

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

at a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Kettering held at the Municipal Offices, Bowling Green Road, Kettering on 26th February 2014

Present:

Councillor	Keli Watts (Mayor)	Councillor	Philip Hollobone MP
"	Duncan Bain (Deputy Mayor)	"	David Howes
"	Maurice Bayes	"	Ian Jelley
"	Steve Bellamy	"	Christopher Lamb
"	David Bishop	"	Shirley Lynch
"	Michael Brown	"	Mary Malin
"	Jonathan Bullock	"	Ellie Manns
"	Lloyd Bunday	"	Paul Marks
"	June Derbyshire	"	Alan Mills
"	Maggie Don	"	Cliff Moreton
"	Scott Edwards	"	Russell Roberts
"	Terry Freer	"	Jan Smith
"	Michelle George	"	David Soans
"	Ruth Groome	"	Margaret Talbot
"	Jenny Henson	"	Michael Tebbutt
"	Eileen Hales, MBE	"	Jonathan West
		"	Derek Zanger

13.C.28 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adams, Dearing and Hakewill.

13.C.29 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18th December 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor, including amendments to the list of apologies as reported to the meeting. .

13.C.30 **MINUTES OF THE BUDGET CONSULTATION MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Budget Consultation meeting held on 23rd January 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

13.C.31 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

13.C.32 **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor made the following announcements:-

- International Women's Day would be held in The Blitz Tea Room on 7th March at 3.30 pm – members were reminded to respond to the Mayor's invitation as soon as possible
- The Mayor welcomed Councillor Mills back to the Chamber following his recent illness
- The Mayor had attended Rothwell Civic Ball which had been very successful

13.C.33 **LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Leader welcomed the initiatives in relation to the responsible growth agenda, with First Renewables intending to build an energy park in the Borough which would provide all Kettering's electricity requirements, and bring skilled jobs, apprenticeships and business opportunities to the area.

13.C.34 **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chief Executive welcomed representatives of the Armed Forces and local businesses to the meeting.

A presentation was given to Council on activities and support that had been given in response to a request from the Civil Emergency Gold Command team to supply sandbags to areas in southern England affected by the recent floods. 75,000 sandbags had been filled at the Depot in just four days, with volunteers working shifts, 24 hours a day.

The Chief Executive thanked all who had been involved in the work, which had been delivered in partnership with the Emergency Planning Team, MGWSP, soldiers from 7 Regiment Cottesmore, gunners from 3 Squadron Wittering and staff from Corby Borough Council and East Northamptonshire Council. The work had also been supported by the following local businesses:-

- JD Excavations
- Morrisons
- Gibbs and Dandy
- Travis Perkins
- Jewsons
- ASDA

Councillors Roberts and Bishop added their thanks and appreciation to staff, the armed forces and external businesses and partners for the response to the Civil Emergency.

RESOLVED that a debriefing event, with refreshments, be held at a future date.

13.C.35 **NOMINATION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2014/15**

RESOLVED that Councillor June Derbyshire be nominated Deputy Mayor 2014/15

13.C.36 **BUDGET PROPOSALS 2014/15: GENERAL FUND, HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT AND CAPITAL**

The Portfolio Holder for Finance informed Council that, in accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (Statutory Instrument No.165) (the Regulations) which came into effect on 25th

February 2014, a named vote would be taken on the Council's budget.

A report was submitted which reported to Council the recommendations from the Executive Committee to enable the Council to make a formal decision in relation to each of the following:-

- The Revised General Fund budget 2013/14;
- The General Fund Budget 2014/15;
- The Capital Programme 2013 – 2019;
- The Council Tax level for 2014/15; and
- The Housing Revenue Account budget 2014/15

It was noted that as part of the formal budget setting process, the Council must approve a statutory Council Tax Resolution which combined the precepts for all the precepting authorities in Kettering Borough (ie the County Council, Kettering Borough Council, Police Authority, Town and Parish Councils) and provided a legal basis upon which to issue Council Tax bills and collect the amounts due.

The proposed 0% increase in Council Tax was highlighted during presentation of the report by the Portfolio Holder for Finance. Members noted that, in real terms, this represented a 13.5% reduction to residents of the Borough. The Council remained a below-average Council Tax charging authority whilst being classified as an above-average performing Council. The budget also reflected the Council's ongoing policy not to cut front-line services or reduce the amount of money it gave to the voluntary sector. It was noted that Northamptonshire County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner had both approved a 1.99% increase in Council Tax for 2014/15.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance stressed that there were challenging times ahead if the Council was to maintain a durable budget in future years, as it would become more difficult to identify efficiency savings and more emphasis would have to be placed on lobbying.

Car parking charges had recently been reviewed and pilot schemes introduced. As a result, it had been agreed by the Executive Committee that car parking charges be reduced and held at the same level for a minimum of two years.

A Community Fund of £40,000 had also been included in the budget, which would benefit town and parish councils in one-off grants for local initiatives. The criteria for the fund would be considered by the Executive Committee in the coming months.

£250,000 in forward funding had also been identified in the budget for pedestrianisation in Kettering town centre, with rising bollards being constructed at strategic entry points.

The big screen would also be used regularly for events in the town centre.

The recommendations contained in the report were then proposed by Councillor Jelley and seconded by Councillor Brown.

The Leader of the Opposition commended the budget for adoption by Council in respect of the reduction in car parking charges and investment in the town centre. However, he urged Council to reconsider the 0% increase in Council tax and impose a modest Council tax increase due to the approaching zone of unpredictability in the Council's finances, which would give more stability to the Council's financial position going forward. He also drew the Council's attention to the cessation of the town/parish council grant system, which would result in an increase in local taxes in some areas of the Borough due to town/parish council precepts.

An alternative budget was circulated and discussed. It was then proposed by Councillor Bishop as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Don, that:

"the following items be included in the budget.

- *£40,000 for consultation on further residents' parking schemes*
- *£46,000 to increase the hourly rate of council staff currently employed on the statutory minimum wage to the level of the 'living wage'*
- *£31,000 additional funding for town and parish councils*

The above items to be funded by a 1.99% increase in Council tax."

In discussion on the amendment, it was stressed that a commitment to a 0% increase in council tax for the term of the administration had been given and would not be broken. The Leader of the Opposition was thanked for presenting an alternative budget for consideration.

In conclusion to the debate, it was noted that the issue of precepting was a separate issue to that of setting the Council Tax and most town/parish councils had set precepts, the total amount of which exceeded the amount of grants made last year.

(A vote was then taken on the amendment:
7 For; 25 Against)

The Amendment therefore fell.

Prior to a named vote being taken on the substantive motion, finance officers and staff teams were commended and thanked by Council for their efforts in maintaining a durable budget and identifying savings.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the General Fund budget for 2014/15 (as detailed in Appendix A, Section 1 of the report) be approved;
- (ii) the Capital Programme for 2013 – 2019 (as detailed at Appendix A, Section 2 of the report) be approved;
- (iii) the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2014/15 as detailed in Appendix A, Section 3 of the report), be approved;
- (iv) that:-
 - (i) it be noted the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2014/2015 in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act"):
 - (a) Kettering Borough Council's Council Tax Base for 2014/15 has been calculated as **28,624** [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended (the "Act")].
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of the Borough to which a Parish Precept relates the amounts are as detailed in Appendices D (i) and (ii).
 - (ii) the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2014/15 (excluding Parish Precepts) is £5,879,000.
 - (iii) the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2014/2015 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
 - (a) £64,550,536 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) (a) to (f) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils. (*Gross expenditure, parish expenses any contingencies, any provision for reserves*).
 - (b) £58,468,590 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31 (A) (3) (a) to (d) of the Act. (*Gross income, any use of reserves*).
 - (c) £6,081,946 being the amount by which the aggregate at iii (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (iii) (b) above, calculated by the

Council, in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement. [Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act] (*Expenditure less income*).

- (d) £212.48 being the amount at iii (c) above [Item R], all divided by Item T (i (a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B (1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year (*including parish precepts*).
- (e) £202,946 being the aggregate amount of the Parish Precepts referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act. (*Total amount of parish precepts.*) As per the attached Appendices D (i) & (ii).
- (f) £205.39 being the amount at iii (d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at iii (e) above by item T (i) (a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34 (2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish Precept relates. (*ie the Borough Council's precept of £5,879,000 divided by the Council Tax base of 28,624, this Council's own Council Tax at Band D*).
- (iv) That it be noted that for the year 2014/15 Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) and The Police and Crime Commissioner Northamptonshire (PCCN) have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Act for each of the categories of dwellings shown in Table 1.
- (v) That the Council in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in Table 1 as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each part of the Borough and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Table 1

	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Kettering Borough Council (KBC) (<i>Excludes Parish Precepts</i>)*	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) (precept £30,014,268)	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
The Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire (PCCN) (precept £5,640,073)	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Total	967.34	1,128.55	1,289.78	1,451.00	1,773.45	2,095.88	2,418.34	2,902.00

* The full Council Tax Schedule including Town/Parish Precepts is detailed below.

- (vi) That the Council's basic amount of the Council Tax for 2014/15 is deemed not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Council Tax Schedule for 2014/15

Part of the Council's area

Valuation Bands

Parish of	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Ashley:								
KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	15.75	18.37	21.00	23.62	28.87	34.12	39.37	47.24
Total	983.09	1,146.92	1,310.78	1,474.62	1,802.32	2,130.00	2,457.71	2,949.24
Barton Seagrave:								
KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	4.43	5.16	5.90	6.64	8.12	9.59	11.07	13.28
Total	971.77	1,133.71	1,295.68	1,457.64	1,781.57	2,105.47	2,429.41	2,915.28
Brampton Ash:								
KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	6.29	7.33	8.38	9.43	11.53	13.62	15.72	18.86
Total	973.63	1,135.88	1,298.16	1,460.43	1,784.98	2,109.50	2,434.06	2,920.86
Braybrooke:								
KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	11.83	13.81	15.78	17.75	21.69	25.64	29.58	35.50
Total	979.17	1,142.36	1,305.56	1,468.75	1,795.14	2,121.52	2,447.92	2,937.50
Broughton:								
KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	13.70	15.98	18.27	20.55	25.12	29.68	34.25	41.10
Total	981.04	1,144.53	1,308.05	1,471.55	1,798.57	2,125.56	2,452.59	2,943.10

Burton Latimer:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	6.49	7.57	8.65	9.73	11.89	14.05	16.22	19.46
Total	973.83	1,136.12	1,298.43	1,460.73	1,785.34	2,109.93	2,434.56	2,921.46

Cranford:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	14.21	16.58	18.95	21.32	26.06	30.80	35.53	42.64
Total	981.55	1,145.13	1,308.73	1,472.32	1,799.51	2,126.68	2,453.87	2,944.64

Cransley:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	27.52	32.11	36.69	41.28	50.45	59.63	68.80	82.56
Total	994.86	1,160.66	1,326.47	1,492.28	1,823.90	2,155.51	2,487.14	2,984.56

Desborough:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	3.94	4.60	5.25	5.91	7.22	8.54	9.85	11.82
Total	971.28	1,133.15	1,295.03	1,456.91	1,780.67	2,104.42	2,428.19	2,913.82

Dingley:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	8.98	10.48	11.97	13.47	16.46	19.46	22.45	26.94
Total	976.32	1,139.03	1,301.75	1,464.47	1,789.91	2,115.34	2,440.79	2,928.94

Geddington, Newton and Little Oakley:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	6.71	7.83	8.95	10.07	12.31	14.55	16.78	20.14
Total	974.05	1,136.38	1,298.73	1,461.07	1,785.76	2,110.43	2,435.12	2,922.14

Harrington:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	13.73	16.02	18.31	20.60	25.18	29.76	34.33	41.20
Total	981.07	1,144.57	1,308.09	1,471.60	1,798.63	2,125.64	2,452.67	2,943.20

Loddington:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	16.75	19.54	22.33	25.12	30.70	36.28	41.87	50.24
Total	984.09	1,148.09	1,312.11	1,476.12	1,804.15	2,132.16	2,460.21	2,952.24

Mawsley:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	45.77	53.39	61.02	68.65	83.91	99.16	114.42	137.30
Total	1,013.11	1,181.94	1,350.80	1,519.65	1,857.36	2,195.04	2,532.76	3,039.30

Pytchley:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	26.82	31.29	35.76	40.23	49.17	58.11	67.05	80.46
Total	994.16	1,159.84	1,325.54	1,491.23	1,822.62	2,153.99	2,485.39	2,982.46

Rothwell:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	5.78	6.74	7.71	8.67	10.60	12.52	14.45	17.34
Total	973.12	1,135.29	1,297.49	1,459.67	1,784.05	2,108.40	2,432.79	2,919.34

Rushton:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	12.93	15.09	17.24	19.40	23.71	28.02	32.33	38.80
Total	980.27	1,143.64	1,307.02	1,470.40	1,797.16	2,123.90	2,450.67	2,940.80

Stoke Albany:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	14.09	16.43	18.78	21.13	25.83	30.52	35.22	42.26
Total	981.43	1,144.98	1,308.56	1,472.13	1,799.28	2,126.40	2,453.56	2,944.26

Sutton Bassett:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	16.67	19.44	22.22	25.00	30.56	36.11	41.67	50.00
Total	984.01	1,147.99	1,312.00	1,476.00	1,804.01	2,131.99	2,460.01	2,952.00

Thorpe Malsor:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	26.15	30.50	34.86	39.22	47.94	56.65	65.37	78.44
Total	993.49	1,159.05	1,324.64	1,490.22	1,821.39	2,152.53	2,483.71	2,980.44

Weston-by-Welland:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	19.05	22.22	25.40	28.57	34.92	41.27	47.62	57.14
Total	986.39	1,150.77	1,315.18	1,479.57	1,808.37	2,137.15	2,465.96	2,959.14

Wilbarston:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Parish Precept	14.57	17.00	19.43	21.86	26.72	31.58	36.43	43.72
Total	981.91	1,145.55	1,309.21	1,472.86	1,800.17	2,127.46	2,454.77	2,945.72

Other Areas/Parishes:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	699.05	815.55	932.06	1,048.57	1,281.59	1,514.60	1,747.62	2,097.14
PCCN	131.36	153.25	175.15	197.04	240.83	284.61	328.40	394.08
Total	967.34	1,128.55	1,289.78	1,451.00	1,773.45	2,095.88	2,418.34	2,902.00

Town & Parish Council Precepts

	2013/14			2014/15			Increase (Decrease) in Band D Council Tax
	Tax Base	Precepts	Council Tax Band D	Tax Base	Precepts	Council Tax Band D	
		£	£		£	£	
Ashley	124	460	3.71	127	3,000	23.62	19.91
Barton Seagrave	1,461	10,000	6.84	1,506	10,000	6.64	(0.20)
Brampton Ash	33	0	0.00	35	330	9.43	9.43
Braybrooke	165	1,300	7.88	169	3,000	17.75	9.87
Broughton	717	6,500	9.07	730	15,000	20.55	11.48
Burton Latimer	2,341	17,500	7.48	2,414	23,500	9.73	2.25
Cranford	196	1,400	7.14	197	4,200	21.32	14.18
Cransley	107	1,250	11.68	109	4,500	41.28	29.60
Desborough	3,347	10,000	2.99	3,386	20,000	5.91	2.92
Dingley	95	620	6.53	94	1,266	13.47	6.94
Geddington, Newton and Little Oakley	591	6,000	10.15	596	6,000	10.07	(0.08)
Harrington	67	0	0.00	67	1,380	20.60	20.60
Loddington	207	0	0.00	207	5,200	25.12	25.12
Mawsley	869	60,000	69.04	874	60,000	68.65	(0.39)
Pytchley	175	1,500	8.57	174	7,000	40.23	31.66
Rothwell	2,244	20,000	8.91	2,306	20,000	8.67	(0.24)
Rushton	197	3,000	15.23	201	3,900	19.40	4.17
Stoke Albany	138	0	0.00	142	3,000	21.13	21.13
Sutton Bassett	45	250	5.56	48	1,200	25.00	19.44
Thorpe Malsor	52	0	0.00	51	2,000	39.22	39.22
Weston-by-Welland	69	1,000	14.49	70	2,000	28.57	14.08
Wilbarston	294	5,500	18.71	296	6,470	21.86	3.15

- (v) the Medium Term Financial Forecast, as detailed in the Budget Book at Appendix 'A', Section 1 be received; and
- (vii) the report of the Council's Statutory Officer as detailed at Appendix 'C' be received.

(Voting For: 28; Against 1 ; Not Voting 4)

Those Voting For the Motion

Councillors Bain, Bayes, Bellamy, Bishop, Brown, Bunday, Derbyshire, Don, Edwards, Freer, Groome, Henson, Hollobone, Howes, Jelley, Lamb, Lynch, Malin, Marks, Mills, Moreton, Roberts, Smith, Soans, Talbot, Tebbutt, Watts and Zanger. (28)

Those Voting Against the Motion

Councillor Bullock. (1)

Those Not Voting

Councillors George, Hales, Manns and West. (4)

13.C.37 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

A report was submitted which

- (a) Reported the Council's Prudential Indicators for approval (in accordance with statute and the Council's Constitution); and
- (b) Reported the Council's updated Treasury Management policy and Strategy for 2014/15 to full Council as background to the consideration of the Prudential Indicators, the Policy and Strategy being formally approved by the Council's Executive Committee at its meeting on 12th February 2014.

It was noted that approval of the Prudential Indicators was a statutory requirement.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Prudential Indicators (as detailed in Appendix A to the report) be approved; and
- (ii) the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy (as detailed in Appendix B to the report) be noted.

(Voting: Unanimous)

13.C.38 THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 – PAY POLICY STATEMENT

A report was submitted which sought approval for the Pay Policy Statement.

RESOLVED that the Pay Policy Statement (2014/15) be approved.

(Voting: Unanimous)

**13.C.39 NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE STATEMENT OF
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

A report was submitted which sought adoption of the North Northamptonshire Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

RESOLVED that the revised Statement of Community Involvement be adopted.

(Voting: Unanimous)

13.C.40 LOCAL SCRUTINY OF HS2

Councillor Jonathan Bullock asked the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration the following question:-

"When does the Council expect the scrutiny of the HS2 rail proposal to be completed?"

The Portfolio Holder for Regeneration responded as follows:-

"The Task and Finish Group had its first meeting this week and is expected to conclude its work by the end of March, reporting to the Research and Development Committee and then Executive Committee if required."

13.C.41 **WEDDINGS IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICES**

Councillor Jonathan Bullock asked the Deputy Leader of the Council the following question:-

"How much does Kettering Borough Council charge for a marriage to take place on its premises?"

The Deputy Leader of the Council responded as follows:-

"Nothing. Charges are levied by the registrar's service"

Councillor Jonathan Bullock then asked the Deputy Leader the following supplementary question:-

"Does Kettering Borough Council receive an income when its premises are used for marriage?"

The Deputy Leader responded as follows:-

"I will come back to you with the information at a later time."

13.C.42 **CAR PARKING CHARGES**

Councillor Bullock asked the Portfolio Holder for Finance the following question:-

"What plans are there to help retailers in Kettering Borough by reducing or removing charges for car-parking? Given a 30 minute period of free parking is not in the proposals, what do you think of Eric Pickles describing Kettering Borough Council as failing small businesses and local residents in the town?"

The Portfolio Holder for Finance responded as follows:-

"The plans for car park charges are contained in the budget proposals. I am not aware of the comment by Eric Pickles. I do not believe the Council is failing anyone with the budget that has been voted through tonight and it will benefit everyone in the local area."

(The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 9.00 pm)

Signed

The Mayor

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