

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 22 October 2014 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor S Barcock
Councillor B Carter	Councillor Mrs A Kendall
Councillor P Kendall	Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes
Councillor W Pegram	Councillor Ms S Stamper
Councillor Ms C Tindall (Chairman)	Councillor I Tyson
Councillor L Williamson	Councillor Mrs J Wood
Councillor M Wood	

In Attendance

Mrs L Douglas (Clerk)
Mr P Bramley (Clerk)
Viv Patterson (Press)

48/15 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe.

49/15 Declarations of Interest

None received.

50/15 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

51/15 Budget 2016/17

Members considered a report setting out the basis of development of the draft Budget 2016/17, the detailed draft Budget figures & the estimated level of Reserves & Balances at 31 March 2016. The formulation of the draft Budget 2016/17 & its supporting information was reviewed per budget line, in terms of its basis & assumptions.

Members noted the unavailability at the time of the meeting of information due from Allerdale Borough Council concerning the proposed application in 2016/17 of the discretionary support for the local council tax benefit scheme, & the impact of that on the figures under consideration. It was also noted that the Secretary of State held reserved powers within the Localism Act through which restrictions may be placed on local councils' budget proposals, should such powers be exercised. The Secretary of State's intentions regarding application of such powers for the 2016/17 financial year were not available at the time of the meeting.

The draft budget took into account the Council's agreed priorities in its Council Strategy, developed in 2015 involving local community members, & provided for an expenditure budget of £206,400. It was estimated that, subject to the impact of the level of discretionary support for the local council tax benefit scheme provided in 2016/17, such a budget would entail an increase of around 9p per week for the majority of Maryport Council Tax payers.

Resolved that:

- 1) The Budget 2016/17, as detailed in the report, & providing for a budget of £206,400, be agreed in principle & that it be recommended to form the basis of the Council precept for 2016/17, pending the receipt of the outstanding information required.
- 2) The estimated level of Reserves at 31 March 2016 be noted.

The Budget 2016/17 is attached.

The meeting finished at 7.55 pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date