council wished to encourage usage of the buses.

The recommendations arising from the Cabinet on 13 January 2021 relating to the above were approved.

Voting: Unanimously agreed

7d – Cabinet 13 January – Minute No. 287 – Dorset Heathlands Interim Air Quality Strategy

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economy and Strategic Planning and Deputy Leader of the Council presented the report on the Dorset Heathlands Interim Air Quality Strategy as set out on the agenda. He explained that this was a short-term plan working in conjunction with Dorset Council to address the issue that we have on some of our heathlands. He reported that Natural England had objected to several planning applications because of the airborne nitrogen and ammonia which comes from multiple sources including agriculture but mainly vehicle emissions which was settling on some of our heathlands and the damage to the soil and the ecology. The Cabinet Member explained that with the rapid uptake of electrical vehicles, it was likely that vehicle emissions would have dropped significantly enough by 2025 to mitigate some of the damage. In the meantime, it was necessary to protect the environment and tackle the ecological and climate change emergency but ensure that there was a consolidated approach so that development was not affected. Councillor Mike Greene seconded the recommendations and commented on bringing forward measures over the next year on the use of electric vehicles.

A Councillor referred to the suggestion that it was mainly vehicle emissions highlighting that the report indicated that it was 38% agriculture and 8% vehicles, expressing concerns that the graphs show that this was an issue in Wimborne Road and Ashley Road and in looking at figure 4 the growth of car trips in Dorset one third of the total growth was in the BCP area but that the proposal was to bear two thirds of the cost, and objecting to the reference in the financial section relating to the use of CIL monies. A Councillor welcomed plans to due reduce air pollution for both health reasons and the effect on the environment. She referred to paragraph 11 and the suggestion to reduce speeds next to heathlands including Gravel Hill and the A338 by Hurn explaining that that as far as she was aware there was no proof that reducing vehicle speed would reduce air pollution and as road transport accounts for only 8% of the problem suggested that the recommendations were reconsidered. A Councillor referred to the graphs which indicated that bus usage was decreasing and car journeys continuing to increase one of the potential projects was for a modal shift but there needs to be greater emphasis on that issue than was currently being taken and more work was needed.

The Cabinet Member in summing up responded to the issues raised. He indicated that there were a number of different forums where these questions could have been asked. Councillors were advised that there was analysis on car journeys and in particular the quantum of where the journeys were coming from not just developments next to the heathlands. The Cabinet Member reported that considerable work had been undertaken on air pollution it was not just about the efficiency of car. In conclusion he acknowledged that this was the first step and about assigning funds to create the strategy.

The recommendations arising from the Cabinet on 13 January 2021 relating to the above were approved.

Voting: agreed

Councillor George Farquhar wished to be recorded as abstaining from the above decision.

Councillor Diana Butler wished to be recorded as voting against the above decision.

7e - Licensing Committee 4 February 2021 - Minute No. 24 - Taxi and Private Hire Driver, Vehicle and Operator Policies

The Chairman of the Licensing Committee presented the report on Taxi and Private Hire Driver, Vehicle and Operator Policies as set out on the agenda. She explained the requirements of the Local Government Structural Changes General Amendment Regulations 2018 which provide that the Licensing Authority had 24 months from 1 April 2019 to prepare and publish a statement of Licensing Policy for the new Local Government area. Members were advised of the development of the taxi policies, the three taxi workshops held across BCP, the role of Member Work Groups, submissions to the Licensing Committee, the public consultation, and the detailed feedback received, the legal advice provided by a taxi licence expert on hackney carriages and a final members working party held in January 2021 to discuss the extensive feedback received in response to the taxi trade workshops and the public consultation. The Chairman referred to the meeting of the Licensing Committee on 4 February 2021 that reheard two previously submitted petitions and received four public statements from trade representatives across the three zones and the aims of the policies to create a single hackney carriage area for BCP. The Chairman referred to the error in paragraph 16.6 of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Policy which should read “All restrictions on numbers of Hackney Carriage vehicle licences will be removed subject to

the review of this policy in 2025.” Councillor Julie Bagwell seconded the recommendations.

Councillor Slade requested that the item be postponed as previously requested of the Chairman of the Licensing Committee. She explained that there had been heavy lobbying and a protest, and a postponement would allow for a Member Briefing and enable Councillors to undertake due diligence. She further explained that the Policies did not take into account issues such as the impact of covid and changes under the parking standards.

Councillor Slade moved the following which was seconded by Councillor Rigby:

“That the item be postponed, and a Member briefing be arranged and if necessary, an additional Council meeting be arranged prior to the required timeline for adoption of the Policies.”

Councillors discussed the above proposal, the process adopted, implications of the proposed deferral, the timing of the submission of the recommendations and the work undertaken by the Licensing Committee on the development of the policies.

The Chief Executive explained the order of speakers at the end of the debate on the proposal that Councillor Slade would sum up followed by Councillor Judes Butt.

Councillor Slade explained that this was not about undermining the Licensing Committee, the proposal was to create space to ask questions and understand the issues that have been raised.

Councillor Judes Butt commented on the above proposal reporting that she had responded to Councillor Slade’s request for deferral and Councillor Rigby and highlighted the role of the Licensing Committee on the development of the policies and the remit of the Licensing Authority.

A vote was taken on the proposal from Councillor Slade seconded by Councillor Rigby as detailed above. The proposal was lost:

Voting - For – 31, Against – 41, Abstention – 2

Councillor Farquhar wished to be recorded as voting for the proposed deferral.

The Council then considered the substantive motion and raised a number of issues including the following :

Councillor Evans commented on:

- Paragraph 8.10 page 103 – depression being used as a reason for disqualification – only the DVLA exclusions should be used.
- Paragraph 15.2 page 109 – dress code was discriminatory as it should be up to the individual on what was appropriate appearance and there was no reference to dress from different cultures.
- Paragraph 16 page 148 – that there was no unmet need so why release more licences.
- Paragraph 17 page 149 – livery – could stripes be used
- There was no mention of the need for compliance with Covid legislation.

Councillor Brown commented on the deregulation and the release of 15 new plates in Bournemouth and Poole each year for next five years and the impact on trade. Councillor Brown reported on the unacceptable detrimental impact on the trade and indicated the timing of the deregulation was not appropriate and that the trade should be given time to plan.

Councillor Brown made the following amendment which was seconded by Councillor Burton:

That the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles Policy 2021-2025 Chapter 16 Paragraph 16.3 be amended to add the following words

“commencing 1 April 2022”

The Chairman explained that the above was an amendment to the policy if there were any further amendments that they would have to be debated.

Councillor Slade asked if the issues raised by Councillor Evans required an amendment. The Chairman asked for the technical officers to respond on any further proposed amendments to the policies. The Licensing Manager responded to the issue raised on the fit and proper person and depression issues. Members were advised that all drivers as part of the licence conditions and first application were required to provide a medical certificate from their GP and that was assessed by the DVLA guidance group 2 drivers and depression was clearly defined in that guidance when

assessing a fit and proper person. Kelly Ansell, Director of Communities referred to the dress code suggesting that it would be appropriate to include a definition which allowed the Council to take account of suitable adaptations to address any issues for protected characteristics. The Chairman asked for clarification on how the policy could be amended. The Monitoring Officer indicated that with any policy it would be subject to review. A Councillor reported that all licensing policies were under constant review and can be reviewed by the Licensing Committee at anytime that it was necessary to make an amendment which was standard practice.

The Chairman of the Licensing Committee reported on how to deal with the issues raised and the impact. She thanked Councillor Evans for raising the issue on dress code which should be included and referred to unmet need, the associated survey and suggested that some of the issues were not relevant. The Licensing Manager reported that this was the time to amend the policy before it was ratified and the opportunity to review and include minor amendments without the need to go back to full Committee or out to public consultation.

The Chief Executive indicated that the suggestions coming forward were relatively minor and in the remit of the Licensing Committee to agree at the next meeting.

Councillor Brown following debate summed up on his proposed amendment. In doing so he thanked colleagues who supported his proposals which would allow the taxi trade to plan for deregulation. The Chairman of the Licensing Committee reported on Department of Transport best practice guidance on the issue of quantity restrictions.

A vote was taken on the following amendment moved by Councillor Brown seconded by Councillor Burton

That the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles Policy 2021-2025 Chapter 16 Paragraph 16.3 be amended to add the following words

“commencing 1 April 2022”

The amendment was lost:

Voting - For – 26, Against – 41, Abstention – 7

Councillor Farquhar wished to be recorded as abstaining from the above decision.

Councillor Nicola Greene raised a point of order and highlighted Procedure 9 and requested that the question be now put which was seconded by Councillor Haines.

Following a question on a point of order raised by Councillor Evans asking for clarification on whether the Council could vote on a motion which was discriminatory against protected characteristic the Monitoring Officer reported that assurances had been received from the Equalities Officer and legal experts that the obligations of the Equalities Act had been taken into account.

A vote was taken on the proposal that the question be now put and was carried:

Voting – For 42, Against – 31, Abstention – 1

A vote was taken on the recommendations as set out on the agenda plus the additional recommendation as follows:

That paragraph 16.6 of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Policy should read:

“All restrictions on numbers of Hackney Carriage vehicle licences will be removed subject to the review of this policy in 2025.”

Voting – For 41, Against – 30, Abstention - 3

Councillor Diana Butler, George Farquhar, Lisa Lewis and Chris Rigby wished to be recorded as voting against the above decision.

The substantive motion as detailed above was carried.

7f - Cabinet 10 February 2021 - Minute No. 296 - Quarter 3 Budget Monitoring 2020-21

The Leader of the Council presented the report on the Quarter 3 Budget Monitoring report 2020-21 as set out on the agenda which was seconded by Councillor Broadhead.

The recommendations arising from the Cabinet on 10 February 2021 relating to the above were approved.

Voting: agreed

7g - Cabinet 10 February 2021 - Minute No. 300 - Wessex Fields - Proposed Land Disposal

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economy and Strategic Planning and Deputy Leader of the Council presented the report on the Wessex Fields proposed land disposal for a medi-tech research centre the purpose of the item was to approve the specifics of the land and the terms of the disposal. The recommendations were seconded by Councillor Mellor.

Councillors in discussing the proposals, raised a number of issues including that any development on this land should be with sustainability at its core, such as building design and renewable energy, that world class sustainable businesses would be looking at how staff would get to the site including an appropriate walking and cycling infrastructure.

To enable the Council to discuss the financial details of the disposal the press and public were excluded

‘That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs such interest in disclosing the information.’

The above was proposed by Councillor Evans and seconded by Councillor Farquhar.

The press and public were excluded from the meeting to enable Councillors to ask questions on the financial details of the project.

The meeting then resumed in public session

The Cabinet Member in summing up explained that there was ample opportunity to raise questions in other forums. He explained that the Council had discussed the price of the development in exempt session and with regards to the early point about sustainability being at the core of what we do reported that this was not a binary choice and we should be able to create development with sustainable travel.

The recommendations arising from the Cabinet on 10 February 2021 relating to the above were approved.

Voting – For – 44, Against 6, Abstentions – 23

Councillor George Farquhar wished to be recorded as voting against the above decision

Councillor Paul Hilliard did not speak or vote on the above issue due to the interest that he declared.

The meeting was adjourned from 10.15 pm – 10.25 pm

The Chairman reported that the following items from the Cabinet meeting held on 10 February 2021 related to the budget and therefore 'Members were reminded that, under Regulation 2 of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 votes taken at key budget decision meetings must now be recorded in the minutes. He explained that he would therefore ask the Chief Executive to take a recorded vote on the following recommendations from the Cabinet on 10 February 2021 as they relate to key budget decisions.

7h - Cabinet 10 February 2021 - Minute No. 301 - Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Schools and Early Years Formulae 2021/22

The Cabinet Member for Covid Resilience, Schools and Skills presented the report on the Dedicated Schools Grant Schools and Early Years Formulae 2021/22 as set out on the agenda. She explained that the funding was passported through to schools extensively consulted upon through the Schools Forum, Overview and Scrutiny Board and Cabinet. The recommendations were seconded by Councillor White.

The recommendations arising from the Cabinet on 10 February 2021 relating to the above were approved.

All Councillors present as follows voted for the recommendations.

Cllr Hazel Allen	Cllr Bobbie Dove	Cllr Bob Lawton
Cllr Lewis Allison	Cllr Beverley Dunlop	Cllr Marion LePoidevin
Cllr Mark Anderson	Cllr Millie Earl	Cllr Lisa Lewis
Cllr Sarah Anderson	Cllr Jackie Edwards	Cllr Rachel Maidment
Cllr Marcus Andrews	Cllr L-J Evans	Cllr Chris Matthews
Cllr Julie Bagwell	Cllr George Farquhar	Cllr Simon McCormack
Cllr Steve Baron	Cllr Duane Farr	Cllr Drew Mellor
Cllr Stephen Bartlett	Cllr Laurence Fear	Cllr Pete Miles
Cllr John Beesley	Cllr Anne Filer	Cllr Sandra Moore
Cllr Derek Borthwick	Cllr David Flagg	Cllr Lisa Northover
Cllr Philip Broadhead	Cllr Nick Geary	Cllr Tony O'Neill
Cllr Mike Brooke	Cllr Mike Greene	Cllr Susan Phillips
Cllr Nigel Brooks	Cllr Nicola Greene	Cllr Margaret Phipps
Cllr David Brown	Cllr Andy Hadley	Cllr Karen Rampton
Cllr Simon Bull	Cllr May Haines	Cllr Felicity Rice
Cllr Richard Burton	Cllr Peter Hall	Cllr Chris Rigby
Cllr Diana Butler	Cllr Nigel Hedges	Cllr Mark Robson
Cllr Daniel Butt	Cllr Paul Hilliard	Cllr Robert Rocca
Cllr Judes Butt	Cllr Mark Howell	Cllr Vikki Slade
Cllr Eddie Coope	Cllr Mohan Iyengar	Cllr Ann Stribley
Cllr Mike Cox	Cllr Cheryl Johnson	Cllr Tony Trent
Cllr Malcolm Davies	Cllr Toby Johnson	Cllr Mike White
Cllr Norman Decent	Cllr Andy Jones	Cllr Lawrence Williams
Cllr Lesley Dedman	Cllr Jane Kelly	Cllr Keiron Wilson
Cllr Bryan Dion	Cllr David Kelsey	

7i - Cabinet 10 February 2021 - Minute No. 303 - Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Setting 2021 to 2022

The Cabinet Member for Homes presented the report on the Housing Revenue Account Budget Setting for 2021 to 2022 as set out on the agenda. He explained that the HRA budget sets out the proposals for

rents, service charges and other charges for tenants as well as the expenditure plans for 2021/22. Councillors were advised that the increase in charges were in line with the national policy, good practice and legislation, There were several measures in place to help tenants with these charges for example housing benefit with staff available to provide help and support. Members were advised that the expenditure plans set out the budget required to manage and maintain the existing stock, provide services to residents as well as building new homes and completing major projects and detailing the borrowing. The Cabinet Member reported that 2020 had been a challenging year due to the pandemic but the impact on the HRA had not been as great as for other service areas. He explained that there had been some reduction in services due to the national lockdowns, but most had continued to be provided in a different and safe way. Members were advised of the proposed full rent increase of 1.5% per property with garage rents increasing by 2%. Councillor Haines seconded the proposed recommendations.

Councillors in considering the proposals raised a number of issues and comments including would the increase in garage rents increase additional on street parking and seeking clarification on progress with housing developments such as Herbert Avenue.

The Cabinet Member for Homes in summing up responded to the above issues explaining that garages were more likely to be used for lockups than creating additional on street parking and that he would respond direct to the Councillor on the progress with the development at Herbert Avenue.

The recommendations arising from the Cabinet on 10 February 2021 relating to the above were approved.

All Councillors present as follows voted for the recommendations.

Cllr Hazel Allen	Cllr Bobbie Dove	Cllr Bob Lawton
Cllr Lewis Allison	Cllr Beverley Dunlop	Cllr Marion LePoidevin
Cllr Mark Anderson	Cllr Millie Earl	Cllr Lisa Lewis
Cllr Sarah Anderson	Cllr Jackie Edwards	Cllr Rachel Maidment
Cllr Marcus Andrews	Cllr L-J Evans	Cllr Chris Matthews
Cllr Julie Bagwell	Cllr George Farquhar	Cllr Simon McCormack
Cllr Steve Baron	Cllr Duane Farr	Cllr Drew Mellor
Cllr Stephen Bartlett	Cllr Laurence Fear	Cllr Pete Miles
Cllr John Beesley	Cllr Anne Filer	Cllr Sandra Moore

Cllr Derek Borthwick	Cllr David Flagg	Cllr Lisa Northover
Cllr Philip Broadhead	Cllr Nick Geary	Cllr Tony O'Neill
Cllr Mike Brooke	Cllr Mike Greene	Cllr Susan Phillips
Cllr Nigel Brooks	Cllr Nicola Greene	Cllr Margaret Phipps
Cllr David Brown	Cllr Andy Hadley	Cllr Karen Rampton
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Cllr Mike Cox	Cllr Cheryl Johnson	Cllr Tony Trent
Cllr Malcolm Davies	Cllr Toby Johnson	Cllr Mike White
Cllr Norman Decent	Cllr Andy Jones	Cllr Lawrence Williams
Cllr Lesley Dedman	Cllr Jane Kelly	Cllr Keiron Wilson
Cllr Bryan Dion	Cllr David Kelsey	

7j - Cabinet 10 February 2021 - Minute No. 297 - 2021/22 Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP)

The Leader of the Council made his budget statement and presented the report on the 2021/22 Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP)

and recommendations as set out on the agenda. The Leader acknowledged the outstanding contribution of the Chief Financial Officer and his team for all their work on preparing the budget. Councillor Broadhead seconded the recommendations and reserved his right to speak later in the debate.

Councillor Cox moved and Councillor Hilliard seconded the following amendment and revised recommendations:

- 1) a)** A net budget of £243.2 million, resulting in a total council tax requirement of £216.7 million, is set for 2021/22 based on the settlement figures published by government in December 2020. This is based upon:
 - i. an increase in council tax in 2021/22 which means that the total BCP unitary charge will increase by 2.55% when applied

to the average charge for 2020/21. Individual resident charges can be summarised as;

1. Bournemouth's council tax charge being an increase of 1.75% over that levied in 2020/21.
2. Christchurch's council tax charge being an increase of 0.99% over that levied in 2020/21.
3. Poole's council tax charge being an increase of 4.01% over that levied in 2020/21.

iii. the allocations to service areas in the budget as proposed and as set out in Appendix 2a;

1) b) approve a £8.4 million gross investment in the council's corporate priorities (£7.4 million net) in 2021/22 which is an increase of £6.0 million compared to the 2020/21 budget;

1) i) that the chief finance officer provides council with a schedule setting out the rate of council tax for each category of dwelling further to councillors consideration of the decision required in respect of (a) above and after taking account of the precepts to be levied by the local police and fire authorities, neighbourhood, town and parish councils, and chartered trustees once these have been determined prior to the Council meeting on the 23 February 2021.

Set out below are the financial implications of the above amendment:

1. The revised recommendations were underpinned by the following changes, presented in **absolute** amounts rather than on an incremental basis, to the 2021/22 Budget and medium- term financial plan as set out in the substantive report.

	21/22 £000s	22/23 £000s	23/24 £000
Additional Funding			
a) Extra 1% increase in Council Tax in 2021/22	(2,114)	(54)	(56)
Sub Total	(2,114)	(54)	(56)
Reduction in corporate priorities spend			
b) Remove the investment in Regeneration	(1,750)	(1,750)	(1,750)
c) Defer the investment in Arts and Culture	(100)	-	-
d) Remove the investment in the cultural Bounce Back Festival	(250)	(250)	(250)
e) Defer the investment in Community safety officers	(100)	-	-
Sub Total	(2,200)	(2,000)	(2,000)

Proposals including additional corporate priorities spend			
f) Defer inflationary uplift on client contribution towards Adult Social Care until 2022/23	400	-	-
g) Provision of a respite fund for carers – one off	1,000	-	-
h) Provision of Mental Health & youth services for young people	250	250	250
i) Development of a resident's card	150	-	-
j) Green recovery fund	1,750	1,750	1,750
k) Additional highway improvements – one off	250	-	-
Sub-Total	3,800	2,000	2,000
Changes in Reserves			
l) Increase in unearmarked reserves	514	54	56
Sub-Total	514	54	56
Additional annual (surplus) / deficit	0	0	0

- The financial planning assumption around future years council tax increases would now be 3.99% in 2022/23 (rather than 4.99%) and 1.99% in 2023/24 (unchanged)
- The permanent changes to the corporate priority expenditure compared to the substantive budget is the removal of both the £1.750m investment in regeneration and the £250,000 investment in the cultural bounce back festival.
- The £100,000 deferral (circa 40%) in the planned £240,000 investment in Community Safety Officers in 2021/22 is achieved by staggering the appointment of the 6 new officers over the year.
- In respect of the resident's card the commitment in year one is to the development of the scheme. The intention from year 2 is the scheme would pay for itself through sponsorship, or through differential charging, by increasing charges (e.g. parking) to visitors and freezing/discounting charges to BCP residents.
- Purpose of the Green Recovery Fund will be to ensure any regeneration expenditure is spent on "Green" initiatives and fulfils the Councils climate change and ecological emergency commitment.

7. As part of the substantive budget it is proposal to hold unearmarked reserves at £15.4 million which is approximately 5.5% of the proposed net revenue expenditure for the year. The budget amendment would increase these reserves to £15.9m which would be approximately 5.6% of the proposed net revenue expenditure for the year. The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) have carried out some benchmarking on the level of reserves held by most unitary authorities and identified that they tend to maintain unearmarked reserves between 5% and 10% of net revenue expenditure.
8. Revised Appendix 2a (as circulated with the supplementary pack on the alternative budget)

Members were advised that all other recommendations remained unaltered. Councillor Cox explained the detail of his proposal, the financial implications of the amendment as circulated to all Councillors and the impact of his amendment to support residents, businesses and those most in need. Councillor Hilliard in seconding the amendment indicated that it addressed the failings of the substantive proposal and he explained the rationale for using a percentage of the adult social care levy.

Councillors in considering the amendment raised a number of issues including commenting on the impact of the amendment on the business community, the removal of the bounce back festival fund, the arts and culture fund and regeneration fund from the budget, the support residents, children, young people and families need, that the amendment did not address hardship and deprivation. A Cabinet Member referred to the Culture Compact and the recognition locally and nationally highlighting the need to lift our ambitions and drive forward with proposals to access culture. A Member whilst acknowledging the difficult position of the hospitality sector highlighted the need to support residents who had been suffering with the effects of the pandemic. A Cabinet Member highlighted the support being provided for youth services and children and families suffering from mental health including the additional funding already committed by the administration. He referred to the harmonisation of Council tax and the financial implications for residents. A Councillor felt that there was much that was good in the budget due to the policies of the previous administration, but it could be improved and directly benefit the residents in the BCP area. A Member explained that the amendment would result in £1.20 per month for the average household to protect the most vulnerable in our communities and emphasised that the proposed festival should be scheduled for 2022. A number of Members referred to the use of borrowing, level of reserves and expected income levels. A Cabinet Member raised her concerns on the implications of (f) and (g). The Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care O&S Committee reported that a Care Strategy was being looked at and a Working Group could be set up to help shape the strategy.

Councillor Cox in summing up emphasised the need to listen to those members of the community who were voiceless and need support. He explained that the amendment did not propose to scrap the regeneration budget and that it was aiming to secure responsible sources of income.

The Leader of the Council explained the harmonisation and the use of the social care precept.

A recorded vote was taken on the amendment moved by Councillor Cox and seconded by Councillor Hilliard

For

Cllr Lewis Allison	Cllr Nick Geary	Cllr Sandra Moore
Cllr Marcus Andrews	Cllr Andy Hadley	Cllr Lisa Northover
Cllr Mike Brooke	Cllr Paul Hilliard	Cllr Felicity Rice
Cllr David Brown	Cllr Mark Howell	Cllr Chris Rigby
Cllr Simon Bull	Cllr Toby Johnson	Cllr Mark Robson
Cllr Richard Burton	Cllr Marion LePoidevin	Cllr Vikki Slade
Cllr Mike Cox	Cllr Lisa Lewis	Cllr Tony Trent
Cllr Millie Earl	Cllr Rachel Maidment	Cllr Kieron Wilson
Cllr L-J Evans	Cllr Chris Matthews	
Cllr George Farquhar	Cllr Peter Miles	

Against

Cllr Hazel Allen	Cllr Norman Decent	Cllr Cheryl Johnson
Cllr Mark Anderson	Cllr Bryan Dion	Cllr Andy Jones
Cllr Sarah Anderson	Cllr Bobbie Dove	Cllr Jane Kelly
Cllr Julie Bagwell	Cllr Beverley Dunlop	Cllr David Kelsey
Cllr Steve Baron	Cllr Jackie Edwards	Cllr Bob Lawton
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Cllr Diana Butler	Cllr Nicola Greene	Cllr Robert Rocca
Cllr Daniel Butt	Cllr May Haines	Cllr Ann Stribley
Cllr Judes Butt	Cllr Peter Hall	Cllr Mike White
Cllr Eddie Coope	Cllr Nigel Hedges	Cllr Lawrence Williams
Cllr Malcolm Davies	Cllr Mohan Iyengar	

Abstentions

Cllr Stephen Bartlett	Cllr David Flagg	Cllr Margaret Phipps
Cllr Lesley Dedman	Cllr Simon McCormack	

The amendment was lost

Voting – For 28, Against – 41, Abstentions – 5

Councillors then considered the original recommendations. Councillor Broadhead having reserved his right to speak as the seconder explained that this was truly a transformative budget. A Member expressed her concern that the budget relied heavily on borrowing and referred to the two year harmonisation of Council Tax to achieve equity across the area which was instigated by Christchurch Independents.

Councillor Brooke moved that the question be now put which was seconded by Councillor LePoidevin.

For

Cllr Lewis Allison	Cllr Millie Earl	Cllr Sandra Moore
Cllr Marcus Andrews	Cllr George Farquhar	Cllr Lisa Northover
Cllr Stephen Bartlett	Cllr Andy Hadley	Cllr Margaret Phipps
Cllr Mike Brooke	Cllr Paul Hilliard	Cllr Felicity Rice
Cllr David Brown	Cllr Toby Johnson	Cllr Chris Rigby
Cllr Simon Bull	Cllr Marion LePoidevin	Cllr Mark Robson
Cllr Diana Butler	Cllr Lisa Lewis	Cllr Vikki Slade
Cllr Richard Burton	Cllr Rachel Maidment	Cllr Tony Trent
Cllr Mike Cox	Cllr Chris Matthews	Cllr Kieron Wilson

Cllr Lesley Dedman	Cllr Peter Miles	
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Against

Cllr Hazel Allen	Cllr Bobbie Dove	Cllr Mohan Iyengar
Cllr Mark Anderson	Cllr Beverley Dunlop	Cllr Cheryl Johnson
Cllr Sarah Anderson	Cllr Jackie Edwards	Cllr Andy Jones
Cllr Julie Bagwell	Cllr L-J Evans	Cllr Jane Kelly
Cllr Steve Baron	Cllr Duane Farr	Cllr David Kelsey
Cllr John Beesley	Cllr Laurence Fear	Cllr Bob Lawton
Cllr Derek Borthwick	Cllr Ann Filer	Cllr Simon McCormack
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Cllr Eddie Coope	Cllr May Haines	Cllr Robert Rocca
Cllr Malcolm Davies	Cllr Peter Hall	Cllr Ann Stribley
Cllr Norman Decent	Cllr Nigel Hedges	Cllr Mike White
Cllr Bryan Dion	Cllr Mark Howell	Cllr Lawrence Williams

The above motion was lost

Voting – For – 29, Against – 45, Abstentions – 0

A Councillor express her concerns about the amount of borrowing and level of reserves she also highlighted the loss of the grant for the Turlin Moor project which the administration indicated was due to lack of engagement. A Ward Councillor clarified the position indicating that it was felt that the Hamworthy Residents deserved appropriate consultation on this major project. A Cabinet Member emphasised how proud she was of how the Council had operated during the pandemic. Councillors commented on the impact of the budget on the arts and culture sector.

The Leader of the Council in summing up highlighted the significant investment in frontline services and that the proposals provided a budget of hope and optimism.

A recorded vote was taken on the recommendations on the 2021/22 Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) including the Council Tax resolution as set out in the report attached to the Council agenda headed 2021/2022 Council Tax Resolution (recommendation i) moved by Councillor Mellor and seconded by Councillor Broadhead

For

Cllr Hazel Allen	Cllr Norman Decent	Cllr Toby Johnson
Cllr Mark Anderson	Cllr Bryan Dion	Cllr Andy Jones
Cllr Sarah Anderson	Cllr Bobbie Dove	Cllr Jane Kelly
Cllr Marcus Andrews	Cllr Beverley Dunlop	Cllr David Kelsey
Cllr Julie Bagwell	Cllr Jackie Edwards	Cllr Bob Lawton
Cllr Steve Baron	Cllr Duane Farr	Cllr Drew Mellor
Cllr Stephen Bartlett	Cllr Laurence Fear	Cllr Sandra Moore
Cllr John Beesley	Cllr Ann Filer	Cllr Tony O'Neill
Cllr Derek Borthwick	Cllr Mike Greene	Cllr Susan Phillips
Cllr Philip Broadhead	Cllr Nicola Greene	Cllr Karen Rampton
Cllr Nigel Brooks	Cllr May Haines	Cllr Robert Rocca
Cllr Richard Burton	Cllr Peter Hall	Cllr Ann Stribley
Cllr Daniel Butt	Cllr Nigel Hedges	Cllr Tony Trent
Cllr Judes Butt	Cllr Mohan Iyengar	Cllr Mike White
Cllr Eddie Coope	Cllr Cheryl Johnson	Cllr Lawrence Williams
Cllr Malcolm Davies		

Against

Cllr Mike Brooke	Cllr Mike Cox	Cllr Paul Hilliard
Cllr David Brown	Cllr L-J Evans	Cllr Mark Howell

Abstentions

Cllr Lewis Allison	Cllr Andy Hadley	Cllr Lisa Northover
Cllr Simon Bull	Cllr Marion LePoidevin	Cllr Margaret Phipps
Cllr Diana Butler	Cllr Lisa Lewis	Cllr Felicity Rice

Cllr Lesley Dedman	Cllr Rachel Maidment	Cllr Chris Rigby
Cllr Millie Earl	Cllr Chris Matthews	Cllr Mark Robson
Cllr George Farquhar	Cllr Simon McCormack	Cllr Vikki Slade
Cllr David Flagg	Cllr Peter Miles	Cllr Kieron Wilson
Cllr Nick Geary		

Voting – For – 46, Against – 6, Abstentions - 22

The recommendations on the 2021/22 Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) including the Council Tax resolution as set out in the report attached to the Council agenda headed 2021/2022 Council Tax Resolution (recommendation i) were agreed

76. Appointment to the Lower Central Gardens Trust Board

The Leader of the Councillor moved and Councillor Broadhead seconded that the Bournemouth Independent and Green Group be allocated the seat on the Lower Central Gardens Trust Board.

RESOLVED that the above proposal be agreed without dissent.

Voting: Unanimous.

77. Notice of Motions in accordance with Procedure Rule 12

Councillor Matthews moved and Councillor Flagg seconded that the motion as set out on the agenda be deferred until the next Council meeting.

RESOLVED that the above proposal be agreed.

Voting: Unanimous.

The meeting ended at 0.50 am

COUNCIL
23 February 2021

CHAIRMAN