



Chief Executive's Department
Civic Centre
HARTLEPOOL

10 May, 2018

Councillors C Akers-Belcher, S Akers-Belcher, Barclay, Beck, Belcher, Black, Brown, Buchan, Cassidy, Cook, Cranney, Fleming, Hall, Hamilton, Harrison, Hunter, James, Lauderdale, Lindridge, Little, Loynes, Marshall, Martin-Wells, McLaughlin, Moore, Dr. Morris, A Richardson, C Richardson, Robinson, Smith, Tennant, Thomas and Trueman.

Madam or Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the COUNCIL meeting to be held on TUESDAY, 22 MAY 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool to consider the subjects set out in the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

G Alexander
Chief Executive

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COUNCIL AGENDA



Tuesday 22 May 2018

at 7.00 pm

**in the Council Chamber,
Civic Centre, Hartlepool.**

- (1) To receive apologies from absent Members;
- (2) To receive any declarations of interest from Members;
- (3) To deal with any business required by statute to be done before any other business;
- (4) To approve the minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on the 15 March 2018 as the correct record;
- (5) To answer questions from Members of the Council on the minutes of the last meeting of Council;
- (6) To deal with any business required by statute to be done;
- (7) To receive any announcements from the Chair, or the Head of Paid Service;
- (8) To dispose of business (if any) remaining from the last meeting and to receive the report of any Committee to which such business was referred for consideration;
- (9) To consider reports from the Council's Committees and to receive questions and answers on any of those reports;
- (10) To consider any other business specified in the summons to the meeting, and to receive questions and answers on any of those items;

- (11) To consider reports from the Policy Committees:
- (a) proposals in relation to the Council's approved budget and policy framework; and
 - 1. Adoption of the Hartlepool Local Plan – Report of Regeneration Services Committee
 - (b) proposals for departures from the approved budget and policy framework;
 - 1. Church Street / Church Square Regeneration Works – Potential Options for Supporting Businesses – Report of Finance and Policy Committee
- (12) To consider motions in the order in which notice has been received;
- (13) To receive the Chief Executive's report and to pass such resolutions thereon as may be deemed necessary;
- (14) To receive questions from and provide answers to the public in relation to matters of which notice has been given under Rule 11;
- (15) To answer questions of Members of the Council under Rule 12;
- (a) Questions to the Chairs about recent decisions of Council Committees and Forums without notice under Council Procedure Rule 12.1
 - (b) Questions on notice to the Chair of any Committee or Forum under Council Procedure Rule 12.2
 - (c) Questions on notice to the Council representatives on the Police and Crime Panel and Cleveland Fire Authority
 - (d) Minutes of the meetings held by the Cleveland Fire Authority on 16 February 2018 and the Police and Crime Panel held on 23 January 2018.



COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

15 March 2018

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

PRESENT:-

The Ceremonial Mayor (Councillor Beck) presiding:

COUNCILLORS:

C Akers-Belcher	S Akers-Belcher	Barclay
Belcher	Black	Buchan
Clark	Cook	Cranney
Fleming	Hall	Hamilton
Harrison	Hind	Hunter
James	Lauderdale	Lindridge
Loynes	Martin-Wells	McLaughlin
Moore	Dr Morris	Richardson
Riddle	Smith	Springer
Tennant	Trueman	

Officers: Gill Alexander, Chief Executive
Hayley Martin, Head of Legal Services (Place)
Denise Ogden, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Denise Wimpenny, Amanda Whitaker, Democratic Services Team
Steve Hilton, Ed Turner, Communications and Marketing Team

114. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENT MEMBERS

Councillors Robinson and Thomas

115. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

None

116. BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO BE DONE BEFORE ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

117. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

The Minutes of Proceedings of the Council held on the 22 February 2018,

having been laid before the Council.

RESOLVED - That the minutes be confirmed.

The minutes were thereupon signed by the Chairman.

118. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON THE MINUTES
OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

None

119. BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE

None

120. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ceremonial Mayor announced that his fundraising Fish Supper would be held on 17th April 2018 at Surfside, Seaton Carew. An invitation was extended to all to attend.

121. TO DISPOSE OF BUSINESS (IF ANY) REMAINING FROM THE LAST
MEETING AND TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF ANY COMMITTEE TO
WHICH SUCH BUSINESS WAS REFERRED FOR CONSIDERATION.

None

122. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

None

123. TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS SPECIFIED IN THE SUMMONS
OF THE MEETING

None

124. REPORT FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEES

(a) Proposal in relation to the Council's budget and policy framework

(1) Community Engagement and Cohesion Strategy 2018-21 (*Finance
And Policy Committee*)

The Chair of the Finance and Policy Committee presented the final proposed Community Engagement and Cohesion Strategy 2018-21 for approval. Council was reminded that the Community Engagement and Cohesion Strategy was set out in the budget and policy framework of the Constitution under the remit of the Finance and Policy Committee and was a new strategy developed by the Council during 2017/18.

Members were advised that the final proposed Community Engagement and Cohesion Strategy 2018-21, appended to the report, had been developed to reflect what worked well in Hartlepool and elsewhere and to build upon the strong foundations that were already in place in the town. The final Strategy had been informed by the views expressed through Your Say, Our Future in the summer of 2016, the Voluntary and Community Sector Survey 2017 and consultation exercises which had been undertaken on earlier draft versions of the Strategy. A table set out in the report summarised the various stages that had been undertaken prior to the final Strategy being brought to Council for approval. Also set out in the report was the vision of the Strategy, including the 3 priorities which underpinned the vision. The Strategy included an action plan setting out specifically what the Council would do to ensure that the vision was delivered. The actions within the plan reflected feedback from the various stages of consultation. The intention was that the Finance and Policy Committee would receive an annual report on the delivery of the Strategy including an assessment of the progress made against the measures of success.

The recommendation of the Committee to approve the Strategy was moved by Councillor C Akers-Belcher and seconded by Councillor Cranney.

RESOLVED – That the final Community Engagement and Cohesion Strategy 2018-21, as appended to the report, be approved.

(2) Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018 – 2025 (*Finance and Policy Committee*)

The Chair of the Finance and Policy Committee sought Council approval of the Joint Hartlepool Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018 - 2025. The Health and Wellbeing Board had approved the refresh of the Strategy and had identified the priority areas, set out in the report, as the focus for consultations in relation to its development. A comprehensive consultation and engagement exercise, based on the identified priority areas, had been undertaken involving residents and partner organisations in an online survey and a range of consultation workshops and events. The events had been held in each of the Community Hubs, at the Healthwatch AGM and through the North and Coastal / South and Central Community Forums. Individual sessions had been undertaken with the Asylum Seeker/Refugee Group, Youth Council and representatives from the Voluntary and Community Sector, to ensure that Hartlepool's children / young people, minority communities and voluntary and community section had had an opportunity to influence the development of the Strategy. Consideration had been also given to other pieces of work undertaken by the local authority, and its partners, including the Young Future's Project (undertaken by the Youth Parliament, Hartlepool Healthwatch and York University), 'Future in Mind' (led by the Children's Strategic Partnership) and the asylum seeker and refugee consultation undertaken by Healthwatch Hartlepool.

Members were advised that utilising all of the information and evidence gathered throughout the engagement / consultation process, a final draft of the Strategy had been produced and a further six week online consultation had been undertaken during November / December 2017. Promotion of the online

consultation had reached 929 residents via Twitter and 1193 via Facebook resulting in no amendments or changes to the final draft of the Strategy, which had been approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Finance and Policy Committee for consideration by Council.

A copy of the refreshed Strategy had been circulated for Council consideration and approval, to enable its publication by the required March 2018 deadline. The Strategy would be implemented, and monitored, through the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The recommendation of the Committee to approve the Joint Hartlepool Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2018 - 2025) was moved by Councillor C Akers-Belcher and seconded by Councillor Cranney.

Whilst applauding the Strategy with particular reference to the associated consultation and the focus of 'living well', a Member questioned a recent decision of the Planning Committee to change use of land to, and installation of, a ten hole crazy golf course. Seaton Ward Councillors referred to the views of residents and highlighted that alternative land was available in Seaton Carew. It was moved by Councillor Black that planning application H/2017/0565 be referred back to the Planning Committee. In response, it was highlighted that a decision of the Planning Committee could not be overturned by Council.

It was moved by Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher:-

"That the vote be now put"

The vote was put.

The recommendation of the Committee was agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED – That the JHWS (2018 - 2025) be approved.

(b) Proposal for Departure from the Budget and Policy Framework

None

125. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

None

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

126. PAY POLICY 2018/19

The Chief Executive reported that under Section 38 of the Localism Act (2011), full Council had to approve a Pay Policy on an annual basis. The current Pay Policy had been approved by Council in March 2017 and no fundamental changes were proposed for 2017/18. The Pay Policy had been updated to reflect the proposed NJC national pay award offer that was under consideration by the relevant trade unions. The Council had previously approved a proactive

approach to addressing low pay and introduced the Hartlepool Living Wage, for the lowest paid employees which were set at scale point 11 of the NJC pay spine at £8.19 per hour. If the national NJC pay offer was accepted by the trade unions this would increase scale point 11 to £8.82 per hour on 1st April 2018 thereby surpassing the current Hartlepool Living Wage. The offer also covers 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 and would introduce a new NJC pay spine with a minimum hourly rate of £9.00 per hour. Council was requested to approve the Pay Policy Statement 2018/19 which was appended to the report.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the Pay Policy Statement 2018/19, appended to the report, be approved.
- (ii) That, as recommended by the Chief Executive, the Pay Policy be referred to the Finance and Policy Committee for more detailed consideration in the context of the budget and policy framework.

127. SPECIAL URGENCY QUARTERLY REPORT

Council was informed that that there had been no special urgency decisions taken in the period November 2017 – January 2018.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

128. COMBINED AUTHORITIES – BORROWING REGULATIONS

Members were reminded of an item to Council on 22 February, which had sought Council's consent to the making of Regulations to confer a power upon Combined Authorities 'to borrow money for a purpose relevant' to their statutory functions. The report had specifically mentioned 'The Tees Valley Combined Authority (Borrowing) Regulations, 2018' but a later draft of these measures was also circulated to members at their meeting with the intention that such powers should have general application to all Combined Authorities. It was also acknowledged in that report that a Combined Authority already had a power to borrow money for a purpose relevant to its transport functions. The report to Council sought delegated authority to the making of the Regulations and for the Council's consent to be formally notified to the Secretary of State.

Council's consideration had been deferred pending further dialogue with the Tees Valley Combined Authority and a meeting had taken place in that regard through a Members' Seminar on 28 February, 2018. Following that discussion, the Chief Executive had consulted with the Leader of the Council and also with the Group Leaders of the various political groups within the Borough Council as to the exercise of this delegated authority and particularly given the time constraints involved in this case in that parliamentary approval was to be sought from 5 March, 2018. The Chief Executive had also liaised with the Council's statutory officers for their opinions. All had been agreeable to the exercise of that delegated authority which had been further evidenced in a formal 'Decision Record' and this notification to Council.

Council was requested to note the position and the exercise of the delegated authority and that the Secretary of State had been notified of this Council's consent to the making of these regulations.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

129. MOTION – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA - RESPONSE FROM MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCHOOL STANDARDS

Members were reminded that it had been agreed at the meeting of Council held on 14 December 2017 that a letter be sent to the Secretary of State for Education requesting that the Government, as a matter of urgency, confirms that transitional arrangements for implementing the national Schools Funding Formula continue in 2020/21 and beyond. Also, that the Secretary of State for Education looks to include funding for special schools within the National Schools' Funding Formula as a matter of urgency. Appended to the report was a copy of the response which had been received from the Minister of State for School Standards.

The Chair of the Children's Services Committee expressed concerns that the response was not adequate and did not address the issues which had been highlighted by Council.

RESOLVED - That further correspondence be sent to the Secretary of State for Education expressing concern that the issues which had been raised had not been addressed in the response and reiterating the points included in the Council's original letter.

130. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL

Further to the report to Council on 14 December 2017, Members were reminded that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England had decided to conduct an electoral review of Hartlepool Borough Council. At that meeting Council had resolved to form a Member Working Group that would be politically balanced and comprise eleven members including all the political group leaders. Working alongside Members was an Officer Working Group to support the preparation of the Council's submission in relation to this review by the Commission.

It was noted that the Commission was guided by certain statutory criteria, namely; electoral equality (the ratio of electors to Councillors in each ward being similar), community identity and to 'promote effective and convenient local government.' However, the first part of this review focused on the optimum 'council size', namely the overall composition of the council having regard to its governance structure, future trends, challenges and demands. The Member Working Group had previously met and more latterly on 6 March, 2018, had considered the draft submission as appended to the report. The submission recommended that the 'council size' for Hartlepool Borough Council should be at least 36 Members, for the reasons outlined in that submission. Council was asked to endorse the recommendation. It was highlighted that the submission was required to be presented to the Commission by 24 April, 2018. Given that

notice of local government elections within the Borough would be published on 23 March, it was considered prudent for Council to determine its approach to 'council size' before purdah and that the Chief Executive be delegated authority to formally submit the Council's Submission.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That the submission on 'council size' as appended to the report be endorsed.
- (ii) That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to submit the Council's proposals to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

131. TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Chief Executive reported that she had been contacted by the Managing Director of the Tees Valley Combined Authority to advise that as a result of this Council's UKIP councillors leaving to form an independent group, there was a change to the formula for calculating the (Tees Valley wide) political balance of the Combined Authority's scrutiny committee. The consequence was that the Council's Labour group was entitled to appoint to all three of the Hartlepool seats. Council was reminded that Councillor Trueman (Labour) and Councillor Moore (formerly UKIP) had been appointed by Council to the Committee and that there was also a vacancy on the Committee. Labour nominations were sought to replace Councillor Moore on the Committee and also to the vacant seat.

Following presentation of the report, Councillor Moore expressed his concerns regarding the terms of the Constitution of the Combined Authority which he considered discriminated against independent Councillors with regard to calculation of political balance. Councillor Moore added that he would be happy to continue his role on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and referred to the importance of Council representation on the Committee. Following a request from Councillor Moore, the Leader of the Council agreed to refer the issues raised, in relation to calculation of political balance, to the Combined Authority.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That Councillors James and S Akers Belcher be appointed to the Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee to replace Councillor Moore and to the vacant position.
- (ii) That the Leader of the Council convey the concerns expressed, regarding the Tees Valley wide calculation of political balance, to the Combined Authority.

132. STATUTORY OFFICER ROLES

Further to the notification to Members that Peter Devlin, Chief Solicitor and Monitoring Officer was to leave the Council with effect from 31 March, 2018,

Council was advised that there was a need to ensure that the statutory and related roles of Mr Devlin were accommodated by other officers, following his departure. Tribute was paid to Mr Devlin by the Chief Executive and by a number of Members who complimented Peter and acknowledged his service to the Council. As Mr Devlin was not in attendance at the meeting, the Chief Executive advised that she would convey the comments of Members to Peter.

The Chief Executive advised that it was her intention that with effect from 1 April, 2018, Hayley Martin, Head of Legal Services (Place) should on an interim basis cover the duties of Chief Solicitor but also act as the Council's Monitoring Officer under Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989. This would allow continuity in these roles and allow the opportunity to fully appraise these positions in relation to the capacity and resilience needed within the Council's Legal Services.

It was noted that Mr Devlin was also the Council's Returning Officer under the Representation of the Peoples Act and also acted as the Council's Electoral Registration Officer. The Chief Executive intended to assume these roles from 1 April, 2018.

Council was reminded that on the 26 October 2017, Council had approved the appointment of the Council's Head of Legal Services (Place) to the statutory position of Data Protection Officer, a position required by the new General Data Protection Regulation which would come in to force in May. Following the changes referred to earlier in respect of the legal department, it was not appropriate for the Council's Monitoring Officer to also be the Data Protection Officer. It was recommended, therefore, that the Council's Scrutiny and Legal Officer be designated to this position.

The Chief Executive reported that a review would be undertaken in relation to proposals for establishing a permanent arrangement and a report would be submitted to the Finance and Policy Committee.

RESOLVED – That the following interim arrangements be endorsed:-

- (i) That the Head of Legal Services (Place), be appointed to cover the duties of the Chief Solicitor and Monitoring Officer on an interim basis.
- (ii) That the Chief Executive, be appointed as the Council's Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer.
- (iii) That the Scrutiny and Legal Officer be appointed as Data Protection Officer.

133. PUBLIC QUESTION

None

134. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

- a) Questions to the Chairs about recent decisions of Council Committees and Forums without notice under Council Procedure Rule 12.1

None

- b) Questions on notice to the Chair of any Committee or Forum under Council Procedure Rule 12.2

None

- c) Questions on notice to the Council representatives on the Police and Crime Panel and Cleveland Fire Authority

None

- d) Minutes of the meetings held by the Cleveland Fire Authority and the Police and Crime Panel

The minutes of the meeting held by the Cleveland Fire Authority on 8 December 2017 were noted.

The meeting concluded at 7.35 p.m.

CEREMONIAL MAYOR

COUNCIL

22 May 2018



Report of: Regeneration Services Committee

Subject: ADOPTION OF THE HARTLEPOOL LOCAL PLAN

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

- 1.1 Forms part of the Budget and Policy Framework.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To enable Members to consider the Hartlepool Local Plan which will be submitted to Regeneration Services Committee on 15 May 2018 for endorsement to be submitted to Full Council for formal adoption.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council formally submitted the Hartlepool Local Plan for Examination on the 23rd March 2017. The Secretary of State appointed Mr David Spencer, a Planning Inspector, to examine the Local Plan. The Examination Hearing sessions took place from September to October 2017.
- 3.2 In accordance with section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (The Act) the Council requested that the Inspector recommended Main Modifications (MMs) necessary to rectify matters that make the Plan unsound and thus incapable of being adopted. Between December 2017 and February 2018 consultation took place to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on the Inspector's main modifications to the Local Plan. Following the consultation all representations made, along with Council officer responses to those representations, were sent to the Planning Inspector for consideration.
- 3.3 The Planning Inspectorate sent through the Planning Inspector's final report into the Hartlepool Local Plan on Friday 13th April 2018 which was published on the Council's website on Monday 16th April 2018.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 That the Council formally adopts the Hartlepool Local Plan. The Final Local Plan including all of the MMs and any additional minor modifications can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/localplan>. At Regeneration Committee meeting of 15th May 2018 Members accepted the Planning Inspectors MMs. The Hartlepool Local Plan satisfies the requirements of Section 20(5) of the 2004 Act and meets the criteria for soundness in the National Planning Policy Framework.

5. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 If the plan is not adopted this would create uncertainty, for the Council, for developers and residents in the decision making process for planning applications. It would mean that the Council would have to continue to rely on saved policies from the 2006 Local Plan, many of which are not considered to be in conformity with national guidance, and the National Planning Policy Framework in decision making. Failure to Adopt the Local Plan could also result in the Council being “designated” which is in effect being put into special measures where decision making powers in terms of how Hartlepool develops could be taken out of the hands of the Local Authority. There is also the threat of financial penalties being proposed in the form of a cut in New Homes Bonus which is currently crucial to the authority’s medium and long term financial strategy.

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 The financial considerations relating to the production of the plan are factored into the existing and future budgets of Planning Services.
- 6.2 As included in the report considered by Regeneration Committee 18th May the Government has outlined financial penalties which will be placed on Local Authorities who fail to meet its expectations in terms of the production of a Local Plan. The Council could lose New Homes Bonus funding (£1.6m in 2018/19 which is committed to supporting the overall revenue budget) if the plan is not delivered to the timescales as set out within the Local Development Scheme of December 2017, and this would likely have a significant impact on the medium term financial strategy of the Local Authority.

7. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 As part of the Local Plan examination process and as required by Section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Hartlepool Borough Council requested in the Hearing sessions that the Inspector recommend modifications of the document that would ensure the plan:

- a) Satisfies the requirements in section 20(5)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004; and
- b) Is sound.

7.2 The Inspector, in his final report, has concluded that the Hartlepool Local Plan provides an appropriate basis for the planning of the Borough and that it satisfies the requirements of Section 20(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and meets the criteria for soundness in the National Planning Policy Framework.

8. CONSULTATION

8.1 The Inspector concludes in his final report that consultation on the Local Plan and the MMs was carried out in compliance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

9. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY

9.1 As part of the production of the Local Plan, Sustainability Assessment (SA) is produced at each stage to assess every policy against an agreed set of criteria within the Sustainability Assessment Scoping Report which was produced as part of the Issues and Options Stage of the Local Plan. The Inspector in his Final Report concludes that SA has been carried out on both the Submitted Plan and on the Main Modifications and is adequate. Elements of the SA criteria which are relevant to Child and Family Poverty include whether it will "improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs?", "will it promote social cohesion?", "will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness?", "will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged?", "will it reduce levels of deprivation" and "will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?" Through assessing each of the policies in the Local Plan against these and other criteria it is considered that the Local Plan policies will help to guide the development of Hartlepool in a manner which seeks to assist in the challenge of addressing child and family poverty issues. Therefore there are no specific identified negative impacts on child and family poverty

10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

10.1 As part of the production of the Local Plan the Council produced an Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) (Examination Library Document EX/HBC021 www.hartlepool.gov.uk/localplan). In producing his Final Report on the Local Plan the Inspector has had regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty contained in the Equality Act 2010 and to the Council's EIA. He concludes that in relation to the protected characteristics of older people, gypsies and travellers and those with disabilities, the policies of the Local

Plan will have a generally positive equality impact. This conclusion is contained at paragraph 240 of the Inspector's Final Report.

11. SECTION 17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 CONSIDERATIONS

- 11.1 There are no Section 17 considerations relating to this report.

12. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

- 12.1 There are no staff considerations relating to this report.

13. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 13.1 There are no asset management considerations relating to this report.

14. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 14.1 That Full Council formally Adopts the Hartlepool Local Plan.

15. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 15.1 This is the final stage in the production of the Hartlepool Local Plan following four years of development. On Adoption the Local Plan will form the key part of the Development Plan for Hartlepool and will be crucial in decision making in terms of planning applications.

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 16.1 As noted at paragraph 3.2 of this report the final Local Plan, incorporating all of the necessary MMs, is available to view online on the Council's website. The associated Policies Map is also available on the Planning Policy Page (www.hartlepool.gov.uk/localplan) along with the associated Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment.

Issues and Options Stage (8th May 2014)

https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/3039/regeneration_services_committee

Preferred Options Stage (20th May 2016)

https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/3413/regeneration_services_committee

Publication Stage (2nd December 2016)

https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/3476/regeneration_services_committee

Submission – Regeneration Committee (10th March 2017)

https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/3479/regeneration_services_committee

Submission – Full Council (16th March 2017)

<https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/3552/council>

Main Modifications (11th December 2017)

https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/3659/regeneration_services_committee

Access to all of the documents that the Inspector has considered can be accessed from the Examination homepage at:

<https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/localplan>

17. CONTACT OFFICER

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POVERTY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

1. Is this decision a Budget & Policy Framework or Key Decision? <u>YES</u> 2. If YES please answer question 2 below				
2. Will there be an impact of the decision requested in respect of Child and Family Poverty? <u>NO</u> If YES please complete the matrix below				
GROUP	POSITIVE IMPACT	NEGATIVE IMPACT	NO IMPACT	REASON & EVIDENCE
Young working people aged 18 - 21				
Those who are disabled or suffer from illness / mental illness				
Those with low educational attainment				
Those who are unemployed				
Those who are underemployed				
Children born into families in poverty				
Those who find difficulty in managing their finances				
Lone parents				
Those from minority ethnic backgrounds				
Poverty is measured in different ways. Will the policy / decision have an impact on child and family poverty and in what way?				
Poverty Measure (examples of poverty measures appended overleaf)	POSITIVE IMPACT	NEGATIVE IMPACT	NO IMPACT	REASON & EVIDENCE

POVERTY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Overall impact of Policy / Decision				
NO IMPACT / NO CHANGE		ADJUST / CHANGE POLICY / SERVICE		
ADVERSE IMPACT BUT CONTINUE		STOP / REMOVE POLICY / SERVICE		
Examples of Indicators that impact of Child and Family Poverty.				
Economic				
Children in Low Income Families (%)				
Children in Working Households (%)				
Overall employment rate (%)				
Proportion of young people who are NEET				
Adults with Learning difficulties in employment				
Education				
Free School meals attainment gap (key stage 2 and key stage 4)				
Gap in progression to higher education FSM / Non FSM				
Achievement gap between disadvantaged pupils and all pupils (key stage 2 and key stage 4)				
Housing				
Average time taken to process Housing Benefit / Council tax benefit claims				
Number of affordable homes built				
Health				
Prevalence of underweight children in reception year				
Prevalence of obese children in reception year				
Prevalence of underweight children in year 6				
Prevalence of obese children in reception year 6				
Life expectancy				
Overall impact of Policy / Decision				
NO IMPACT / NO CHANGE		ADJUST / CHANGE POLICY / SERVICE		
ADVERSE IMPACT BUT CONTINUE		STOP / REMOVE POLICY / SERVICE		
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POVERTY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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Prevalence of obese children in reception year
Prevalence of underweight children in year 6
Prevalence of obese children in reception year 6
Life expectancy

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Department	Division	Section	Owner/Officer
Regeneration & Neighbourhoods	Economic Growth & Regeneration	Planning Services	Matthew King
Service, policy, practice being reviewed/changed or planned	A new Local Plan is being adopted, covering the whole of Borough		
Why are you making the change?	To comply with government requires to have an up-to-date Local Plan in place. As part of the Local Plan process a full Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken and can be viewed at the following link: www.hartlepool.gov.uk/localplan (page 3, EX/HBC/021)		
How might this impact (positively/negatively) on people who share protected characteristics?			
		Please tick	
		POSITIVELY	NEGATIVELY
Age		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<p>The age protected characteristic includes the consideration of all ages in society, the assessment of which recognises that vulnerability can change across age groups and the impact of a policy will not necessarily be uniform across all ages. The assessment identified that the impact of Local Plan policies were generally positive for all with some having a particularly positive impacts on this group. The Local Plan aims to provide sustainable development addressing the needs of current and wider population; this includes provision and access to healthcare, education and training, jobs, appropriate accommodation and leisure facilities. The policies within the plan are written positively to ensure that needs are appropriately assessed and addressed through individual development proposals, for example Policy QP1 (Planning Obligations) ensures that education provision is enhanced to accommodate increased demand from new development and Policy HSG2 (Overall Housing Mix) ensures that new housing provision meets the identified need at the local level, including bungalows and affordable housing. Which are needed to support the ageing population.</p>			
Disability		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<p>The policies within the Local Plan were identified as being generally positive for all within society, the policies within the plan are written positively with some policies having positive impacts on this group. The policies in the Local Plan should address the needs of those with disabilities, for example Policy INF3 (University Hospital of Hartlepool) and INF4 (Community Infrastructure) support accessibility to health, education and community facilities for all, this has the potential to be of particular benefit for people with disabilities.</p>			
Gender Re-assignment		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<p>The policies within the Local Plan are regarded as being generally positive for all and as having no impact on this group. The promotion of equal opportunities is integral to the integrity of the plan to support sustainable development. The Plan is inclusive of all members of the community and does not discriminate against any gender reassignment.</p>			
Race		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<p>The policies within the Local Plan are regarded as being generally positive for all, the only policy within the Local Plan which had positive impact directed particularly at the Race protected characteristic group in HSG13 (Gypsy and Traveller provision). It provides a criteria based policy which directs appropriate site development should the need arise.</p>			

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Religion	✓	
The policies within the Local Plan are regarded as being generally positive for all and as having no differential impact on this group. The promotion of equal opportunities is integral to the integrity of the plan to support sustainable development. The Plan is inclusive of all members of the community and does not discriminate against any religion.		
Gender	✓	
The policies within the Local Plan are regarded as being generally positive for all and as having no differential impact on this group. The promotion of equal opportunities is integral to the integrity of the plan to support sustainable development. The Plan is inclusive of all members of the community and does not discriminate against gender.		
Sexual Orientation	✓	
The policies within the Local Plan are regarded as being generally positive for all and as having no differential impact on this group. The promotion of equal opportunities is integral to the integrity of the plan to support sustainable development. The Plan is inclusive of all members of the community and does not discriminate against sexual orientation.		
Marriage & Civil Partnership	✓	
The policies within the Local Plan are regarded as being generally positive for all and as having no differential impact this group. The promotion of equal opportunities is integral to the integrity of the plan to support sustainable development. The Plan is inclusive of all members of the community and does not discriminate against any relationship status.		
Pregnancy & Maternity	✓	
The policies within the Local Plan are regarded as being generally positive for all. Given the potential health care and community infrastructure needs of this protected characteristic group, some of the policies in the plan have highlighted a positive impact through assessment.		
Has there been consultation /is consultation planned with people who will be affected by this policy? How has this affected your decision making?	The EIA which was produced to assess the Local Plan was available for interested parties to view and comment on as part of their responses to the Planning Inspector as part of the Local Plan Examination.	
As a result of your decision how can you mitigate negative/maximise positive outcomes and foster good relationships?	All of the policies were assessed as either having a neutral or a positive impact and no changes were needed to policies. The Planning Inspector, within his final report concludes that the policies will have a generally positive equality impact across the range of protected characteristics.	
Describe how you will address and monitor the impact	1. No Impact - No Major Change The assessment outcome demonstrates no negative impact on any protected characteristics or poverty has been identified. As a result no changes have been identified for the emerging plan. There is an accompanying monitoring framework to the plan, this set out the key indicators which will inform progress on the plan. An annual monitoring report will be produced.	
	2. Adjust/Change Policy	
	N/A	
	3. Adverse Impact but Continue as is	

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

		N/A	
		4. Stop/Remove Policy/Proposal	
		N/A	
Initial Assessment	00/00/00	Reviewed	00/00/00
Completed	00/00/00	Published	June 2017

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COUNCIL

22nd May 2018



Report of: Finance and Policy Committee

Subject: CHURCH STREET / CHURCH SQUARE
REGENERATION WORKS – POTENTIAL OPTIONS
FOR SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To enable Council to consider the Finance and Policy Committees recommendation in relation to supporting businesses in Church Street / Church Square.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In accordance with the constitution the Finance and Policy Committee is responsible for proposing changes to the approved Budget and Policy Framework, which are then referred to Council for consideration.
- 2.2 At its meeting on 18th May 2018 the Finance and Policy Committee will consider the report attached at Appendix A, which sets out potential options for providing one off support to businesses in Church Street / Church Square.
- 2.3 Owing to the timing of meetings this report has been issued before the Finance and Policy Committee considered this issue to enable all Members to familiarise themselves with the proposals detailed in the Finance and Policy Committee report.
- 2.4 A verbal update on the recommendations which the Finance and Policy Committee determines it wishes to refer to Council will be provided at the meeting on 22nd May 2018.

3. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 3.1 Finance and Policy Committee report 18th May 2018 – attached at **Appendix A.**

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APPENDIX A

FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

18th May 2018



Report of: Director of Finance and Policy, and Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods.

Subject: CHURCH STREET / CHURCH SQUARE
REGENERATION WORKS – POTENTIAL OPTIONS
FOR SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

Key Decision – Test (i) – General Exception Notice applies

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 The purpose of the report is to:

- i) Provide details of potential options to support businesses impacted by works currently being undertaken in Church Street and works programmed for Church Square; and
- ii) To enable Members to determine if they wish to adopt any of these options.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The regeneration of Church Street and Church Square is being undertaken in a series of phases and necessitates associated temporary road closures. During the period of these works there may be an impact on the trading conditions for businesses within the re-development area.

3.2 The Government operates a number of initiatives to support businesses with their business rates liabilities in particular, Small Business Rates Relief, Pub Relief, by limiting annual increases in rate poundages to the Consumer Price Index, and by providing some funding to help address the impacts of 2017 Rateable Value increases.

- 3.3 Within Church Street and Church Square the Council has already worked with businesses to ensure they receive the relevant business rate reliefs. As summarised in the following table the majority of businesses in Church Street (64%) and Church Square (56%) receive full business rates relief:

Church Street – summary of current Business Rates 2018/19

	Number Businesses	Percentage of Total	Value of Relief to Businesses £'000
Receiving 100% Relief	38	64%	94
Receiving Partial Relief #	8	14%	154
Liable to pay 100% of Business Rates	13	22%	0
Total	59	100%	248

Includes Hartlepool College Buildings in receipt of 80% mandatory relief

Church Square – summary of current Business Rates 2018/19

	Number Businesses	Percentage of Total	Value of Relief to Businesses £'000
Receiving 100% Relief	10	56%	33
Receiving Partial Relief #	5	28%	88
Liable to pay 100% of Business Rates	3	16%	0
Total	18	100%	121

Includes Hartlepool College Buildings in receipt of 80% mandatory relief

- 3.4 At a national level it is recognised that infrastructure works undertaken by local authorities may in the short-term have an impact on businesses. Conversely, in the medium-term once these improvements are complete, businesses may see a positive impact. However, as it is extremely difficult to determine the extent to which infrastructure works have an impact on businesses local authorities are not required to compensate businesses whilst undertaking these works.

4 POTENTIAL OPTIONS TO SUPPORT BUSINESSES

- 4.1 The following paragraphs detail potential options for supporting businesses currently affected by works in Church Street and to be completed in Church Square, covering the following options:

- Option 1- Support Businesses to apply to the Valuation Office Agency for a temporary reduction in their Rateable Value;
- Option 2- Implement a Business Support Grant scheme;

4.2 **Option 1 - Support Businesses to apply to the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) for a temporary reduction in their Rateable Value**

- 4.3 The VOA have the power to grant temporary reductions in rateable values where the business rate payer can demonstrate that external factors, such as the completion of highways improvements, are having a detrimental impact.
- 4.4 The level of any temporary reduction is a decision solely for the VOA and the Council could only provide limited assistance to support businesses apply for such relief. Whilst, it is anticipated the VOA will look at any applications in a timely manner, they may not be a position to determine the outcome of any applications they receive until after the works have been completed.
- 4.5 Owing to the nature of works being completed it is not anticipated that the VOA would review the rateable values for individual properties, but would potentially make a 'tone of the list adjustment'. This would apply a percentage reduction for all properties rateable values. This approach would directly benefit larger businesses not in receipt of Small Business Rate Relief (SBRR). There would be no benefit from this approach to smaller businesses as any 'tone of the list adjustment' would be offset by a corresponding reduction in SBRR.
- 4.6 A 'tone of the list adjustment' applying to smaller business would result in the Council losing Section 31 Grant paid to meet the cost of SBRR, as the resulting temporary reduction in rateable values is not covered by Section 31 grant and is shared on the basis of the following percentages:

	Share of Business Rate Income / share of reduction in Business Rate income
Central Government	50%
Hartlepool Council	49%
Cleveland Fire Authority	1%

4.7 **Option 2 - Implement a Business Support Grant scheme**

- 4.8 The legal power for the Council to establish, administer and make awards from grant funds is provided by the general power of competence contained in Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011. A Business Support Grant scheme for Church Street and Church Square could provide support where a business could either:

- Demonstrate that their business has suffered a financial loss, including a reduction in profitability, during the execution of these major works; or
- Undertakes to improve their shop front to compliment the infrastructure improvements.

4.9 If Members wish to adopt a Business Support Grant scheme the Council will need to establish detailed eligibility criteria, including a financial limit on the grant per business and total costs to the Council. Therefore, three options have been identified as follows:

- Option 2 (a) – implement a Business Support Grant scheme with a maximum grant per property of £1,500 and a maximum cost to the Council of £115,000, open to all businesses;
- Option 2 (b) – implement a Business Support Grant scheme with a maximum grant per property of £1,700 and a maximum cost to the Council of £130,900, open to all businesses;
- Option 2 (c) - implement a Business Support Grant scheme with a maximum grant per property of £1,900 and a maximum cost to the Council of £129,200, excluding businesses with a rateable value greater than £20,000. This option targets support to smaller businesses.

4.10 The above options are summarised in the following table:-

	Maximum grant per business	Maximum potential cost to the Council
Option 2 (a) – open to all businesses	£1,500	£115,000
Option 2 (b) – open to all businesses	£1,700	£130,900
Option 2 (c) – excludes business with a rateable value greater than £20,000	£1,900	£129,200

5. RISK IMPLICATIONS

5.1 As outlined earlier in the report local authorities are not required to compensate businesses when undertaking major improvement schemes.

5.2 Therefore, by adopting a local scheme in relation to Church Street and Church Square there is a potential risk that the Council sets a local precedent for future schemes, or provides grounds for other businesses to legally challenge the Council if a similar arrangement was not introduced for future schemes. This would increase the cost of future schemes as they would need to meet the costs of implementing similar arrangements.

- 5.3 It is anticipated that this is a low risk as the current schemes are unusual and not expected to be repeated elsewhere in the town.

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 There is no existing budget provision for the costs of implementing the options detailed in the previous paragraph. The February 2018 MTFS report advised Members that, after earmarking £950,000 from the reserves review to meet the increased pay award applying from 1st April 2018, uncommitted one off resources of £134,000 were available. It was agreed that this amount would be held as uncommitted until details of the 2017/18 actual outturn were known.
- 6.2 Work is currently progressing to finalise the outturn for 2017/18 and the work completed so far indicates that the final overspend will be broadly in line with the forecast overspend of £124,000. Therefore, if the one off resources released from the reserves review are allocated to support businesses in Church Street and Church Square the final 2017/18 overspend will have to be funded from the Unearmarked General Fund Reserve.
- 6.3 This will not result in a significant reduction in this reserve, which will still remain at an appropriate level to help manage financial risks. However, any further reduction in the Unearmarked General Fund Reserve would require corrective action and the repayment of any monies used.
- 6.4 If any of the options are approved for implementation it should be noted all awards will only be paid if existing business rates liabilities and / or any other amounts due to the Council are up to date.

7. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1. The legal considerations have been considered in the previous paragraphs.

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1. There are no consultation considerations.

9. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY

- 9.1. There are no child/ family poverty considerations.

10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

- 10.1. There are no equality and diversity considerations.

11. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

- 11.1. There are no staff considerations.

12. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 12.1. There are no asset management considerations.

13. CONCLUSION

- 13.1 The Council is undertaking significant improvements to Church Street and Church Square and secured external funding of approximately £3.9m towards these works. These schemes are designed to significantly improve these areas and once complete should help businesses operating in these areas. In the short term there has been some distribution to businesses.
- 13.2 Whilst, the Council does not legally have to support businesses affected by the current works in Church Street (and planned works in Church Square), Members may wish to support businesses and a number of options have been detailed earlier in the report.

13 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 13.1 It is recommended that Members approve:
- i) Determine if they wish to adopt any of the options detailed in section 4 as summarised below:-
 - Option 1 - support businesses to apply to the VOA for a temporary reduction in their rateable value, noting that this option will not provide any financial assistance to smaller businesses in receipt of Small Business Rate Relief;
 - Option 2 (a) – implement a Business Support Grant scheme with a maximum grant per property of £1,500 and a maximum cost to the Council of £115,000.
 - Option 2 (b) – implement a Business Support Grant scheme with a maximum grant per property of £1,700 and a maximum cost to the Council of £130,900.
 - Option 2 (c) - implement a Business Support Grant scheme with a maximum grant per property of £1,900 and a maximum cost to the Council of £129,200, excluding businesses with a rateable value greater than £20,000
 - ii) If Members determine to adopt any of the options detailed above to seek Council approval to fund the resulting cost from the uncommitted one off resources of £134,000 released from the reserves review. To note that committing these resources means they are not available to partly address the 2017/18 final revenue budget underspend, which will have to be funded from the Unearmarked General Fund Reserve.

- iii) If either option 2 (a), option 2 (b) or option 2 (c) are approved to delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Chair of Finance and Policy, the Chair of Regeneration, the Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Policy, to determine the detailed grant criteria.
- iv) Note that if any of the options are approved for implementation it should be noted all awards will only be paid if existing business rates liabilities and / or any other amounts due to the Council are up to date.

14. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 14.1 To enable Members to determine if they wish to provide financial support to businesses within the Church Street and Church Square regeneration area to recognise the temporary impact on trading conditions during the undertaking of the regeneration works.

15. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 15.1 There are no background papers.

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COUNCIL
22 May 2018**Report of:** Chief Executive**Subject:** BUSINESS REPORT

1. TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, FORUMS AND OTHER BODIES AS REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION

The proposed membership of Committees, Forums and other bodies will be circulated prior to this meeting of full Council. An invitation has been extended to leaders of the political groups and independent members of the Council to make nominations for the position of Chairs and Vice Chairs. These will be indicated on the schedules to be circulated.

2. TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO JOINT COMMITTEES AND OTHER OUTSIDE BODIES WHERE APPOINTMENT IS RESERVED TO COUNCIL

A list setting out suggested representatives on joint committees and other outside bodies will be circulated prior to this meeting of full Council. Prior to the meeting the leaders of the political groups and independent Members have been invited to make nominations. Council is requested to agree the suggestions which will be set out in the document, the format of which will reflect the division of outside body list in Part 7 of the Constitution.

3. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Members will be aware that Dr Paul Edmondson-Jones left his role with the Council on 27th April, 2018. The Director of Public Health is a statutory Chief Officer of the Council and the principal adviser on all public health matters and primarily in the areas of; health improvement, health protection and healthcare public health. It is necessary for a suitably qualified individual to undertake this position and I have therefore acted to appoint, on an interim basis, Dr Peter Brambleby with effect from 30th April 2018.

Section 73A(1) of the NHS Act 2006, inserted by section 30 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, gives the Director of Public Health responsibility for:

- all of the local authority's duties to take steps to improve public health
- any of the Secretary of State's public health protection or health improvement functions that s/he delegates to local authorities, either by arrangement or under regulations – these include services mandated by regulations made under section 6C of the 2006 Act, inserted by section 18 of the 2012 Act
- exercising local authority's functions in planning for, and responding to, emergencies that present a risk to public health
- the local authority's role in co-operating with the police, the probation service and the prison service to assess the risks posed by violent or sexual offenders
- such other public health functions as the Secretary of State specifies in regulations.

In addition, a Director of Public Health is required to be a registered public health specialist (i.e. included in the GMC Specialist Register/GDC Specialist List or UK Public Health Register (UKPHR)) and Dr Peter Brambleby fulfills this requirement. The Director of Public Health is also a statutory member and main source of health advice to the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Director has a statutory responsibility to produce an independent annual report on the health of the local population, progress on improving health and reducing inequalities and making recommendations thereon.

Council is requested to endorse the appointment of Dr Peter Brambleby on an interim basis and that he undertakes the statutory roles and associated responsibilities outlined within the confines of this report and that Council receives a further report upon the position of the Director of Public Health in due course.

4, SPECIAL URGENCY QUARTERLY REPORT

Council is informed that that there were no special urgency decisions taken in the period February 2018 – April 2018.

APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND FORUMS

COMMITTEES AND FORUMS FULFILLING REGULATORY AND OTHER FUNCTIONS

Finance and Policy Committee* – 11 Members

Labour	Conservative	Putting Hartlepool First	Hartlepool Independent Grp	Independent

1	Cllr C Akers-Belcher <i>Chair (Leader)</i> (Lab)	7	Cllr Marshall (Lab)
2	Cllr Cranney <i>Vice-Chair (Deputy Leader)/Chair Regeneration Services Committee</i> (Lab)	8	Vacancy (Con)
3	Cllr Thomas <i>Chair Adult Services</i> (Lab)	9	Cllr Smith (PHF)
4	Cllr Harrison <i>Chair Children's Services</i> (Lab)	10	Cllr Cassidy (HIG)
5	Cllr S Akers-Belcher <i>Chair Neighbourhood Services</i> (Lab)	11	Cllr Moore (HIG)
6	Cllr Brown (Lab)		

(*Membership NOT to include any Audit and Governance Committee members – page 3)

Adult Services Committee – 7 Members

Labour	Conservative	Putting Hartlepool First	Hartlepool Independent Grp	Independent

1	Cllr Thomas <i>Chair</i> (Lab)	5	Vacancy (Con)
2	Cllr McLaughlin <i>Vice Chair</i> (Lab)	6	Cllr Little (PHF)
3	Cllr Hamilton (Lab)	7	Cllr Tennant (HIG)
4	Cllr C Richardson (Lab)		

Neighbourhoods Services Committee – 7 Members

Labour	Conservative	Putting Hartlepool First	Hartlepool Independent Grp	Independent

1	Cllr S Akers-Belcher <i>Chair</i> (Lab)	5	Cllr Loynes (Con)
2	Cllr Beck <i>Vice Chair</i> (Lab)	6	Cllr T Richardson (PHF)
3	Cllr Belcher (Lab)	7	Cllr Cassidy (HIG)
4	Cllr James (Lab)		

Regeneration Services Committee –7 Members

Labour	Conservative	Putting Hartlepool First	Hartlepool Independent Grp	Independent

1	Cllr Cranney <i>Chair</i> (Lab)	5	Cllr Loynes (Con)
2	Cllr Lindridge (Lab)/Cllr Smith (PHF) <i>Vice Chair</i>	6	Cllr Lindridge (Lab)/Cllr Smith (PHF)
3	Cllr Brown (Lab)	7	Cllr Moore (HIG)
4	Cllr Cook (Lab)		

Children's Services Committee –7 Members

Labour	Conservative	Putting Hartlepool First	Hartlepool Independent Grp	Independent

1	Cllr Harrison <i>Chair</i> (Lab)	5	Cllr Little (PHF)
2	Cllr Trueman (Lab)/Cllr Lauderdale(IND) <i>Vice Chair</i>	6	Cllr Trueman(Lab)/ Cllr Lauderdale (IND)
3	Cllr James (Lab)	7	Cllr Moore (HIG)
4	Cllr Beck (Lab)		

Plus Independent Co-opted Members, including C. of E. and R.C. Representatives (with voting rights) parent governor representatives and potential other co-optees.

Corporate Parent Forum –7 Members

Labour	Conservative	Putting Hartlepool First	Hartlepool Independent Grp	Independent

Membership same as the Children's Services Committee

Health and Wellbeing Board – 4 Members (including Leader of Council)

Labour	Conservative	Putting Hartlepool First	Hartlepool Independent Grp	Independent

1	Cllr C Akers-Belcher <i>Chair (Leader)</i> (Lab)	3	Cllr Thomas (Lab)
2	Cllr Harrison <i>Chair Children's Services</i> (Lab)	4	Cllr Buchan (HIG)

Licensing Committee –12 Members

Labour	Conservative	Putting Hartlepool First	Hartlepool Independent Grp	Independent

1	Vacancy (Con) <i>Chair</i>	7	Cllr Hamilton (Lab)
2	Cllr Cook (Lab) <i>Vice Chair</i>	8	Cllr Hunter (Lab)
3	Cllr Barclay (Lab)	9	Cllr T Richardson (PHF)
4	Cllr Beck (Lab)	10	Cllr Buchan (HIG)
5	Cllr Brown (Lab)	11	Cllr Fleming (HIG)
6	Cllr Hall (IND)	12	Cllr Morris (Con)

Planning Committee –11 Members

Labour	Conservative	Putting Hartlepool First	Hartlepool Independent Grp	Independent

1	Cllr Cook <i>Chair</i> (Lab)	7	Cllr Martin-Wells (Con)
2	Cllr Brown <i>Vice Chair</i> (Lab)	8	Cllr Loynes (Con)
3	Cllr S Akers-Belcher (Lab)	9	Cllr Morris (Con)
4	Cllr Belcher (Lab)	10	Cllr Buchan (HIG)
5	Cllr Barclay (Lab)	11	Cllr Fleming (HIG)
6	Cllr James (Lab)		

Audit and Governance Committee* – 7 Members

Labour	Conservative	Putting Hartlepool First	Hartlepool Independent Grp	Independent

1	Vacancy (Con) <i>Chair</i>	5	Cllr Cook(Lab)
2	Cllr Tennant (HIG) <i>Vice Chair</i>	6	Cllr Hamilton (Lab)
3	Cllr Beck (Lab)	7	Cllr Hall (IND)/Cllr Little (PHF)
4	Cllr Belcher (Lab)		

(*Membership NOT to include any Finance and Policy Committee members and Chair and Vice Chair must NOT be from Majority Group.)

Plus Independent Member(s) for Standards functions and Parish Council representatives when dealing with Parish Council issues and one fully co-opted representative from a responsible local policing body during consideration of Crime and Disorder Committee matters.

Constitution Committee – 9 Members

Labour	Conservative	Putting Hartlepool First	Hartlepool Independent Grp	Independent

1	Cllr C Akers-Belcher (Chair) (Lab)	6	Cllr C Richardson (Lab)
2	Cllr Barclay (<i>Chair of Council</i>) (Lab)	7	Vacancy (Con)
3	Cllr Cook (Lab)	8	Cllr Fleming (HIG)
4	Cllr James (Lab)	9	Cllr Moore (HIG)
5	Cllr Marshall (Lab)		

Appointments Panel – 8 Members

Labour	Conservative	Putting Hartlepool First	Hartlepool Independent Grp	Independent

1	Cllr C Akers-Belcher (<i>Leader</i>) (Lab)	5	Cllr James (Lab)
2	Cllr Barclay (<i>Chair of Council</i>) (Lab)	6	Vacancy (Con)
3	Cllr Cook (Lab)	7	Cllr Black (PHF)
4	Cllr Cranney (Lab)	8	Cllr Tennant (HIG)

FORUMS -

North and Coastal Community Forum

Comprising the following wards:

De Bruce, Hart, Headland and Harbour, Jesmond and Seaton

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| 1. Cllr Paul Beck (Chair) | 9. Cllr Sue Little |
| 2. Cllr Sandra Belcher | 10. Cllr Mike McLaughlin |
| 3. Cllr James Black | 11. Cllr Shane Moore |
| 4. Cllr Paddy Brown | 12. Cllr Jean Robinson |
| 5. Cllr Thomas Cassidy | 13. Cllr Leisa Smith |
| 6. Cllr Rob Cook | 14. Cllr John Tennant |
| 7. Cllr Tim Fleming | 15. Cllr Steve Thomas |
| 8. Cllr Brenda Harrison (Vice-Chair) | |

South and Central Community Forum

Comprising the following wards:

Burn Valley, Foggy Furze, Fens and Rossmere, Manor House, Rural West and Victoria.

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| 1. Cllr Christopher Akers-Belcher | 10. Cllr John Lauderdale |
| 2. Cllr Stephen Akers-Belcher | 11. Cllr Jim Lindridge (Vice-Chair) |
| 3. Cllr Allan Barclay | 12. Cllr Brenda Loynes |
| 4. Cllr Bob Buchan | 13. Cllr Ann Marshall (Chair) |
| 5. Cllr Kevin Cranney | 14. Cllr Ray Martin-Wells |
| 6. Cllr Ged Hall | 15. Cllr George Morris |
| 7. Cllr Lesley Hamilton | 16. Cllr Carl Richardson |
| 8. Cllr Dave Hunter | 17. Cllr Tony Richardson |
| 9. Cllr Marjorie James | 18. Cllr Katie Trueman |

Part 7

Appointments to outside organisations and other bodies

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER BODIES

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APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER BODIES

Introduction and explanation

The attached schedules show the categorisation of the currently recognised outside organisations and other bodies. There are five main categories as follows:

- (i) Joint Committees
- (ii) Leadership Bodies and Partnerships
- (iii) Advisory
- (iv) Council in the Community
- (v) Other Decision Making Bodies

It will be open to the Council to make Officer nominations where appropriate in respect of most bodies, the main exception being formal Joint Committees where Member attendance is a statutory requirement. In some cases it may be possible and appropriate to make nominations of persons from outside of Council.

These sub categories have been determined as follows:

(i) Joint Committees

Part IV of the Local Government Act 1972 and other specific legislation provides that the arrangements for the discharge of functions may be through a joint Committee of two or more Local Authorities.

(ii) Leadership Bodies and Partnerships

Involvement in such bodies and partnerships will cover the following roles:

- to represent the interests of Hartlepool
- to lead the community planning process
- to be the focus for forming partnerships with other public, private, voluntary and community sector organisations to address local needs.

(iii) Advisory

Bodies which relate to the Council's functions in an advisory or influencing capacity.

(iv) Council in the community

These are bodies which do not discharge functions of the Council and where the principal role of Members who are nominated will be to represent constituency interests, whether at the Ward or Borough level.

(v) Other decision making bodies

These are decision making bodies other than Joint Committees.

(i) JOINT COMMITTEES

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>2018/19 Nominations</u>
Archives Joint Committee	(1) Cllr Hall Designated Sub:
Cleveland Emergency Planning Joint Committee	(1) Cllr James Designated Sub:
Cleveland Police and Crime Panel (Statutory Guidance applies) (Politically balanced across Cleveland area) Lab - 2	(1) Cllr Hamilton (Lab) Designated Sub: (2) Cllr Trueman (Lab) Designated Sub:
North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	(1) Cllr Cranney, Chair of Regeneration Services Committee
Northumbria Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	(1) Cllr James
Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (Stockton Chair 2018/19)	(1) Cllr Belcher (2) Cllr Hamilton (3) Cllr Tennant
Regional Health Joint Scrutiny Committee (Hartlepool Chair 2017/18) 2018/19 Chair – to be confirmed	(1) Chair of Audit and Governance Committee
Better Health Programme Joint Health Scrutiny Committee Durham, Darlington and Teesside, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby STP Joint Health Scrutiny Committee	(1) Referred to A and G Committee (2) Referred to A and G Committee* (3) Referred to A and G Committee* (*Member of Audit & Governance C'ttee)

(ii) LEADERSHIP BODIES & PARTNERSHIPS

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>2018/19 Nominations</u>
Association of North East Councils Sub-groups of ANEC as noted below: Leaders and Elected Mayor's Group Health and Wellbeing Board Chair's Network Collaborative Procurement Sub-Group (replaces NEPO appointment) North East Culture Partnership Board	No nominations required – appointments are no longer required for the full association (1) Leader: (Cllr C Akers-Belcher) (1) No nomination required – Advised April 2018 that this Group no longer meets (1) Cllr C Akers-Belcher (Chair of Finance and Policy Committee) (1) Cllr Cranney (Chair of Regeneration Services Committee)
Durham Heritage Coast Partnership Steering Group	(1) Cllr Cranney (Chair of Regeneration Services Committee)
Economic Regeneration and Tourism Forum	(1) Director or Regeneration and Neighbourhoods (2) Chair of Finance and Policy Committee (3) Chair of Regeneration Services Committee
Hartlepool and District Sports Council	(1) Cllr Beck (2) Vacancy (3) Vacancy
Hartlepool Power Station (i) Community Liaison Committee (ii) Emergency Planning Committee	(1) Cllr Cranney (Chair of Regeneration Services Committee) (2) Cllr Cook (Chair of Planning Cttee) (3) Asst Director, Economic Growth and Regeneration (1) Chief Emergency Planning Officer
13 – Hartlepool Delivery Board Thirteen Hartlepool Delivery Board	(1) Leader – Cllr C Akers-Belcher (2) (Chair of Regeneration Services Committee) (Designated substitute – (3) (Chair of Neighbourhood Services Committee) (4) Chief Executive (5) Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Housing Partnership (suggested Member with Housing responsibility)	(1) Chair of Regeneration Services Committee

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>2018/19 Nominations</u>
Tees Valley Leaders and Elected Mayor's Group	(1) Leader – Cllr C Akers-Belcher (Sub Deputy Leader – (2) Chief Executive
Tees Valley Leaders & Chief Executives Meeting	(1) Leader – Cllr C Akers-Belcher (Sub Deputy Leader –) (2) Chief Executive
Local Government Association	(1) Cllr C Akers-Belcher (2) Cllr James
Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group	(1) Cllr James
North East Migration Partnership Member Forum	(1) Chair of Regeneration Services Committee Designated substitute –
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust	(1) Cllr Brown
Northern Consortium of Housing Authorities	(1) Chair of Regeneration Services Committee (2) Vice-Chair of Regeneration Services Committee
Safer Hartlepool Partnership	(1) Cllr C Akers-Belcher - Leader (2) Cllr Lindridge
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (Term of office 2016-2020)	(1) Cllr Harrison (2) Cllr Moore (3) Mr Christopher Simmons
Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS Trust	Cllr Thomas (Member Champion for Mental Health)
Tees Valley Combined Authority Board	(1) Cllr C Akers-Belcher - Leader (Sub Deputy Leader - Cllr)
(i) Tees Valley Local Enterprise Partnership Board	(1) Cllr C Akers-Belcher - Leader
(ii) Transport Committee	(1) (Chair of Regeneration Services Committee) (Sub -
(iii) Audit and Governance Committee (Politically balanced – LAB 1)	(1) Cllr Moore* Designated substitute – *subject to confirmation by Combined Authority

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>2018/19 Nominations</u>
(iv) Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Politically balanced – LAB 3) (Membership not to include the Audit and Governance Member)	(1) Cllr S Akers-Belcher (2) Cllr Cook (3) Cllr McLaughlin
(v) Independent Remuneration Panel	(1) Clare Wilson (Independent Member)
(vi) Education, Employment and Skills Partnership Board	(1) (Lead Member for Education, Employment and Skills) Designated substitute -
(vii) Culture and Tourism Thematic Partnership	(1) (Lead Member for Culture) Designated substitute -
(viii) The Land Commission	(1) (Lead Member for Housing/Development) Designated substitute -
National Museum of Royal Navy Hartlepool (NMRN Hartlepool) Charitable Trust	(1) Cllr C Akers-Belcher - Leader (2) Chief Executive *Board Members are both company directors and trustees
Education Commission Leadership Group Education Improvement Board	(1) Chair of Children's Services Committee

(iii) ADVISORY

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>2017/18 Nominations</u>
Local Joint Consultative Committee (Politically balanced) LAB – 4.03 PHF – 0.85 CON – 0.64 HIG – 0.85 IND – 0.64	(1) Cllr Cook (Lab) (2) Cllr Hamilton (Lab) (3) Cllr James (Lab) (4) Cllr Richardson (Lab) (5) Cllr Moore (HIG) (6) Cllr Tennant (HIG) (7) Cllr Hall (IND)
Schools Admission Forum	(1) Cllr Harrison (Chair of Children's Services Committee) (2) referred to Children's Services Cttee (3) referred to Children's Services Cttee (*Member of Children's Services Cttee)
SUEZ Recycling & Recovery UK Ltd (formerly SITA)	(1) Cllr James
Tees Valley Local Access Forum (new 3 year term of office – ends 2020)	(1) Cllr Trueman

(iv) COUNCIL IN THE COMMUNITY

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>2018/19 Nominations</u>
Age UK Teesside	(1) Cllr Thomas (Older Person's Champion)
Cleveland Fire Authority (Politically balanced – Lab 2,HIG/Con 1) LAB – 1.73 PHF – 0.36 CON – 0.27 IND – 0.27 HIG – 0.36	(1) Cllr Cook (Lab) (2) Cllr James (Lab) (3) Vacancy (Con)
Durham Tees Valley Airport Board	(1) Cllr Beck
Durham Tees Valley Airport Consultative Committee	(1) Cllr Lindridge
Fairtrade Town Steering Group	(1) Cllr Thomas
Fostering and Adoption Panel Fostering Panel (3 year term 2017-2020)	(1) Cllr Loynes
Adoption Tees Valley Board (3 year term 2018-2021)	(1) Cllr Harrison
Hartlepool War Memorial and Crosby Homes (4 year term of office – until 2018)	(1) Ex-officio Chairman of Council (2) Cllr Brown
Henry Smith Educational Charity (i) Nominated trustees – Term of office 1 year	(1) Cllr McLaughlin (2) Cllr Tennant (3) Vacancy
Preston Simpson Scholarship in Music (Term of Office 2017 – 2021)	(1) Cllr C Akers-Belcher (2) Cllr Harrison (3) Mr Chris Simmons
River Tees Port Health Authority	(1) Cllr Harrison (2) Cllr Thomas
Teesmouth Field Centre	(1) Cllr Trueman (2) Appropriate Officer
Victoria and Jubilee Homes (Term of Office 2014-2018)	(1) Vacancy (2) Vacancy (3) Cllr Hall (4) Cllr Lauderdale

<u>Member Champions</u>	
Armed Forces Champion	(1) Cllr Barclay
Heritage Champion (Member of Planning Committee)	(1) Cllr Cook (Member of Planning Committee)
Mental Health Champion	(1) Cllr Thomas
Older Persons Champion (Chair of Adult Services Committee)	(1) Cllr Thomas (Chair of Adult Services Committee)
Refugee Champion	(1) Cllr Cranney
Looked After Children Champion	(1) Cllr Harrison
Animal Rights Champion	(1) Cllr Trueman

(v) OTHER DECISION MAKING BODIES

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>2018/19 Nominations</u>
National Association of Councillors: English Region General Management Committee	(1) Cllr C Akers-Belcher (Voting) (2) Cllr S Akers-Belcher (Voting) (3) Cllr Trueman Only 2 voting Members/to be specified. (1) Cllr C Akers-Belcher (Voting) (2) Cllr S Akers-Belcher (Voting) (3) Cllr Trueman Only 2 voting Members/to be specified.
North East Regional Employers Organisation Executive	(1) Cllr James (2) Cllr Richardson (3) Vacancy (1) Cllr James
Teesside Pension Fund Teesside Pension Board (3 year Term of office until 2018)	(1) Vacancy (1) Vacancy
Furness Seaman's Pension Fund*** (4 year Term of office until 2021)	(1) Mary Fleet (2) Sheila Griffin
Teesside Environmental Trust	(1) Cllr Trueman

***The persons nominated do not have to be Members of the Council.

(vi) APPROVED CONFERENCES:

Local Government Association

Centre for Public Scrutiny

National Association of Councillors (3 delegates to attend)

CLEVELAND FIRE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING

16 FEBRUARY 2018



PRESENT:

CHAIR
Cllr Jan Brunton Dobson – Middlesbrough Council

HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL
Councillors Marjorie James, Ray Martin-Wells

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL
Cllrs Teresa Higgins, Tom Mawston

REDCAR & CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL
Cllrs Neil Bendelow, Ray Goddard, Mary Ovens

STOCKTON ON TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL
Cllrs Paul Kirton, Jean O'Donnell, Mick Stoker, William Woodhead

AUTHORISED OFFICERS
Chief Fire Officer, Director of Corporate Services, Legal Adviser and Monitoring Officer, Treasurer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors Rob Cook – Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor Naweed Hussain – Middlesbrough Council
Councillor Norah Cooney – Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Councillor Gillian Corr – Stockton Borough Council

91. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTEREST

It was noted no Declarations of Interests were submitted to the meeting.

92. MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Special meeting of 8 December 2017 be confirmed.

93. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on 26 January 2018 be confirmed.

94. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CHAIR

Rachel Stevens - EMP/1/18 Pay Update, NJC/1/18 IFSG Strategies and Reports, NJC/2/18 Workforce Survey, Brigade Managers Pay Survey, Pension Transition Arrangements to Pay Offer, EMP/7/17 Pay Claim 2017

Home Office – HMICFRS Inspection Programme and Framework, HMICFRS Monthly Updates, Building a Safer Future, Fire & Rescue National Framework for England: Consultation, Government Response: Re-employing Senior Fire Officers, Council Tax Referendum Information Note.

RESOLVED – that the communications be noted.

95. REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

95.1 Information Pack

- 95.1.1 Employers Circulars
- 95.1.2 National Joint Council Circulars
- 95.1.3 Campaigns

RESOLVED – that the information pack be noted

96. JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER AND TREASURER

96.1 Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 - 2020/21 and Council Tax Setting 2018/19

The Treasurer presented Members with an update of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to reflect the 2018/19 Local Government Finance Settlement announcement and to enable Members to consider the 2018/19 budget and Council Tax recommendations referred from the Executive Committee meeting on 26 January 2018. The report covered:

- 2017/18 Forecast Outturn
- Local Government Financial Settlement Announcement 2018/19
- Core Spending Power
- Business Rates Retention
- Fair Funding Review
- Impact of February 2018 announcement on the MTFS
- Short Term Impact – 2018/19 and 2019/20
- Medium Term Impact – 2020/21
- Capital Programme Review
- Review of the Reserves
- Robustness Advice

The Treasurer reported that the previous forecast Budget Shortfall for 2018/19 and 2019/20 of £1.881m reported to the Executive Committee on 26 January 2018 was based on a 1.9% Council Tax increase, 1% pay cap and provisional local resources (i.e. Council Tax and Business Rate income).

Following the financial settlement announcement he confirmed a revised Budget Shortfall of £1.676 for the same period based on a 2.9% Council Tax increase, 2% pay provision and an increase in local resources.

Referring to the 2020/21 Financial Outlook, the Treasurer reported that this would be a period of significant uncertainty regarding 75% Business Rates retention and the Fair Funding Review.

The Treasurer informed Members that by 2019/20 the Authority would have had nine successive years of grant cuts totalling £6.7m (20%) reduction since 2010/11.

Councillor James asked if the Treasurer was aware of Council Tax Collection Rates across the four constituent Authorities and asked whether they were comparable. The Treasurer confirmed they were broadly comparable.

Councillor Mawston referred to Appendix D and asked if there was a statutory level of reserves the Authority must maintain. The Treasurer confirmed that there was no minimum and that Auditors would only be concerned if reserve levels were too high.

96.1 Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 - 2020/21 and Council Tax Setting 2018/19

The CFO reported that as a general guideline five per cent unearmarked reserves was deemed acceptable and fire authorities needed to be explicitly clear what earmarked reserves would be used for. He added that the issue of reserves is addressed in the new National Framework Document.

The Legal Adviser and Monitoring Officer (LAMO) asked Members to vote on the recommendations of the Executive Committee. Members voted unanimously in favour of the recommendations.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the increase in the core Council Tax referendum limit from 2% to 3% for 2018/19 and 2019/20 announced by the Government be noted.
- (ii) That the provisional 2018/19 Local Government Finance Settlement stating that “in recognition of higher than expected inflation and the pressures on services such as social care and policing, the Government has decided to make changes to the Council Tax referendum principles” be noted.
- (iii) That a 2018/19 Council Tax increase of 2.9% and supporting statutory calculations detailed in Appendix A, which includes the following Council Tax levels, be approved:

2017/18		2018/19		
Weekly Council Tax £	Property Band	Annual Council Tax £	Weekly Council Tax £	Annual increase £
0.94	A	50.12	0.96	1.41
1.09	B	58.47	1.12	1.65
1.25	C	66.83	1.29	1.89
1.41	D	75.18	1.45	2.12
1.72	E	91.89	1.77	2.59
2.03	F	108.59	2.09	3.06
2.34	G	125.30	2.41	3.53
2.82	H	150.36	2.90	4.24

Approximately 65% of households are in Band A or B

- (iv) That the 2018/19 revenue budget as detailed in Appendix B be approved.
- (v) Members noted that the reduction in savings required over the next two years from £1.881m to £1.676m would be phased as follows:
 - 2018/19 - £0.752m
 - 2019/20 - £0.924m
- (vi) Members noted that the Chief Fire Officer would present a report to the Authority's March meeting outlining the outcome of the CIRMP to enable Members to approve the final savings proposals to address the revised budget deficits. Members noted that the revised phasing reduces the cuts required in 2018/19, providing a longer lead time to implement the CIRMP.

96.1 Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 - 2020/21 and Council Tax Setting 2018/19

- (vii) That the principle of using the Budget Support Fund to temporarily fund higher pay awards in 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 to provide a longer lead time to enable further forecast permanent budget reductions to be identified be approved. Members noted that an update will be reported to a future meeting when details of pay awards have been finalised.
- (viii) That an indicative 2019/20 Council Tax increase of 2.9% be approved. Members noted that a final decision will be made in February 2019 to reflect Government Council Tax referendum limits.
- (ix) Members noted that further savings may be required in 2020/21 depending upon the impact of 75% Business Rate Retention and the FFR.
- (x) That the proposal to transfer the 2017/18 forecast managed underspend of £400,000 to the Budget Support Fund to help underpin the MTFS be approved.
- (xi) That the updated capital programme detailed in Appendix C be noted and approved.
- (xii) That the Authority's reserve strategy as detailed in Appendix D be noted and approved.

97. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION ORDER) 2006
RESOLVED - "That under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 4 below of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as mended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006", namely information relating to any financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority) holding that information and namely information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.

98. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES
RESOLVED – that the Confidential Minutes of the Special proceedings of 8 December 2017 be confirmed.

99. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF MEETINGS
RESOLVED – that the Confidential Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on 26 January 2018 be confirmed.

COUNCILLOR JAN BRUNTON DOBSON
CHAIR

Cleveland Police and Crime Panel

A meeting of Cleveland Police and Crime Panel was held on Tuesday, 23rd January, 2018.

Present: Cllr Norma Stephenson (Chair); Cllr Gillian Corr (substitute for Cllr David Harrington), Cllr David Coupe, Cllr Chris Jones, Cllr Jim Lindridge, Paul McGrath, Cllr Katie Trueman, Cllr Charlie Rooney and Cllr David Wilburn.

Officers: Margaret Waggott, Julie Butcher, Jill Douglas, Peter Bell (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council).

Also in attendance: Barry Coppinger (Police and Crime Commissioner), Simon Dennis and Joanne Hodgkinson (Office for the Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner), Tony Parkinson (Independent Selection Panel Member).

Mike Veale (Candidate).

Apologies: Cllr Alec Brown, Cllr David Harrington, Cllr Ian Jeffrey, Cllr Tom Mawston, Cllr Matthew Vickers and Andrew Dyne.

PCP 40/17 Welcome and Evacuation Procedure

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and the evacuation procedure was noted.

PCP 41/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

PCP 42/17 Confirmation Hearing Purpose and Procedure

The purpose of the meeting was explained, which was to hold a confirmation hearing before making a report and recommendation to the Police and Crime Commissioner ("the Commissioner") in relation to his proposed appointment of a Chief Constable.

The hearing was a meeting of the Panel, held in public, at which the Candidate, Mike Veale, was in attendance for the purpose of answering questions relating to the proposed appointment.

The procedure to be followed was explained, and it was indicated that when the questions asked of the Candidate by Panel members were concluded, the Panel would go into closed session, in order to agree a report and recommendations to the Commissioner.

The Panel's decision would be communicated to the Commissioner in writing by the next working day following the hearing, and a copy of the communication would be provided to the Candidate if the Panel recommend that the Candidate be appointed.

The Panel's report would normally be embargoed until a period of five days had elapsed following the hearing, however it was agreed that in the particular circumstances of this case that would not be necessary or appropriate.

Details of the Panel's decision could therefore be released immediately

following its communication to the Commissioner and the Candidate.

RESOLVED that the Confirmation Hearing Purpose and Procedure be noted.

**PCP
43/17** **Key Documents and Information**

Details of a report of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland relating to the Chief Constable appointment including a copy of advert for the position, role profile and Cleveland Police Chief Constable Candidate Information Pack were considered by the Panel.

The Panel were also presented with a report of Independent Member of the Selection Panel. These papers provided details of the appointment process leading to the Commissioner's proposal to appoint Mike Veale, as Chief Constable.

RESOLVED that the Key Documents and Information be noted.

**PCP
44/17** **Questioning of the Candidate**

Panel members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Candidate and these centred around the following, regarding his approach and commitment to identifying, removing and preventing racism, sexism, or any other kind of discrimination in the Force, the considerable value the public places on Neighbourhood Policing and his commitment to retaining and developing it, against a backdrop of cuts in budgets and increased service pressures, how would he ensure that Cleveland Police remain active and committed to overall partnership working, his understanding of 'operational independence', the first things he intend to focus his attention on when commencing his appointment at Cleveland, the impact of the press and public perception on the post holder and the force, why Cleveland and what challenges he considered he would face and what made him an exceptional individual.

When responses had been provided to all of the Panel Members' questions, the Candidate was given an opportunity to clarify any answers given and to ask questions of the Panel.

The hearing then concluded and the Panel went into closed session to consider its report and recommendations.

RESOLVED that the questions from Members and the responses by the Candidate be noted.

**PCP
45/17** **Closed Session for the Panel to Consider its Recommendations**

The Panel supported the Commissioner's recommendation that Mike Veale be appointed as Chief Constable.

RESOLVED that the Panel confirms its full support for the appointment of Mike Veale as Chief Constable for the Cleveland Police Force.