

MINUTES

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON, ON Monday, 29 February 2016 AT SIX THIRTY O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

PRESENT: HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR Councillor Flavell (in the Chair).

COUNCILLORS: Malpas, Ansell, Ashraf, Aziz, Beardsworth, Birch, Bottwood, Caswell, Choudary, Chunga, Eales, Eales, Eldred, Golby, Gowen, Hallam, Haque, Hibbert, Hill, Hill, Kilbride, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Markham, Marriott, Meredith, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Russell, Sargeant, Shaw, Smith, Stone and Walker

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Oldham declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest as a Council tenant.

Councillors Kilbride, Bottwood and Caswell declared personal non-pecuniary interests as board members of Northampton Partnership Homes (NPH)

2. MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 25th January 2016 were agreed and signed by the Mayor.

3. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Councillors King, Hadland, Culbard, Cali, Duffy, Davenport and McCutcheon.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Mayor announced that on the 6th March 2016 she would be attending the Clean for the Queen Spring Clean in Lings and Lumbertubs. The Mayor commented that this was part of a campaign to clear up Britain in time for the Queens 90th Birthday, to be officially celebrated in June and urged Members to get involved in making Britain tidier.

The Mayor proposed a suspension of standing orders under Rule 25 to enable the mover and seconders the opportunity to speak for a maximum of 10 minutes and that no other speech exceeds 5 minutes in relation budget reports, was agreed.

It was also noted that in accordance with the principles of the 2014 regulations, recorded votes would be held on all matters relating to the budget items 6,7,8,9, and 10 of the agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

6. CORPORATE PLAN

Councillor Markham submitted a report that sought approval for the Council's Corporate Plan for 2016 to 2020 and to delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council the authority to finalise the Corporate Plan and associated action plan in line with budget decisions, service plans and any other consequent changes.

Councillor Hallam seconded the report.

Councillor Stone proposed and Councillor Birch seconded an amendment to the Corporate Plan, on the attached supplementary document to the minutes.

There voted for the amendment; Councillors Ashraf, Birch, Choudary, Chunga, G Eales, T Eales, Gowen, Haque, Marriott, Russell, Smith and Stone.

There voted against the amendments: Councillors Ansell, Aziz, Bottwood, Caswell, Eldred, Golby, Hallam, Hibbert, J Hill, M Hill, Kilbride, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Malpas, Markham, Meredith, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Sargeant, Shaw and Walker.

There abstained the Mayor and Councillor Beardsworth.

The amendment was lost.

Council debated the recommendations within the report.

There voted for the recommendations: Councillors Ansell, Ashraf, Aziz, Birch, Bottwood, Caswell, Choudary, G Eales, T Eales, Eldred, Golby, Gowen, Hallam, Haque, Hibbert, J Hill, M Hill, Kilbride, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Malpas, Markham, Marriott, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Russell, Sargeant, Shaw, Smith, Stone and Walker.

There voted against the recommendations Councillor Meredith.

There abstained the Mayor and Councillor Beardsworth.

The recommendations in the report were agreed:

RESOLVED:

1. That the Corporate Plan (2016 to 2020) attached to the report be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to finalise the Corporate Plan and associated action plan in line with the budget decisions, service plans and any other consequent changes.

7. ROBUSTNESS OF ESTIMATES AND ADEQUACY OF RESERVES REPORT.

Councillor Hallam submitted a report that advised Council of the robustness of the estimates in the budget and adequacy of the proposed financial reserves.

Councillor Patel seconded the recommendations.

There voted for the recommendations: Councillors Ansell, Ashraf, Aziz, Birch, Bottwood, Caswell, Choudary, Chunga, G Eales, T Eales, Eldred, Golby, Gowen, Hallam, Haque, Hibbert, J Hill, M Hill, Kilbride, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Malpas, Markham, Marriott, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Russell, Sargeant, Shaw, Smith, Stone and Walker.

There abstained the Mayor and Councillors Beardsworth and Meredith.

RESOLVED:

That careful consideration be given to the content of the report with regards to the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account prior to recommending the approval of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/21, the Revenue Budget for 2016/16, Capital Programme 2016/21 and Treasury Management Strategy 2016/17.

8. GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2016/17

Councillor Hallam submitted a report which reported the outcome report the outcome of the consultation process on the 2016/17 General Fund budget and the final formula grant settlement for 2016/17 and to agree the Cabinet's recommendations for the General Fund revenue and capital budgets, the level of Council Tax increase for 2016/17 and indicative levels for 2017/18 to 2020/21. It also sought approval of the Treasury Management Strategy and Capital Strategy attached to the report.

Councillor Markham seconded the report.

Councillor Gowen proposed and Councillor Stone seconded amendments, on the attached supplementary document to the minutes.

There voted for the amendments Councillors Ashraf, Beardsworth, Birch, Choudary, Chunga, G Eales, T Eales, Gowen, Haque, Marriott, Meredith, Russell, Smith and Stone.

There voted against the amendments: Councillors Ansell, Aziz, Bottwood, Caswell, Eldred, Golby, Hallam, Hibbert, J Hill, M Hill, Kilbride, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Malpas, Markham, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Sargeant, Shaw and Walker.

There abstained the Mayor.

The amendment was lost.

Councillor Beardsworth proposed and Councillor Meredith seconded amendments on

the attached supplementary documents to the minutes.

There voted for the amendments: Councillors Ashraf, Beardsworth, Birch, Choudary, Chunga, G Eales, T Eales, Gowen, Haque, Marriott, Meredith, Russell, Smith and Stone.

There voted against the motion: Councillors Ansell, Aziz, Bottwood, Caswell, Eldred, Golby, Hallam, Hibbert, J Hill, M Hill, Kilbride, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Malpas, Markham, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Sargeant, Shaw and Walker.

There abstained the Mayor

The amendment was lost.

Council debated the recommendations contained within the report.

There voted for the recommendations: Councillors Ansell, Aziz, Bottwood, Caswell, Eldred, Golby, Hallam, Hibbert, J Hill, M Hill, Kilbride, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Malpas, Markham, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Sargeant, Shaw and Walker.

There voted against the recommendations: Councillors Ashraf, Birch, Choudary, Chunga, G Eales, T Eales, Gowen, Haque, Marriott, Russell, Smith and Stone.

There abstained the Mayor and Councillors Beardsworth and Meredith.

The recommendations in the report were agreed:

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the feedback from consultation with the public, organisations and the Overview and Scrutiny and Audit Committees be considered and welcomed (detailed at Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of attached Cabinet report).
- 2.2 That the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2016/17 of £29.6m (excluding parishes) be approved (detailed in Appendices 4, 5 and 6 of attached Cabinet report).
- 2.3 That Council does not increase the Council Tax for its own purposes, i.e. excluding County, Police and Parish Precepts, for 2016/17.
- 2.4 That Council approved the General Fund Capital Programme and proposed financing for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix 7 of attached Cabinet report.
- 2.5 That Council confirmed the aim of maintaining a minimum level of General Fund reserves of £5.3m for 2016/17, having regard to the outcome of the financial risk assessment.
- 2.6 That authority be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, and where appropriate the relevant Director

and Cabinet Member to:

- Transfer monies to/from earmarked reserves should that become necessary during the financial year.
 - Update prudential indicators in both the Prudential Indicators Report and Treasury Strategy Report to Council, for any budget changes that impact on these.
- 2.7 That the draft Fees and Charges set out in Appendix 10 of the attached Cabinet report be approved, including immediate implementation where appropriate.
- 2.8 That Council approved the Treasury Management Strategy for 2016-17 at Appendix 11 of the attached Cabinet report: incorporating:
- (i) The Capital Financing and Borrowing Strategy for 2016-17 including:
 - The Council's policy on the making of Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for the repayment of debt, as required by the Local Authorities (Capital Finance & Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.
 - The Affordable Borrowing Limit for 2016-17 as required by the Local Government Act 2003.
 - (ii) The Investment Strategy for 2016-17 as required by the CLG revised Guidance on Local Government Investments issued in 2010.
- 2.9 That authority be delegated to the Council's Chief Finance Officer, in liaison with the Cabinet member for Finance, to make any temporary changes needed to the Council's borrowing and investment strategy to enable the authority to meet its obligations.
- 2.10 That Council approved the Capital Strategy for 2016 to 2021 as attached as Appendix 12 of the attached Cabinet report.
- 2.11 That Council delegated authority to the Chief Executive, Directors and Chief Finance Officer to implement all budget options and restructures.

9. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT- RENT SETTING, REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2016/17

Councillor Hallam submitted a report that sought the approval of the HRA 2016/17 budget and the HRA forecasts for 2017/18 to 2020/21, rent increases, service charges and other charges for 2016/17, including the Total Fee proposed for Northampton Partnership Homes (NPH) to deliver the services in scope for 2016/17.

Councillor Hibbert seconded the report.

There voted for the recommendations: Councillors Ansell, Aziz, Bottwood, Eldred, Golby, Hallam, Hibbert, J Hill, M Hill, Kilbride, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Malpas, Markham, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Sargeant, Shaw and Walker.

There voted against the recommendations: Councillors Ashraf, Birch, Choudary, Chunga, G Eales, T Eales, Gowen, Haque, Marriott, Russell, Smith and Stone.

There abstained the Mayor.

The recommendations in the report were agreed:

RESOLVED:

2.1 That Council approved:

- a) An average rent decrease of -1% per dwelling, in line with the Government's national rent policy and proposed legislation, to take effect from 4th April 2016.
- b) The HRA budget for 2016/17 of £53.7m expenditure including options detailed in Appendix 1.
- c) The HRA capital programme for 2016/17, including future year commitments, and proposed financing as set out in Appendix 3.
- d) The proposed service charges listed in Appendix 4.
- e) That Cabinet be authorised, once the capital programme has been set, to approve new capital schemes and variations to existing schemes during 2016/17, subject to the funding being available and the schemes being in accordance with the objectives and priorities of the Council.
- f) The Total Fees proposed for NPH to deliver the services in scope for 2016/17 detailed in Appendix 5.

2.2 That the Council acknowledged the issues and risks detailed in the Chief Finance Officer's report on the robustness of estimates and the adequacy of the reserves.

2.4 That the Council be recommended to confirm the reserves strategy of protecting balances wherever possible to allow the option of supporting future years' budgets, aiming for a minimum level of unallocated Housing Revenue Account balances of at least £5m for 2016/17 having regard to the outcome of the financial risk assessment and remaining at this level over the medium term.

2.5 That Council delegated authority to the Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer to implement any retained HRA budget options and restructures.

2.6 That authority be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, and where appropriate the relevant Director and Cabinet Member to:

- transfer monies to/from earmarked reserves should that become necessary during the financial year.
- transfer monies to /from HRA working balances between the Council and NPH for cash flow purposes should that become necessary during the

- financial year.
- update the budget tables and appendices, prior to Council should any further changes be necessary.
- update prudential indicators in both the Prudential Indicators report and Treasury Strategy report, for Council for any budget changes that impact on these.

10. COUNCIL TAX 2016-17

Councillor Hallam submitted a report that set out the final precept determinations from the major precepting authorities (Northamptonshire County Council and Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner), parish councils, and the budget setting decision of the Council.

Councillor Markham seconded adoption of the report.

There voted for the recommendations: Councillors Ansell, Bottwood, Caswell, Eldred, Golby, Hallam, Hibbert, J Hill, M Hill, Kilbride, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Malpas, Markham, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Sargeant, Shaw and Walker.

There voted against the recommendations: Councillors Ashraf, Birch, Choudary, Chunga, G Eales, T Eales, Gowen, Haque, Marriott, Russell, Smith and Stone.

There abstained the Mayor.

The recommendations in the report were agreed:

RESOLVED:

Council Tax Resolution 2016/17

Northampton Borough Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Council" in this resolution) calculated the following amounts for the year 2016/2017 in accordance with various regulations and RESOLVES for the financial year 2016/2017 to:

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| 1 | Note that on 25/01/2016 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2016/17: | | |
| | a) | for the whole council area as: | 64,358 (Item T in the formula in section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended) |
| | b) | for the parish precept area as: | 20,745 for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a parish precept relates as in the attached appendix C. |
| 2 | Set the Council Tax Requirement for its own purposes for 2016/17 (including parish precepts) at £14,425,380. | | |

		£	
a)	Net Expenditure on Council Services including formula grant	13,380,659	
b)	Parish Council Precepts	1,044,721	
c)	Total Council Tax Requirement	14,425,380	
3	Set the following amounts in accordance with sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:		
a)	Relevant Gross Expenditure	124,767,705	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils
b)	Relevant Gross Income	(110,342,325)	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
c)	Council Tax Requirement	14,425,380	The Council Tax Requirement being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
d)	Basic Council Tax including Parish Precepts	224.14	being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
e)	Total of Special Items	1,839,541	This represents the total of Parish precepts and other special items in accordance with s34(1) of the Act (as shown at 2 above).
f)	Basic Amount of Council Tax for dwellings in parts of the area to which no special items relate	195.56	Item (e) - (g) divided by tax base (resolution 2(a)) in accordance with s34(2) of the Act.

Area:									
Billing	173.61	202.55	231.48	260.42	318.29	376.16	434.03	520.84	
Collingtree	153.90	179.55	205.20	230.85	282.15	333.45	384.75	461.70	
Duston	186.61	217.71	248.81	279.91	342.11	404.31	466.52	559.82	
Great Houghton	178.53	208.29	238.04	267.80	327.31	386.82	446.33	535.60	
Hardingstone	165.65	193.26	220.87	248.48	303.70	358.92	414.13	496.96	
Upton	138.63	161.73	184.84	207.94	254.15	300.36	346.57	415.88	
Wootton	168.99	197.16	225.32	253.49	309.82	366.15	422.48	506.98	
East Hunsbury	168.93	197.09	225.24	253.40	309.71	366.02	422.33	506.80	
Hunsbury Meadows	149.76	174.72	199.68	224.64	274.56	324.48	374.40	449.28	
West Hunsbury	133.35	155.58	177.80	200.03	244.48	288.93	333.38	400.06	
Unparished Area	141.19	164.73	188.26	211.79	258.85	305.92	352.98	423.58	

Schedule C Major Precepting Authorities Council Tax for each Council Tax band								
Valuation Bands	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Northamptonshire County Council	740.83	864.31	987.78	1,111.25	1,358.19	1,605.14	1,852.08	2,222.50
Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner	136.64	159.41	182.19	204.96	250.51	296.05	341.60	409.92

Schedule D Aggregate Council Tax for each Council Tax band								
Valuation Bands	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Area:								
Billing	1,051.08	1,226.27	1,401.45	1,576.63	1,926.99	2,277.35	2,627.71	3,153.26
Collingtree	1,031.37	1,203.27	1,375.17	1,547.06	1,890.85	2,234.64	2,578.43	3,094.12
Duston	1,064.08	1,241.43	1,418.78	1,596.12	1,950.81	2,305.50	2,660.20	3,192.24
Great Houghton	1,056.00	1,232.01	1,408.01	1,584.01	1,936.01	2,288.01	2,640.01	3,168.02
Hardingstone	1,043.12	1,216.98	1,390.84	1,564.69	1,912.40	2,260.11	2,607.81	3,129.38
Upton	1,016.10	1,185.45	1,354.81	1,524.15	1,862.85	2,201.55	2,540.25	3,048.30
Wootton	1,046.46	1,220.88	1,395.29	1,569.70	1,918.52	2,267.34	2,616.16	3,139.40
East Hunsbury	1,046.40	1,220.81	1,395.21	1,569.61	1,918.41	2,267.21	2,616.01	3,139.22
Hunsbury Meadows	1,027.23	1,198.44	1,369.65	1,540.85	1,883.26	2,225.67	2,568.08	3,081.70
West Hunsbury	1,010.82	1,179.30	1,347.77	1,516.24	1,853.18	2,190.12	2,527.06	3,032.48
Unparished Area	1,018.66	1,188.45	1,358.23	1,528.00	1,867.55	2,207.11	2,546.66	3,056.00

**Parish & Town Council
Precepts**

	2015/16			2016/17			Council Tax Increase
	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Tax Band D (£)	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Tax Band D (£)	
Billing	2,507	144,632	57.70	2,627	147,164	56.02	-2.9%
Collingtree	507	12,140	23.95	514	18,140	35.29	47.4%
Duston	5,358	415,035	77.46	5,448	443,101	81.34	5.0%
Great Houghton	284	20,770	73.03	288	20,770	72.24	-1.1%
Hardingstone	761	23,401	30.74	782	41,401	52.92	72.1%
Upton	2,181	27,000	12.38	2,617	32,400	12.38	0.0%
Wootton & East Hunsbury	6,258	327,100	52.27	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wootton	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,927	169,150	57.78	n/a
East Hunsbury	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,412	157,900	46.28	n/a
Hunsbury Meadows	489	14,220	29.07	505	14,695	29.08	0.0%
West Hunsbury	1,602	37,500	23.41	1,625	0	0.00	100.0%

Parish & Town Council Precepts including Special Expenses

	Precepts Band D (£)	Special Expenses Band D (£)	Total (£)
Billing	56.02	8.84	64.86
Collingtree	35.29	0.00	35.29
Duston	81.34	3.01	84.35
Great Houghton	72.24	0.00	72.24
Hardingstone	52.92	0.00	52.92
Upton	12.38	0.00	12.38
Wootton	57.78	0.15	57.93
East Hunsbury	46.28	11.56	57.84
Hunsbury Meadows	29.08	0.00	29.08
West Hunsbury	0.00	4.47	4.47
Unparished	0.00	16.23	16.23

11. MATTERS OF URGENCY WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE MAYOR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

There were none.

12. LABOUR ALTERNATIVE CORPORATE PLAN AND BUDGET BY LABOUR & LIB DEMS

The meeting concluded at 8.41pm

Labour Group – Amendments to the Corporate Plan

Report Background

3.1.2

Add *Protecting the well-being of our citizens*

Priority: Northampton Alive

Insert at point 12 - *“To explore all other options if development hasn’t happened by 31st December 2016.”*

Now reads, - *“Work towards completing the redevelopment of the St. Edmund’s site. To explore all other options if development hasn’t happened by 31st December 2016.”*

Insert at point 13 – *“In the long-term seek to incorporate all neighbouring SUEs on the edge of Northampton within the Borough boundary.”*

Now reads, - *“Planning policies to include infrastructure first and to oppose inappropriate development on the edge of the borough. “In the long-term seek to incorporate all neighbouring SUEs on the edge of Northampton within the Borough boundary.”*

Priority: Safer Communities

Insert as new point at the bottom – *“We recognise that the present level of violent crime is unacceptable and we will strive to reduce it with our partners”.*

Priority: Housing for Everyone

Insert at point 5- *“Explore the possibility of varying HMO thresholds for different communities. This would take into account differing housing density levels”.*

Now reads – *“Protect residents against in appropriate Houses of Multiple Occupancy and bring all planning applications to Committee. Explore the possibility of varying HMO thresholds for different communities. This would take into account differing housing density levels”.*

Insert at point 7- *“The Social Lettings Agency will be operational by December 2016.”*

Now reads - *“Create a Social Lettings Agency working with private landlords. The Social Lettings Agency will be operational by December 2016.”*

General Fund Budget Summary 2016 - 2021

Key

Lab Alternative Budget Proposal



Description	Appendix	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
		2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
		£	£	£	£	£
Service Base Budget		28,208,491	28,895,011	29,598,504	30,507,129	31,089,471
<i>Medium Term Planning Options</i>						
Savings and Efficiencies	2					
- Borough Secretary		(121,239)	(121,239)	(121,798)	(122,363)	(122,935)
- Customers and Communities		(360,000)	(360,000)	(360,000)	(360,000)	(360,000)
- Regeneration Enterprise and Planning		(185,783)	(186,193)	(186,605)	(187,022)	(187,443)
- Housing and Well Being		(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)
Total Savings		(767,022)	(767,432)	(768,403)	(769,385)	(770,378)
Growth	3					
- Borough Secretary		130,000	130,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
- Customers and Communities		479,187	473,239	313,301	257,374	251,458
- Housing		35,781	36,139	36,500	36,865	37,234
Total Growth		644,968	639,378	439,801	384,239	378,692
Total MTP Options		(122,054)	(128,054)	(328,602)	(385,146)	(391,686)
Gross Revenue Budget		28,086,437	28,766,957	29,269,902	30,121,983	30,697,785
Corporate Budgets						
Debt Financing - Current		1,825,693	1,986,693	2,024,693	2,160,693	2,160,693
Recharges from General Fund to HRA		(2,944,907)	(2,944,907)	(2,944,907)	(2,944,907)	(2,944,907)
Parish Grants		(20,611)	(20,611)	(20,611)	(20,611)	(20,611)
Parish Precepts		1,044,721	1,044,721	1,044,721	1,044,721	1,044,721
Contribution to/(from) Earmarked Reserves		2,806,056	2,535,759	2,938,963	3,116,098	3,144,216
Total Corporate Budgets		2,710,952	2,601,655	3,042,859	3,355,994	3,384,112
Net Budget		30,797,389	31,368,612	32,312,761	33,477,977	34,081,897
Funding						
Revenue Support Grant		(3,256,382)	(1,792,976)	(886,014)	0	0
Transition Grant		(23,746)	(23,672)	0	0	0
Business Rates Retention Scheme		(7,452,252)	(7,595,224)	(7,803,698)	(8,034,281)	(8,050,071)
New Homes Bonus		(4,910,199)	(4,112,679)	(3,292,591)	(2,870,990)	(2,448,891)
Total Government Funding		(15,642,579)	(13,524,551)	(11,982,303)	(10,905,271)	(10,498,962)
Council Tax						
Band D Council Tax		207.91	207.91	207.91	207.91	207.91
Tax Base		64,358	65,002	65,652	66,308	66,971
NBC Council Tax		(13,380,659)	(13,514,466)	(13,649,611)	(13,786,107)	(13,923,968)
Council Tax Reduction Scheme frozen at 21%		125,749	125,749	125,749	125,749	125,749
Increase Council Tax every year by £5		(321,790)	(650,015)	(984,773)	(1,326,161)	(1,674,278)
Parish-related Council Tax		(1,044,721)	(1,044,721)	(1,044,721)	(1,044,721)	(1,044,721)
Total Council Tax		(14,621,421)	(15,083,453)	(15,553,356)	(16,031,240)	(16,517,218)
Surplus on Collection Fund		(533,389)	0	0	0	0
Total Funding		(30,797,389)	(28,608,004)	(27,535,659)	(26,936,510)	(27,016,180)
Savings to be identified		(0)	2,760,608	4,777,103	6,541,467	7,065,717



General Fund MTP Savings Options

MTP Reference	MTP Option Description	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Borough Secretary						
	Borough Secretary Review	(53,739)	(53,739)	(54,298)	(54,863)	(55,435)
Lab Alternative	Community Fund reduced from £3,000 to £1,500 per Councillor	(67,500)	(67,500)	(67,500)	(67,500)	(67,500)
	TOTAL Borough Secretary	(121,239)	(121,239)	(121,798)	(122,363)	(122,935)
Customers & Communities						
	Events Restructure	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)
	Customers and Communities Directorate Review	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)
	Review of lease/management agreement with Northampton Leisure Trust	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)
	Increased marketing of the Guildhall to generate additional income	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)
	Reduction in funding to the Royal and Derngate Theatre	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)
Lab Alternative	Reversal of Fireworks Display	(35,000)	(35,000)	(35,000)	(35,000)	(35,000)
	TOTAL Customers and Communities	(360,000)	(360,000)	(360,000)	(360,000)	(360,000)
Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning						
	Reduced Contribution to Joint Planning Unit	(28,000)	(28,000)	(28,000)	(28,000)	(28,000)
	Regeneration Enterprise and Planning Directorate Review	(157,783)	(158,193)	(158,605)	(159,022)	(159,443)
	TOTAL Regeneration Enterprise and Planning	(185,783)	(186,193)	(186,605)	(187,022)	(187,443)
Housing and Well Being						
	Increased Houses in Multiple Occupation fee income	(70,000)	(70,000)	(70,000)	(70,000)	(70,000)
	New funding arrangements for homelessness prevention	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)
	TOTAL Housing	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)
	SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCIES TOTAL	(767,022)	(767,432)	(768,403)	(769,385)	(770,378)



General Fund MTP Growth Options

MTP Reference	MTP Option Description	2016/2017 £	2017/2018 £	2018/2019 £	2019/2020 £	2020/2021 £
Borough Secretary						
	Individual Electoral Registration	80,000	80,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
	Annual Canvass	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
		130,000	130,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
Customers & Communities						
↳	Fireworks Display	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
	Christmas Market	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
	Cost of delivering Northampton in Bloom all year round	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
	Extend current opening hours of Abington Museum during the winter months	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
	Enhanced tree management programme	100,000	100,000	50,000	0	0
Lab Alternative	2xFTE Neighbourhood Co-Ordinator Posts	73,650	74,387	75,130	75,882	76,640
Lab Alternative	Dementia Friendly Town	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Lab Alternative	Comingled Collection - Pilot Park Ward	104,000	104,000			
Lab Alternative	Licencing Enforcement Officer	31,537	31,852	32,171	32,493	32,818
Lab Alternative	Pest Control	35,000	28,000	21,000	14,000	7,000
		479,187	473,239	313,301	257,374	251,458
Housing						
Lab Alternative	Private Sector Housing Officer Post	35,781	36,139	36,500	36,865	37,234
		35,781	36,139	36,500	36,865	37,234
Total Growth		644,968	639,378	439,801	384,239	378,692

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Lab Alternative Budget Proposal

Project Title	2016-17 £	2017-18 £	2018-19 £	2019-20 £	2020-21 £	Total £
Housing - General Fund						
Disabled Facilities Grant (updated profile)	1,875,000	1,475,000	1,475,000	1,475,000	1,475,000	7,775,000
Self-funded						
IT Infrastructure	215,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	815,000
New Scheme - Car Parking Enhancements - subject to business case	1,330,000					1,330,000
New Scheme - CCTV Technology Upgrade	200,000					200,000
Town Centre Improvements						
New Scheme - St Giles Street	2,200,000					2,200,000
Superfast Broadband	45,000	205,000	162,000			412,000
Heritage & Culture						
Vulcan Works	3,940,000	2,860,000				6,800,000
Delapre Abbey Restoration	595,031					595,031
Delapre Abbey Parklands Infrastructure	100,000					100,000
Central Museum Development	495,000	5,773,000	300,000			6,568,000
New Scheme - Abington Park Museum - Renewal of Displays	210,000					210,000
Block Programmes - specific schemes to be agreed						
Town Centre Realm improvements					370,000	370,000
Capital Improvements - Regeneration Areas	250,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	100,000	500,000
Parks/Allotments/Cemeteries Enhancements	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	1,250,000
New Scheme - Car Park Lifts	250,000	250,000	200,000			700,000
Operational Buildings - Enhancements	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	300,000	1,300,000
Commercial Landlord Responsibilities	120,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	320,000
Enterprise Zone						
New Scheme - St James Mill Link Road	1,000,000	1,000,000				2,000,000
Other						
St Crispins Community Centre	1,150,000					1,150,000
Planning IT Improvements	17,000	17,000				34,000
Duston Art Project	40,000					40,000
Dementia Friendly Town	50,000					50,000
Co-mingled Collection - Pilot Park Ward	40,500					40,500
Total General Fund Capital Programme	14,622,531	12,330,000	2,887,000	2,225,000	2,695,000	34,759,531

* as previously reported to Cabinet

Proposed General Fund Capital Funding	2016-17 £	2017-18 £	2018-19 £	2019-20 £	2020-21 £	Total £
Grants & Contributions:						
Disabled Facilities Grant - External Funding	594,000	594,000	594,000	594,000	594,000	2,970,000
Heritage Lottery Funding - Delapre Abbey	339,168					339,168
HPDG	17,000	17,000				34,000
Local Growth Fund - Vulcan Works	3,290,000	2,860,000				6,150,000
Local Growth Fund - St James Mill Link Road	562,000					562,000
Section 106	1,260,000					1,260,000
Other Grants and Contributions	70,000					70,000
Sub-total Grants & Contributions	6,132,168	3,471,000	594,000	594,000	594,000	11,385,168
Capital Receipts - Heritage	595,000	5,773,000	300,000			6,668,000
Capital Receipts - Other	1,655,413	305,000	162,000			2,122,413
Growing Places Fund and Local Infrastructure Fund (to be repaid from EZ business rate uplift)	438,000	1,000,000				1,438,000
Self-funded Borrowing (incl Loans)	1,745,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	2,345,000
Corporate Borrowing	4,056,950	1,631,000	1,681,000	1,481,000	1,951,000	10,800,950
Total Funding	14,622,531	12,330,000	2,887,000	2,225,000	2,695,000	34,759,531

General Fund Budget Summary 2016 - 2021

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Lib Dem Alternative Budget Proposals



Description	Appendix	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
		2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
		£	£	£	£	£
Service Base Budget		28,208,491	28,895,011	29,598,504	30,507,129	31,089,471
Medium Term Planning Options						
Savings and Efficiencies	2					
- Borough Secretary		(53,739)	(53,739)	(54,298)	(54,863)	(55,435)
- Customers and Communities		(325,000)	(325,000)	(325,000)	(325,000)	(325,000)
- Regeneration Enterprise and Planning		(185,783)	(186,193)	(186,605)	(187,022)	(187,443)
- Housing and Well Being		(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)
Total Savings		(664,522)	(664,932)	(665,903)	(666,885)	(667,878)
Growth	3					
- Borough Secretary		130,000	130,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
- Customers and Communities		446,790	431,790	381,790	331,790	331,790
- Housing and Wellbeing		100,000	115,000	115,000	115,000	115,000
Total Growth		676,790	676,790	586,790	536,790	536,790
Total MTP Options		12,268	11,858	(79,113)	(130,095)	(131,088)
Gross Revenue Budget		28,220,759	28,906,869	29,519,391	30,377,034	30,958,383
Corporate Budgets						
Debt Financing		1,818,000	1,979,000	2,017,000	2,153,000	2,153,000
Recharges from General Fund to HRA		(2,944,907)	(2,944,907)	(2,944,907)	(2,944,907)	(2,944,907)
Parish Grants		(20,611)	(20,611)	(20,611)	(20,611)	(20,611)
Parish Precepts		1,044,721	1,044,721	1,044,721	1,044,721	1,044,721
Contribution to General Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0
Contribution to/(from) Earmarked Reserves		2,805,176	2,535,759	2,938,963	3,116,098	3,144,216
Total Corporate Budgets		2,702,379	2,593,962	3,035,166	3,348,301	3,376,419
Net Budget		30,923,138	31,500,831	32,554,557	33,725,335	34,334,802
Funding						
Revenue Support Grant		(3,256,382)	(1,792,976)	(886,014)	0	0
Transition Grant		(23,746)	(23,672)	0	0	0
Business Rates Retention Scheme		(7,452,252)	(7,595,224)	(7,803,698)	(8,034,281)	(8,050,071)
New Homes Bonus		(4,910,199)	(4,112,679)	(3,292,591)	(2,870,990)	(2,448,891)
Total Government Funding		(15,642,579)	(13,524,551)	(11,982,303)	(10,905,271)	(10,498,962)
Council Tax						
Band D Council Tax		207.91	207.91	207.91	207.91	207.91
Tax Base		64,358	65,002	65,652	66,308	66,971
NBC Council Tax		(13,380,659)	(13,514,466)	(13,649,611)	(13,786,107)	(13,923,968)
Increase Council Tax every year by £5		(321,790)	(650,015)	(984,773)	(1,326,161)	(1,674,278)
Parish-related Council Tax		(1,044,721)	(1,044,721)	(1,044,721)	(1,044,721)	(1,044,721)
Total Council Tax		(14,747,170)	(15,209,202)	(15,679,105)	(16,156,989)	(16,642,967)
Surplus on Collection Fund		(533,389)	0	0	0	0
Total Funding		(30,923,138)	(28,733,753)	(27,661,408)	(27,062,259)	(27,141,929)
Savings to be identified		(0)	2,767,078	4,893,149	6,663,075	7,192,872



General Fund MTP Savings Options

MTP Reference	MTP Option Description	2016/2017 £	2017/2018 £	2018/2019 £	2019/2020 £	2020/2021 £
Borough Secretary						
	Borough Secretary Review	(53,739)	(53,739)	(54,298)	(54,863)	(55,435)
	TOTAL Borough Secretary	(53,739)	(53,739)	(54,298)	(54,863)	(55,435)
Customers & Communities						
	Events Restructure	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)
	Customers and Communities Directorate Review	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)
	Review of lease/management agreement with Northampton Leisure Trust	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)
	Increased marketing of the Guildhall to generate additional income	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)
	Reduction in funding to the Royal and Derngate Theatre	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)
	TOTAL Customers and Communities	(325,000)	(325,000)	(325,000)	(325,000)	(325,000)
Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning						
	Reduced Contribution to Joint Planning Unit	(28,000)	(28,000)	(28,000)	(28,000)	(28,000)
	Regeneration Enterprise and Planning Directorate Review	(157,783)	(158,193)	(158,605)	(159,022)	(159,443)
	TOTAL Regeneration Enterprise and Planning	(185,783)	(186,193)	(186,605)	(187,022)	(187,443)
Housing and Well Being						
	Increased Houses in Multiple Occupation fee income	(70,000)	(70,000)	(70,000)	(70,000)	(70,000)
	New funding arrangements for homelessness prevention	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)
	TOTAL Housing	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)
Corporate						
	TOTAL Corporate	0	0	0	0	0



General Fund MTP Growth Options

MTP Reference	MTP Option Description	2016/2017 £	2017/2018 £	2018/2019 £	2019/2020 £	2020/2021 £
Borough Secretary						
	Individual Electoral Registration	80,000	80,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
	Annual Canvass	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
		130,000	130,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
Customers & Communities						
	Fireworks Display	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
	Christmas Market	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
∞	Cost of delivering Northampton in Bloom all year round	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
	Extend current opening hours of Abington Museum during the winter months	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
	Enhanced tree management programme	100,000	100,000	50,000	0	0
Alternative	Additional CFAB contribution	196,790	181,790	181,790	181,790	181,790
Alternative	Additional Licencing Administrative Assistant	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
		446,790	431,790	381,790	331,790	331,790
Housing and Wellbeing						
Alternative	County Traveller contribution	0	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Alternative	Vulnerable People Discretionary Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
		100,000	115,000	115,000	115,000	115,000
Total Growth						
		676,790	676,790	586,790	536,790	536,790