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MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of County Council held
at County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA on Thursday, 9th March, 2017 at 2.00 pm

PRESENT: County Councillor J. Higginson (Chairman)
County Councillor P. Jordan (Vice Chairman)

County Councillors: D. Batrouni, J. Prosser, D. Blakebrough, M. Powell, V. Smith, G. Burrows, R. Chapman, P. Clarke, D. Dovey, G. Down, A. Easson, D. Edwards, R. Edwards, P. Farley, P.A. Fox, R.J.W. Greenland, L. Guppy, E. Hackett Pain, R. Harris, B. Hayward, M. Hickman, P.A.D. Hobson, G. Howard, D. Jones, P. Jones, S. Jones, S.B. Jones, P. Jordan, P. Murphy, F. Taylor, A. Watts, A. Webb, S. White, K. Williams and A. Wintle

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Matthews	Chief Executive
Peter Davies	Chief Officer, Resources
Will McLean	Head of Democracy, Engagement and Improvement
Joy Robson	Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer
Robert Tranter	Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer
Nicola Perry	Senior Democracy Officer
Mark Howcroft	Assistant Head of Finance
Rachel Jowitt	Head of Waste & Street Services

APOLOGIES:

Councillors J. Crook, D. Evans, S. Howarth and J. Marshall

1. Apologies for absence

2. Chairman's report and receipt of petitions

Upon opening the meeting the Chairman expressed condolences for the recent passing of Mr. David Waring, a former councillor, Mr B. Llewellyn, a former councillor of the first session of this Council from 1996-1999, and Mr. B. Foulser, the Consort of former Chairman, J. Foulser. Council marked their respect with a minute silence.

Council were advised that a photographic session would be held prior to Council on 20th March 2017. Detail to follow.

Council received the Chairman's report, noting an upcoming charity concert at Monmouth Leisure Centre on 31st March, proceeds of which would go to Gwent Music and the Chairman's charity.

There were no petitions.

3. Declarations of interest

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County Councillor M. Hickman declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest pursuant to the Members' Code of Conduct as trustee and treasurer of Homemakers Community Recycling.

Members agreed to declare further interests as and when.

4. Public Open Forum

4.1. Question from Mr. M Smith to County Councillor P. Fox

Question withdrawn.

5. To confirm the following minutes:

5.1. County Council - 19th January 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, with the following amendment:

Page 7, paragraph 3 should read '**Some** Members expressed frustrations concerning Welsh language taking precedent over English, specifically on telephone calls and road signage. It was thought to be a case of the minority dictating to the majority.'

5.2. County Council Special Meeting - 26th January 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. To receive the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 2nd February 2017

We noted the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 2nd February 2017.

In doing so Councillor F. Taylor expressed frustration and disappointment that the discussion surrounding Zero Hour Contracts had not been presented back to Council as requested, and that the issue had not been resolved during this council term.

7. To receive the minutes of the Democratic Services Committee meeting held on 23rd January 2017

We noted the minutes of the Democratic Services Committee meeting held on 23rd January 2017.

8. Notices of Motion

9. Reports of the Head of Operations

9.1. Household waste recycling centre, transfer station and haulage procurement strategy

Council were presented a report in order to seek Council approval on the proposed strategy to initiate a procurement exercise for a new Contract for the Household Waste Recycling Centre, Transfer Station and Residual Waste Haulage services.

During his presentation, Councillor B. Jones expressed that this process was no reflection on the service received, and commended Viridor for their work over the last 20 plus years of the contract. However, it was understood to be time to review best practices and procurement to ensure we are up to date, fit for purpose and aligned to this report of the recycling service.

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During debate we noted the following:

Some Members were keen to commend the exemplary service provided by Viridor, and also the work of officers and co-operation of Monmouthshire residents.

Councillor Batrouni referred to the tender process and questioned if it was common practice to award following the initial tender, and questioned the 'limited negotiations'. The Head of Waste and Street Services explained that this is a new procurement process introduced through the EU procurement rules and would be the first time MCC have used it. It provides the opportunity to offer a direct award if the bid is strong enough. Limited negotiation refers to matters of refinement on detail and clarification.

At present, officers had not received any indication that Dragon Waste intended to bid for the contract.

In response to a request for assurance regarding transition, Members were advised that, should another contractor become successful, staff would transfer under TUPE (transfer of undertakings and protection of employment) arrangements. Council were assured that the quality of service would not change.

Upon being put to the vote Council resolved to agree the recommendations in the report:

The Council approves:

- The procurement strategy as outlined in this report, specifically:-
 - i. Nature of services (as defined in 4.1)
 - ii. Contract length:- 7 years + 5
 - iii. Contract form:- service contract
 - iv. Procurement process:- Competitive with Negotiation
 - v. Price/Quality criteria:- 55/45
 - vi. Performance / quality outcomes
- That delegated approval is given to the Head of Waste & Street Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member, S151 Officer and Monitoring Officer to finalise the Contract Documentation, including the evaluation matrix, prior to issue of OJEU Notice to begin the procurement process.
- That decision to award the Contract will be delegated to the Head of Waste & Street Services in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Waste and Finance, S151 Officer and Monitoring Officer on the provision that the price remains within the current affordability envelope of the existing waste management budget (noting though the outcome will be reported to Council and our future partner will be presented to Select Committee).
- That decision to award the Contract if it exceeds the existing budget envelope will be for the consideration of Council.

9.2. Recycling Review - Final Proposals for Collections 2018-2025

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Council were presented with a report outlining the final proposals for recycling collections in order to seek Council approval for the future configuration of the kerbside recycling service 2018-2025.

During debate we noted the following:

A Member questioned the weekly collection of brown bags, suggesting that fortnightly collections during winter months be appropriate. In response we were advised that there was no proposal to change, but this could be considered as a recommendation from Council.

A Member referred to the future proofing of the service, in terms of the legislative underpinning derived from the EU, and questioned the effects following Brexit. Council were advised that the European legislation gives a minimum for which member states must adopt. The Welsh Government position exceeds the European regulations, and feedback from officials, and the minister, is that they intend to carry on with the current agenda, and will not be affected by Brexit.

In response to concerns that fortnightly collections would result in recyclable waste being put into black bags, officers explained that extra recycling boxes would be provided on request.

It was reiterated that a service should be provided at the refuse transfer station for red and purple waste bags. Council heard that that service had been withdrawn as the service had been massively abused, and analysis showed that 70% to 80% of bags were full of black bag waste. There had been some instances where residents had been abusive and physically threatening to staff at Viridor. Should the trial take place again, it would be on the basis that it could be withdrawn.

A Member referred to the collection of yellow 'tiger' bags and questioned if the process could be modified. It was explained that the service had moved to a fortnightly collection at a saving of £100,000, and there were currently no plans to change. Accepted advice from HSE confirmed it is completely safe to continue with a fortnightly collection. Councillor Easson disputed that this was hygienically acceptable, particularly where residents live in cramped accommodation, and questioned if officers could look at individual instances where problem situations could be resolved urgently. This was confirmed.

In response to concerns around the potential increase in fly tipping, the Head of Waste and Street Services reassured Council that there are crews available to collect fly tipping when reported, and an increase was not anticipated.

A Member questioned if we were behind other authorities in terms of adopting these changes, the Head of Waste and Street Services explained that we were not adopting the standard kerbside sort system, and have gone for a variation considered by Welsh Government to be a satisfactory middle ground.

A Member acknowledged that this report has been through the scrutiny process and was pleased to hear that the spend on grey bags was put on hold and being reviewed.

There were concerns regarding the consultation process and Council heard that 6500 residents had been trialled, qualitative and quantitative data had been collected. A sample drop of 1000 questionnaires had seen 410 responses, being a 40% response rate.

A Member requested reassurance that residents living in inaccessible areas would not be disadvantaged as a result of the change. Members were assured that officers provide the best service possible, where properties were up a long drive, or private road residents would be

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expected to bring waste to a collection point, as with the current status. During the trial, bins had been provided in communal areas of flats which had been successful.

Upon being put to the vote Council resolved to agree the recommendations in the report:

That Council approves:

- That the principles of the existing recycling service (red and purple bags collected weekly) be maintained.
- That glass be collected fortnightly in a separate container (green box)
 - i. Where residents raise concern over ability to carry a box the service will offer a green caddy (similar to the outside food waste caddy) and be given further assistance if needed.
- Food and green waste will be collected separately as previously approved.
- That changes are introduced between April – July 2018.
- That revenue savings generated from the service change cover the cost of prudential borrowing to allow capital expenditure e.g. changes to the Transfer Stations, purchase of boxes etc subject to a further report to full council regarding the capital investment required.
- The overall service design so that the procurement process for the new fleet and design and construction of the Transfer Stations can begin.
- Delegate approval for decision making to the Head of Waste & Street Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member & S151 Officer on any technical details, subject to changes remaining within the existing funding envelope of the service.
- That Select Committee and Council receive a report on implementation of the service changes after July 2018 quantifying the full benefits and cost incurred, and modelled cost of the service for its proposed 7 year life.
- That grey bags for the collection of residual waste be reviewed with a view to determining whether it would be beneficial to invest in more waste education and awareness than infrastructure to increase recycling and report to Cabinet via Select in Autumn 2017.

9.3. Approval of Car Park Capital Budget in 2017/18

Council were presented with a report which sought Council approval for capital budget in 2017/18 for installation of new equipment and car park improvements.

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During debate we noted the following:

Clarification was sought around the mention of equipment, and improvement/ refurbishment. It was questioned if it would include provision of physical measures in some car parks to restrict their use as unofficial race tracks, particular mention was made to Welsh Street Car Park in Chepstow. The Cabinet Member responded that ticket machines were in need of replacement, providing residents options of payment methods other than coins. Blue Badge Spaces would be brought up to standard. With regards to Welsh Street Car Park, consultations were underway with local residents and businesses, and within the budget resolution would be sought.

It was confirmed EV referred to Electrical Vehicles.

It was clarified that the recommendations in the Cabinet paper dated July 2016 were passed as stage 1. This report referred to stage 2 of the process.

A Member referred to the leasehold of car parks, referring to Castle Car Park, and questioned if there was a potential risk of losing income. The Cabinet Member explained that if we are occupying land on lease, it is dependent on the land owner but negotiations would ensue.

Upon being put to the vote Council resolved to agree the recommendations in the report:

- That Council approve the capital budgets recommended by Cabinet on the 6th July 2016 detailed in the report 'Proposals for the future provision of public car parks by MCC:

That capital budgets of (i) £250,000 for new car park ticket machines, £300,000 for improvements/refurbishment to existing car parks, EV points and signage be created and that these be funded by 'invest to save' using revenue generated through the new car park order and management regime.

10. Reports of the Head of Finance

10.1. Council Tax Resolution 2017/18 and Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2017/18

Council were presented with the Council Tax Resolution 2017/18, and Revenue and Capital Budgets 2017/18. The Council is bound by Statute to specific timescales for Council Tax setting and is also required to make certain defined resolutions. The recommendations that form the major part of this report are designed to comply with those Statutory Provisions.

The recommended resolutions also draw together the Council Tax implications of precepts notified by the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent and Town and Community Councils, thereby enabling the County Council to establish its headline Council Tax levels at the various property bands within each Town or Community area.

The Cabinet Member for Resources explained that despite a better settlement than anticipated it had been a difficult process in bringing forward a balanced budget. He thanked all officers involved in the process for their hard work during the deliberations.

The Cabinet Member advised of a revised recommendation as follows:

2.1 It is recommended that the revenue and capital estimates for the year 2017/18 as attached in Appendix 1 and 2 be approved with the following adjustments:

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- i. That charges for Trade waste collections are not increased and the service instead seek to increase the customer base to achieve the income target of £10k.
- ii. That an additional £300k is added to the Disabled Facilities Grant capital budget, and the consequent costs of borrowing are funded from the headroom in the Treasury revenue budget.
- iii. That the capital budgets for car parks are added to the overall capital budget as outlined in item 9c on this Council agenda.

During Debate the following points were noted:

The Leader of the opposition expressed that following a tough few years in local government, thanks should be given to Welsh Government for extra funding, despite cuts from Westminster Government. He was pleased to note the population projections have changed, meaning a slight increase in funding for Monmouthshire.

Concerns were raised regarding school budgets, in that budgets were being cut by circa £700k. It was added that schools themselves, through the schools forum, had raised concerns, recognising the biggest cost base being staff. The increase in cost of school meals was also questioned.

There were long-standing concerns around highways, bus services and street lighting in that the issue of loneliness and isolation with the County. The Labour Group considers that tackling loneliness and isolation should not just be about social care, but about other Council services.

Explanation was requested regarding a cut in funding of £200k to Chepstow School.

The Cabinet Member for Education explained that 36% of the budget, over £50m goes to schools and, as a result, standards have been raised. We have continued to fund our schools above the Welsh average, being the second highest funder, funding per pupil is £300 more than a neighbouring authority. With regards to Chepstow School, it was noted that a wonderful job had been done in raising numbers, but this had reduced over the last couple of years, therefore funding has reduced as schools are funded per pupil.

The Leader of the Council stated that there remains an absolute commitment to replacing the pool, with enhanced leisure facilities, in Monmouth. There has been an investment of £2m in highways, a significant increase in DFGs, and the commitment to City Deal. It was taken as a compliment that there had not been any alternative options for the budget from the opposition. School funding is a concern, but has been maintained and prioritised due to huge cuts in other areas.

An independent Member noted that the 21st Century School Programme remains on budget due to Council approving an extra £11m borrowing. The Monmouth Pool requires an extra £6.8m, raising concern of a lack of financial management.

An Independent Member highlighted that both Welsh and UK Government were systematically reducing budgets, letting our children down. She questioned the total income generation needed to balance the books, stating unease of risking tax payers' money to try to create and income. Disappointment was expressed that Village Halls are forced to raise funds to try to pay 20% rates, particularly considering volunteers are providing services unable to be provided by the Authority.

The Cabinet Member for Communities commended the budget and noted the support for vulnerable people.

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A Member referred to his ward and commended the actions of officers of the Council, noting MCC as a listening Council, operating in severe financial constraints. It was added that we are managing to maintain services rather than close them. It was thought to be a balanced budget and commended to Council.

A Member questioned how well the budget papers were scrutinised by Cabinet, and how well they understood the impact on communities.

With regards the comments surrounding Monmouth Pool, the Cabinet Member for Enterprise explained that MCC had not borrowed £11m as suggested, as Welsh Government had provided half of the funding. He was pleased to note that Councillor Hayward acknowledged the pool would be built.

It was expressed that Monmouthshire County Council should have a system whereby all Members are adequately involved in the budget process and can make early, meaningful contributions.

The Chair brought the item to a close and upon being put to the vote Council resolved to agree the recommendations:

- That the revenue and capital estimates for the year 2017/18 as attached in Appendix 1 and 2 be approved with the following adjustments:
 - i. That charges for Trade waste collections are not increased and the service instead seek to increase the customer base to achieve the income target of £10k.
 - ii. That an additional £300k is added to the Disabled Facilities Grant capital budget, and the consequent costs of borrowing are funded from the headroom in the Treasury revenue budget.
 - iii. That the capital budgets for car parks are added to the overall capital budget as outlined in item 9c on this Council agenda.
- It be noted that, at its meeting on 15th February 2017, Cabinet calculated the amounts set out below for the year 2017/18 in accordance with sections 32 and 33 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 ("the Act").
For information, sections 32 and 33 of the 1992 Act have been extensively amended by Schedule 12 to the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994. Both are further amended by the Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (Wales) Regulations 2002 (the "2002 regulations") and The Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (Wales) Regulations 2013. Section 33 is further amended by the Local Government Reorganisation (Calculation of Basic Amount of Council Tax) (Wales) Order 1996. All necessary legislative and statutory amendments have been taken into account in calculating the following amounts: -
 - (a) 45,537.71 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33 of the Act and The Regulations (as amended by Regulations 1999 no. 2935), as its Council Tax base for the year;
 - (b) Part of the Council's Area, being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34 of the Act, as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which one or more special items relate:

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Community	Council Tax Base for 2017/18	Community	Council Tax Base for 2017/18
Abergavenny	4,837.06	Llanhennock	286.80
Caerwent	1,111.08	Llanover	817.16
Caldicot	4,007.55	Llantillio Croesenny	455.07
Chepstow	5,498.79	Llantillio Pertholey	1,623.11
Crucorney	744.70	Llantrissant Fawr	263.78
Devauden	651.81	Magor with Undy	2,899.74
Goetre Fawr	1,182.50	Mathern	625.57
Grosmont	491.73	Mitchell Troy	738.32
Gwehelog Fawr	287.71	Monmouth	5,083.52
Llanarth	492.64	Portskewett	1,021.93
Llanbadoc	475.09	Raglan	1,087.41
Llanelly Hill	1,953.57	Rogiet	732.90
Llanfoist Fawr	1,909.77	Shirenewton	740.19
Llangattock Vibon Abel	673.39	St.Arvals	455.32
Llangwm	273.87	Tintern	495.03
Llangybi	539.17	Trellech	1,690.29
		Usk	1,391.14
		Total	45,537.71

- That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2017/18 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Act and sections 47 and 49 of the [Local Government Finance Act 1988](#) (as amended):

(a) £148,152,649 being the aggregate of the amounts the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2) (a) to (d) of the Act less the aggregate of the amounts the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (3) (a) and (c) of the Act calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year

(b) £91,798,934 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its Council fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and revenue support grant in accordance with Section 33 (3)

(c) £6,000 being the cost to the authority of discretionary non-domestic rate relief anticipated to be granted (under sections 47 and 49 of the [Local Government Finance Act 1988](#) , as amended)

(d) £1,237.65 being the amount at 2.3(a) and 2.3(c) above less the amount at 2.3(b) above, all divided by the amount at 2.2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year

(e) £2,479,952 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34 of the Act (Town and Community Precepts)

(f) £1,183.19 being the amount at 2.3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2.3(e) above by the amount at 2.2(a) above calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which no special item relates.

(g) Part of the Council's Area, being the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amounts at 2.2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which one or more special items relate:

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Community Council	Precept Band D Equivalent £'s	Community Council	Precept Band D Equivalent £'s
Abergavenny	58.03	Llanover	14.07
Caerwent	43.20	Llantillio Croesenny	13.18
Caldicot	82.63	Llantillio Pertholey	24.83
Chepstow	121.81	Llantrissant Fawr	18.20
Crucorney	14.77	Magor with Undy	55.18
Devauden	12.52	Mathern	25.70
Goetre Fawr	24.10	Mitchell Troy	16.25
Grosmont	12.20	Monmouth	65.22
Gwehelog Fawr	15.64	Portskewett	20.06
Llanarth	14.21	Raglan	32.97
Llanbadoc	28.48	Rogiet	51.53
Llanelly Hill	39.30	Shirenewton	28.13
Llanfoist Fawr	34.04	St.Arvals	22.60
Llangatock Vibon Abel	13.81	Tintern	34.30
Llangwm	16.43	Trellech	20.71
Llangybi	18.55	Usk	101.39
Llanhennock	19.53		

(h) The County Council Area, being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 2.3(f) 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.

Council Tax Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Proportion	6	7	8	9	11	13	15	18	21
Council Tax Charge	788.79	920.26	1,051.72	1,183.19	1,446.12	1,709.05	1,971.98	2,366.38	2,760.78

(i) Part of the Council's Area, being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2.3(g) and 2.3(h) 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: -

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County Council plus Town/Community Council

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Abergavenny	827.48	965.39	1,103.30	1,241.22	1,517.05	1,792.87	2,068.70	2,482.44	2,896.18
Caerwent	817.59	953.86	1,090.12	1,226.39	1,498.92	1,771.45	2,043.98	2,452.78	2,861.58
Caldicot	843.88	964.53	1,125.17	1,265.82	1,547.11	1,828.40	2,109.70	2,531.64	2,953.58
Chepstow	870.00	1,015.00	1,160.00	1,305.00	1,595.00	1,885.00	2,175.00	2,610.00	3,045.00
Crucorney	798.64	931.75	1,064.85	1,197.96	1,464.17	1,730.38	1,996.60	2,395.92	2,795.24
Devauden	797.14	930.00	1,062.85	1,195.71	1,461.42	1,727.13	1,992.85	2,391.42	2,789.99
Goetre	804.86	939.00	1,073.14	1,207.29	1,475.58	1,743.86	2,012.15	2,414.58	2,817.01
Grosmont	796.92	929.75	1,062.56	1,195.39	1,461.03	1,726.67	1,992.31	2,390.78	2,789.25
Gwehelog	799.22	932.42	1,065.62	1,198.83	1,465.24	1,731.64	1,998.05	2,397.66	2,797.27
Llanarth	798.26	931.31	1,064.35	1,197.40	1,463.49	1,729.58	1,995.66	2,394.80	2,793.94
Llanbadoc	807.78	942.41	1,077.04	1,211.67	1,480.93	1,750.19	2,019.45	2,423.34	2,827.23
Llanelly Hill	814.99	950.83	1,086.65	1,222.49	1,494.15	1,765.82	2,037.48	2,444.98	2,852.48
Llanfoist	811.48	946.74	1,081.98	1,217.23	1,487.72	1,758.22	2,028.71	2,434.46	2,840.21
Llangatock V A	798.00	931.00	1,064.00	1,197.00	1,463.00	1,729.00	1,995.00	2,394.00	2,793.00
Llangwm	799.74	933.04	1,066.32	1,199.62	1,466.20	1,732.78	1,999.36	2,399.24	2,799.12
Llangybi	801.16	934.69	1,068.21	1,201.74	1,468.79	1,735.84	2,002.90	2,403.48	2,804.06
Llanhennock	801.81	935.45	1,069.08	1,202.72	1,469.99	1,737.26	2,004.53	2,405.44	2,806.35
Llanover	798.17	931.20	1,064.23	1,197.26	1,463.32	1,729.37	1,995.43	2,394.52	2,793.61
Llantilio Croess	797.58	930.51	1,063.44	1,196.37	1,462.23	1,728.09	1,993.95	2,392.74	2,791.53
Llantilio Pertholey	805.34	939.57	1,073.79	1,208.02	1,476.47	1,744.92	2,013.36	2,416.04	2,818.72
Llantrissant	800.92	934.42	1,067.90	1,201.39	1,468.36	1,735.34	2,002.31	2,402.78	2,803.25
Magor with Undy	825.58	963.18	1,100.77	1,238.37	1,513.56	1,788.75	2,063.95	2,476.74	2,889.53
Mathem	805.92	940.25	1,074.56	1,208.89	1,477.53	1,746.17	2,014.81	2,417.78	2,820.75
Mitchell Troy	799.62	932.90	1,066.16	1,199.44	1,465.98	1,732.52	1,999.06	2,398.88	2,798.70
Monmouth	832.27	970.99	1,109.69	1,248.41	1,525.83	1,803.26	2,080.68	2,496.82	2,912.96
Portskewett	802.16	935.86	1,069.55	1,203.25	1,470.64	1,738.03	2,005.41	2,406.50	2,807.59
Raglan	810.77	945.90	1,081.03	1,216.16	1,486.42	1,756.67	2,026.93	2,432.32	2,837.71
Rogiet	823.14	960.34	1,097.52	1,234.72	1,509.10	1,783.48	2,057.86	2,469.44	2,881.02
Shirenewton	807.54	942.14	1,076.72	1,211.32	1,480.50	1,749.68	2,018.86	2,422.64	2,826.42
St. Arvans	803.86	937.84	1,071.81	1,205.79	1,473.74	1,741.69	2,009.65	2,411.58	2,813.51
Tintern	811.66	946.94	1,082.21	1,217.49	1,488.04	1,758.59	2,029.15	2,434.98	2,840.81
Trelech	802.60	936.37	1,070.13	1,203.90	1,471.43	1,738.96	2,006.50	2,407.80	2,809.10
Usk	856.38	999.12	1,141.84	1,284.58	1,570.04	1,855.50	2,140.96	2,569.16	2,997.36

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- That it be noted for the year 2017/18 that the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent has notified the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the dwellings shown above: -

Council Tax Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Proportion	6	7	8	9	11	13	15	18	21
Council Tax Charge	152.56	177.99	203.41	228.84	279.69	330.55	381.40	457.68	533.96

- That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2.3(i) and 2.4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Act, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2017/18 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below: -

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Abergavenny	980.04	1,143.38	1,306.71	1,470.06	1,796.74	2,123.42	2,450.10	2,940.12	3,430.14
Caerwent	970.15	1,131.85	1,293.53	1,455.23	1,778.61	2,102.00	2,425.38	2,910.46	3,395.54
Caldicot	996.44	1,162.52	1,328.58	1,494.66	1,826.80	2,158.95	2,491.10	2,989.32	3,487.54
Chepstow	1,022.56	1,192.99	1,363.41	1,533.84	1,874.69	2,215.55	2,556.40	3,067.68	3,578.96
Crucorney	951.20	1,109.74	1,268.26	1,426.80	1,743.86	2,060.93	2,378.00	2,853.60	3,329.20
Devauden	949.70	1,107.99	1,266.26	1,424.55	1,741.11	2,057.68	2,374.25	2,849.10	3,323.95
Goetre	957.42	1,116.99	1,276.55	1,436.13	1,755.27	2,074.41	2,393.55	2,872.26	3,350.97
Grosmont	949.48	1,107.74	1,265.97	1,424.23	1,740.72	2,057.22	2,373.71	2,848.46	3,323.21
Gwehelog	951.78	1,110.41	1,269.03	1,427.67	1,744.93	2,062.19	2,379.45	2,855.34	3,331.23
Llanarth	950.82	1,109.30	1,267.76	1,426.24	1,743.18	2,060.13	2,377.06	2,852.48	3,327.90
Llanbadoc	960.34	1,120.40	1,280.45	1,440.51	1,760.62	2,080.74	2,400.85	2,881.02	3,361.19
Llanelly Hill	967.55	1,128.82	1,290.06	1,451.33	1,773.84	2,096.37	2,418.88	2,902.66	3,386.44
Llanfoist	964.04	1,124.73	1,285.39	1,446.07	1,767.41	2,088.77	2,410.11	2,892.14	3,374.17
Llangattock V A	950.56	1,108.99	1,267.41	1,425.84	1,742.69	2,059.55	2,376.40	2,851.68	3,326.96
Llangwm	952.30	1,111.03	1,269.73	1,428.46	1,745.89	2,063.33	2,380.76	2,856.92	3,333.08
Llangybi	953.72	1,112.68	1,271.62	1,430.58	1,748.48	2,066.39	2,384.30	2,861.16	3,338.02
Llanhennock	954.37	1,113.44	1,272.49	1,431.56	1,749.68	2,067.81	2,385.93	2,863.12	3,340.31
Llanover	950.73	1,109.19	1,267.64	1,426.10	1,743.01	2,059.92	2,376.83	2,852.20	3,327.57
Llantilio Croess	950.14	1,108.50	1,266.85	1,425.21	1,741.92	2,058.64	2,375.35	2,850.42	3,325.49
Llantilio Pertholey	957.90	1,117.56	1,277.20	1,436.86	1,756.16	2,075.47	2,394.76	2,873.72	3,352.68
Llantrissant	953.48	1,112.41	1,271.31	1,430.23	1,748.05	2,065.89	2,383.71	2,860.46	3,337.21
Magor with Undy	978.14	1,141.17	1,304.18	1,467.21	1,793.25	2,119.30	2,445.35	2,934.42	3,423.49
Mathern	958.48	1,118.24	1,277.97	1,437.73	1,757.22	2,076.72	2,396.21	2,875.46	3,354.71
Mitchell Troy	952.18	1,110.89	1,269.57	1,428.28	1,745.67	2,063.07	2,380.46	2,856.56	3,332.66
Monmouth	984.83	1,148.98	1,313.10	1,477.25	1,805.52	2,133.81	2,462.08	2,954.50	3,446.92
Portskewett	954.72	1,113.85	1,272.96	1,432.09	1,750.33	2,068.58	2,386.81	2,864.18	3,341.55
Raglan	963.33	1,123.89	1,284.44	1,445.00	1,766.11	2,087.22	2,408.33	2,890.00	3,371.67
Rogiet	975.70	1,138.33	1,300.93	1,463.56	1,788.79	2,114.03	2,439.26	2,927.12	3,414.98
Shirenewton	960.10	1,120.13	1,280.13	1,440.16	1,760.19	2,080.23	2,400.26	2,880.32	3,360.38
St. Arvans	956.42	1,115.83	1,275.22	1,434.63	1,753.43	2,072.24	2,391.05	2,869.26	3,347.47
Tintern	964.22	1,124.93	1,285.62	1,446.33	1,767.73	2,089.14	2,410.55	2,892.66	3,374.77
Trelech	955.16	1,114.36	1,273.54	1,432.74	1,751.12	2,069.51	2,387.90	2,865.48	3,343.06
Usk	1,008.94	1,177.11	1,345.25	1,513.32	1,849.73	2,186.05	2,522.36	3,026.84	3,531.32

- That Mrs J. Robson, Mr M. Howcroft, Miss R. Donovan, Mrs. S. Deacy, Mrs. W. Woods and Mrs. S. Knight be authorised under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972 to prosecute and appear on behalf of Monmouthshire County Council in proceedings before a Magistrates Court for the purpose of applying for Liability Orders in respect of Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates.

10.2. Treasury Management Policy Statement & Strategy Statement, MRP Policy Statement and Investment Strategy 2017/18

Council were presented with a report to adopt the annual Treasury Management Policy Statement and the Treasury Management Strategy Statement including the Investment and Borrowing Strategies for 2017/18 to 2020/21 and the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement for 2017/18 at Annex C.

This proposed Strategy and Policy will be monitored during the year by Audit Committee.

During debate the following points were noted:

In response to a question regarding internal borrowing, the Assistant Head of Finance advised this is the arrangement whereby we can look at our cash balance at any given time and consider using those resources to fund capital programme aspects, and avoid external borrowing. In terms of it being a short term strategy depends on how long you have capital receipts, and general revenue receipts.

With regards to a question raised around interest rates, Treasury Management consider interest rates may dip into a negative level before they start to increase. Rates are monitored on a quarterly basis, and at the moment are not moving to a great degree.

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Members were reminded that changes to the MRP Policy were a cash-flow change rather than a saving. In response to a query, the Assistant Head of Finance agreed to provide an analysis of the results had we continued with the previous approach.

In terms of ethical investments, the Assistant Head of Finance explained that the priority had been to safeguard money invested. Primarily the focus is on double a-graded institutions. Working through who benefits from investments can be problematic, but there is nothing stopping Councillors deciding on a morally ethical policy on investments should they wish

Upon being put to the vote Council resolved to agree the recommendation:

- It is recommended that the proposed Treasury Management Policy Statement for 2017/18 (Appendix 2) and proposed Treasury Management Strategy and Investment & Borrowing Strategies 2017/18 to 2020/21 (Appendix 1), including the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement for 2017/18 at Annex C, be approved together with the Treasury Limits as required by section 3 of the Local Government Act 2003.

The meeting ended at 4.40 pm

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