

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

at a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Kettering held at the Municipal Offices, Bowling Green Road, Kettering on 1st March 2017

Present:

Councillor	Scott Edwards (Mayor)	Councillor	Anne Lee
“	Duncan Bain	“	Shirley Lynch
“	Michael Brown	“	Clark Mitchell
“	Lloyd Bunday	“	Cliff Moreton
“	James Burton	“	Russell Roberts
“	Mark Dearing	“	Mark Rowley
“	June Derbyshire	“	Mick Scrimshaw
“	Andrew Dutton	“	Jan Smith
“	Maggie Don	“	Michael Tebbutt
“	Ruth Groome	“	Lesley Thurland
“	Philip Hollobone MP	“	Keli Watts
“	Ian Jelley	“	Jonathan West

16.C.90 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adams, C Brown, Davies, Hakewill, Henson, Howes, Malin, Soans, Sumpter, Talbot, Titcombe and Zanger

16.C.91 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14th December 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

16.C.92 MINUTES OF THE BUDGET CONSULTATION MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Budget Consultation meeting held on 26th January 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

16.C.93 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

16.C.94 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor welcomed Cllr Andrew Dutton to the Chamber and congratulated him on winning his seat in Barton Ward on 23rd February.

The Mayor noted that correspondence had been received from a member of the public following December's meeting of Council in relation to microphones being used effectively in the chamber by members. He noted the introduction of microphone stands and asked that all comments from members be addressed to the Mayor to ensure clarity of sound for all attendees.

Council heard that Cllr Maggie Don would be undertaking a sponsored abseil in Northampton in aid of Home Start and any sponsorship was welcome.

16.C.95 LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader of the Council welcomed Councillor Dutton to the Chamber.

The Leader noted that having a balanced budget allowed the council the opportunity to undertake work in areas where residents had needs. An example was provided citing the work of the Kettering Futures Partnership where residents could access good quality, joined-up services across a number of local and regional organisations.

The Leader also announced that Kettering had placed 41st in the Hot 100 Investment Potential Retail Locations, something that the council and borough could be proud of.

16.C.96 REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

None

16.C.97 **RIGHT TO SPEAK**

Kirsty Woods indicated she wished to exercise her right to address the Council in respect of Item 14.

16.C.98 **NOMINATION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Councillor Leslie Thurland announced and Councillor Mike Tebbutt seconded the nomination of Councillor James Burton as Deputy Mayor for 2017/18.

Councillor Burton thanked the chamber for his nomination as Deputy Mayor.

16.C.99 **NAMED VOTE**

The Mayor advised 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.

16.C.100 **BUDGET PROPOSALS 2017/18: GENERAL FUND, CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT**

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 2016/17;
- The General Fund budget 2017/18;
- The Capital Programme 2016 – 2022;
- The Council Tax level for 2017/18;
- The Housing Revenue Account budget 2017/18

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 (i.e. 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 Portfolio Holder for Finance thanked the Strategic Management Team, the Head of Finance and officers for their support in presenting the budget.

A balanced budget was presented to Council. The Portfolio Holder for Finance reiterated the level of work that had gone into producing a balanced budget and that a formidable level of savings had been achieved in the past six years, which was testament to the officers of the council. Members had considered the professional advice of officers when reaching a decision in regard to Council Tax levels, however, with austerity ongoing and more residents relying on the council for assistance it was important not to shy away from hard work by taking the easy option of increasing Council Tax. The council could not afford to become complacent with a further £1.38m of savings being required for 2017/18. Nevertheless, the Portfolio Holder for Finance was confident that these savings could be delivered.

The Opposition put forward an alternative budget, the main points being: -

- Proposing to build 20 new houses, 10 with disabled adaptations, funded from the Housing Revenue account
- Reducing car parking charges to 50p per day on Saturdays
- Webcasting of all public council meetings
- Proposing the introduction of a Hardship Fund to help residents affected by the Council Tax Support taper
- Provision of education to residents in relation to littering and fly-tipping
- Increasing street cleaning in residential areas
- Increasing the Ward Initiative Fund for councillors to £1,000 a year
- Creating an additional post of Part Time Dog Warden
- Raising council tax by 1%

During debate on the budget, members thanked staff for their continued excellent hard work in delivering a balanced budget. Various aspects of the alternative budget were discussed including car parking charges, filming of council meetings, construction of council housing and costings for the alternative budget.

Cllr Philip Hollobone requested that it be noted that he invited the current and previous opposition leaders to submit any future alternative budget proposals at the start of the budget consultation process in January to allow for relevant scrutiny to be undertaken.

Having being proposed by Councillor Scrimshaw and seconded by Councillor Don, that the alternative budget be approved by Council, a named vote was taken as follows: -

(8 For; Against 14; Not voting 1)

Those Voting For the amendment

Councillors Brown, Dutton, Don, Lee, Mitchell, Scrimshaw, Watts and West (8)

Those Voting Against the amendment

Councillors Bain, Bunday, Burton, Dearing, Derbyshire, Hollobone, Jelley, Lynch, Moreton, Roberts, Rowley, Smith, Tebbutt and Thurland (14)

Those Not Voting

Councillor Groome (1)

Therefore the amendment was lost

It having been proposed by Councillor Thurland and seconded by Councillor Jelley, that the budget as presented be approved by Council, a named vote was taken as follows.

(16 For; 6 Against; Not voting 1)

Those Voting For the Motion

Councillors Bain, M Brown, Bunday, Burton, Dearing, Derbyshire, Groome, Hollobone, Jelley, Lynch, Moreton, Roberts, Rowley, Smith, Tebbutt and Thurland (16)

Those Voting Against the Motion

Councillors Don, Lee, Mitchell, Scrimshaw, Watts and West (6)

Those Not Voting

Councillor Dutton (1)

RESOLVED

That Council approve:

- (i) The General Fund Revised Budget (2016/17) and the General Fund

Budget (2017/18) (as detailed at Appendix A Section 1);

- (ii) The Capital Programme for 2016 – 2022 (as detailed at Appendix A Section 2);
- (iii) The HRA budget for 2017/18 (as detailed at Appendix A Section 3);
- (iv) The Council Tax Resolution for 2017/18 (as detailed at Appendix D);

That Council receive:

- (v) The Medium Term Financial Forecast (as detailed in Table 2)
- (vi) The report of the Statutory Officer (as detailed at Appendix C).

- (i) it be noted the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2017/2018 in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act"):
 - (a) Kettering Borough Council's Council Tax Base for 2017/18 has been calculated as **31,234** [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 2017/18 (excluding Parish Precepts) is £6,415,150.
- (iii) the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2017/18 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
 - (a) £67,586,530 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) £60,526,870 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) £7,059,660 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) £224.51 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) £644,510 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. (*i.e. the Borough Council's precept of £6,415,150 divided by the Council Tax base of 31,234, this Council's own Council Tax at Band D*).
- (iv) That it be noted that for the year 2017/18 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 2017/18 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 £31,419,567)	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
The Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire (PCCN) (precept £5,906,415)	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Total	1,054.02	1,229.69	1,405.35	1,581.02	1,932.35	2,283.69	2,635.04	3,162.04

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

- (vi) That the Council's basic amount of the Council Tax for 2017/18 is deemed not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Council Tax Schedule for 2017/18

<u>Part of the Council's area</u>	<u>Valuation Bands</u>							
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	269.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	20.45	23.86	27.27	30.68	37.50	44.32	51.13	61.36
Total	1,074.47	1,253.55	1,432.62	1,611.70	1,969.85	2,328.01	2,686.17	3,223.40
Barton Seagrave:								
KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	27.09	31.60	36.12	40.63	49.66	58.69	67.72	81.26
Total	1,081.11	1,261.29	1,441.47	1,621.65	1,982.01	2,342.38	2,702.76	3,243.30
Brampton Ash:								
KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	18.02	21.02	24.03	27.03	33.04	39.04	45.05	54.06
Total	1,072.23	1,250.71	1,429.38	1,608.05	1,965.39	2,322.73	2,680.09	3,216.10
Braybrooke:								
KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	16.21	18.92	21.62	24.32	29.72	35.13	40.53	48.64
Total	1,070.23	1,248.61	1,429.97	1,605.34	1,962.07	2,318.82	2,675.57	3,210.68
Broughton:								
KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	10.67	12.45	14.23	16.01	19.57	23.13	26.68	32.02
Total	1,064.69	1,242.14	1,419.58	1,597.03	1,951.92	2,306.82	2,661.72	3,194.06

Burton Latimer:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	7.33	8.56	9.78	11.00	13.44	15.89	18.33	22.00
Total	1,061.35	1,238.25	1,415.13	1,592.02	1,945.79	2,299.58	2,653.37	3,184.04

Cranford:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	28.38	33.11	37.84	42.57	52.03	61.49	70.95	85.14
Total	1,082.40	1,262.80	1,443.19	1,623.59	1,984.38	2,345.18	2,705.99	3,247.18

Cransley:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	30.73	35.85	40.97	46.09	56.33	66.57	76.82	92.18
Total	1,084.75	1,265.54	1,446.32	1,627.11	1,988.68	2,350.26	2,711.86	3,254.22

Desborough:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	63.51	74.09	84.65	95.26	116.43	137.60	158.77	190.52
Total	1,117.53	1,303.78	1,490.03	1,676.28	2,048.78	2,421.29	2,793.81	3,254.22

Dingley:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	25.598	29.85	34.12	38.38	46.91	55.44	63.97	76.76
Total	1,079.61	1,259.54	1,439.47	1,619.40	1,979.26	2,339.13	2,699.01	3,238.80

Geddington, Newton and Little Oakley:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	21.79	25.42	29.05	32.68	39.94	47.20	54.47	65.36
Total	1,075.81	1,255.11	1,434.40	1,613.70	1,972.29	2,330.89	2,689.51	3,227.40

Grafton Underwood:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	14.09	16.43	18.78	21.13	25.83	30.52	35.22	42.26
Total	1,068.11	1,246.12	1,424.13	1,602.15	1,958.18	2,314.21	2,670.26	3,204.30

Harrington:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	28.57	33.34	38.10	42.86	52.38	61.91	71.43	85.72
Total	1,082.59	1,263.03	1,443.45	1,623.88	1,984.73	2,345.60	2,706.47	3,247.76

Loddington:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	16.81	19.61	22.41	25.21	30.81	36.41	42.02	50.42
Total	1,070.83	1,249.30	1,427.76	1,606.23	1,963.16	2,320.10	2,677.06	3,212.46

Mawsley:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	44.55	51.97	59.40	66.82	81.67	96.52	111.37	133.64
Total	1,098.57	1,281.66	1,464.75	1,647.84	2,014.02	2,380.21	2,746.41	3,295.68

Pytchley:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	28.99	33.82	38.65	43.48	53.14	62.80	72.47	86.96
Total	1,083.01	1,263.51	1,444.00	1,624.50	1,985.49	2,346.49	2,707.51	3,249.00

Rothwell:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	7.82	9.12	10.43	11.73	14.34	16.94	19.55	23.46
Total	1,061.84	1,238.81	1,415.78	1,592.75	1,946.69	2,300.63	2,654.59	3,185.50

Rushton:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	15.17	17.70	20.23	22.76	27.82	32.88	37.93	45.52
Total	1,069.19	1,246.71	1,425.58	1,603.78	1,960.17	2,316.57	2,672.97	3,207.56

Stoke Albany:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	14.59	17.02	19.45	21.88	26.74	31.60	36.47	43.76
Total	1,068.61	1,246.71	1,424.80	1,602.90	1,959.09	2,315.29	2,671.51	3,205.80

Sutton Bassett:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	15.69	18.30	20.92	23.53	28.76	33.99	39.22	47.06
Total	1,069.71	1,247.99	1,426.27	1,604.55	1,961.11	2,317.68	2,674.26	3,209.10

Thorpe Malsor:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	25.16	29.35	33.55	37.74	46.13	54.51	62.90	75.48
Total	1,079.18	1,259.04	1,438.90	1,618.76	1,978.48	2,338.20	2,697.94	3,237.52

Warkton:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	10.93	12.75	14.57	16.39	20.03	23.67	27.32	32.78
Total	1,064.95	1,242.44	1,419.92	1,597.41	1,952.38	2,307.36	2,662.36	3,194.82

Weekley:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	13.70	15.98	18.27	20.55	25.12	29.68	34.25	41.10
Total	1,067.72	1,245.67	1,423.62	1,601.57	1,957.47	2,313.37	2,669.29	3,203.14

Weston-by-Welland:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	18.52	21.61	24.69	27.78	33.95	40.13	46.30	55.56
Total	1,072.54	1,251.30	1,430.04	1,608.80	1,966.30	2,323.82	2,681.34	3,217.60

Wilbarston:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Parish Precept	21.07	24.59	28.10	31.61	38.63	45.66	52.68	63.22
Total	1,075.09	1,254.28	1,433.45	1,612.63	1,970.98	2,329.35	2,687.72	3,225.26

Other Areas/Parishes:

KBC	136.93	159.75	182.57	205.39	251.03	296.67	342.32	410.78
NCC	777.73	907.35	1,036.97	1,166.59	1,425.83	1,685.07	1,944.32	2,333.18
PCCN	139.36	162.59	185.81	209.04	255.49	301.95	348.40	418.08
Total	1,054.02	1,229.69	1,405.35	1,581.02	1,932.35	2,283.69	2,635.04	3,162.04

Town & Parish Council Precepts

	2016/17			2017/18			Increase (Decrease) in Band D Council Tax
	Tax Base	Precepts	Council Tax Band D	Tax Base	Precepts	Council Tax Band D	
		£	£		£	£	
Ashley	131	4,050	30.92	132	4,050	30.68	(0.24)
Barton Seagrave	1,641	20,000	12.19	1,723	70,000	40.63	28.44
Brampton Ash	37	1,000	27.03	37	1,000	27.03	0.00
Braybrooke	172	4,500	26.16	185	4,500	24.32	(1.84)
Broughton	781	13,000	16.65	812	13,000	16.01	(0.64)
Burton Latimer	2,747	32,200	11.72	2,887	31,750	11.00	(0.72)
Cranford	202	8,700	43.07	202	8,600	42.57	(0.50)
Cransley	112	5,000	44.64	115	5,300	46.09	1.45
Desborough	3,609	350,000	96.98	3,671	349,700	95.26	(1.72)
Dingley	101	3,800	37.62	99	3,800	38.38	0.76
Geddington, Newton and Little Oakley	607	9,000	14.83	612	20,000	32.68	17.85
Grafton Underwood	71	1,000	14.08	71	1,500	21.13	7.05
Harrington	70	3,000	42.86	70	3,000	42.86	0.00
Loddington	211	5,420	25.69	215	5,420	25.21	(0.48)
Mawsley	893	60,000	67.19	898	60,000	66.82	(0.37)
Pytchley	182	7,500	41.21	184	8,000	43.48	2.27
Rothwell	2,504	30,000	11.98	2,558	30,000	11.73	(0.25)
Rushton	237	5,400	22.78	246	5,600	22.76	(0.02)
Stoke Albany	144	3,150	21.88	144	3,150	21.88	0.00
Sutton Bassett	49	1,200	24.49	51	1,200	23.53	(0.96)
Thorpe Malsor	53	2,000	37.74	53	2,000	37.74	0.00

Warkton	61	1,250	20.49	61	1,000	16.39	(4.10)
Weekley	70	1,500	21.43	73	1,500	20.55	(0.88)
Weston-by-Welland	72	2,000	27.78	72	2,000	27.78	0.00
Wilbarston	267	7,670	28.73	267	8,440	31.61	2.88

16.C.101 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 2017/18 to full Council as background to the consideration of the Prudential Indicators – the Policy and Strategy were formally approved by the council's Executive Committee at its meeting of 15th February 2017

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)

16.C.102 THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 – PAY POLICY STATEMENT

A report was submitted which sought approval for the Pay Policy Statement 2017/18.

RESOLVED that the Pay Policy Statement (2017/18) be approved.

(Voting: Unanimous)

16.C.103 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

A report was submitted to which sought approval of an update to the council's Local Development Scheme (LDS) that would satisfy legal requirements in terms of development plan regulations and set out a time table for local plan documents.

RESOLVED that members adopted the draft LDS as discussed at paragraphs 2.6 to 2.12; and attached at Appendix 1 to the officer report.

16.C.104 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Kirsty Woods attended and addressed Council under the Council's Right to Speak policy on behalf of Kettering Mind mental health charity. She welcomed the motion and stated that promotion of wellbeing was the responsibility of everyone in helping to build strong and resilient communities.

Councillor Bunday proposed and Councillor Scrimshaw seconded the following motion.

"This council notes:

- *1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem in any given year.*
- *The World Health Organisation predicts that depression will be the second most common health condition worldwide by 2020.*
- *Mental ill health costs some £105 billion each year in England alone.*
- *People with a severe mental illness die up to 20 years younger than their peers in the UK*
- *There is often a circular relationship between mental health and issues such as housing, employment, family problems or debt.*

This council believes:

- *As a local authority we have a crucial role to play in improving the mental health of everyone in our community and tackling some of the widest and most entrenched inequalities in health.*
- *Mental health should be a priority across all the local authority's areas of responsibility, including housing, community safety and planning.*
- *All councillors, whether members of the Executive or Scrutiny and in our community and casework roles, can play a positive*

role in championing mental health on an individual and strategic basis.

This council resolves:

- *To sign the Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge run by Centre for Mental Health, Mental Health Foundation, Mental Health Providers Forum, Mind, Rethink Mental Illness, Royal College of Psychiatrists and YoungMinds.*
- ***We commit to appoint an elected member as 'mental health champion' across the council.***

- *We will seek to identify a member of staff within the council to act as 'lead officer' for mental health.*

The council will also:

- *Support positive mental health in our community, including in local schools, neighbourhoods and workplaces.*
- *Work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community.*
- *Work with local partners to offer effective support for people with mental health needs.*
- *Tackle discrimination on the grounds of mental health in our community.*
- *Proactively listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health.*
- *Sign up to the [Time to Change pledge](#)."*

(Voting: Unanimous)

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

16.C.105 LAND AT A14

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Portfolio Holder for Finance the following question:-

"How much has KBC paid for the land either side of the A14 at Rothwell?"

The Portfolio Holder for Finance answered as follows:-

“£110,000. This information is publically available on the Land Registry.”

16.C.106 VOTING WITH THE PARTY-LINE

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Leader of the Council the following question:-

“In the interests of democratic accountability and democratic transparency, would the Leader be open to the idea of changing the Council Constitution to ensure that Political Parties declare, before a vote is taken in the Council chamber, whether or not their Councillors are bound by their groups’ constitution, to vote with the party-line, or whether they have a choice to vote differently?”

The Leader of the Council answered as follows:-

“No.”

Councillor Brown asked the following supplementary question:

“Why?”

The Leader of the Council responded as follows:

“Why not?”

16.C.107 REVENGE EVICTIONS – STATUTORY PROVISIONS

Councillor Mick Scrimshaw asked the Portfolio Holder for Housing the following question:-

“A recent report into changes in the law in 2015 designed to make “revenge evictions” illegal, where tenants are evicted for complaining about poor conditions to their landlords, found that half of local councils across England have not used these powers, with 55% of councils responding that they have not stopped any evictions of this kind since they became illegal.

Has Kettering Borough Council been able to support any tenants in this position?”

The Portfolio Holder for Housing answered as follows:-

“The statutory provisions regarding revenge evictions enable a local authority to prevent a landlord serving a section 21 notice on a tenant for a six month period in certain limited circumstances.

There are also exceptions that apply such as if the property is “genuinely on the market for sale” when the section 21 notice is given. It also applies specifically to section 21 notices and not to notices served on other grounds such as rent arrears.

Housing Options Advisors have been fully briefed about the statutory provisions but we have not yet encountered a case where they apply.

As time goes on, they will apply to more and more tenancies but in the current period, we are dealing with evictions from many tenancies that started before October 2015 and therefore the provisions do not apply to the majority of section 21 notices that we encounter.”

Councillor Scrimshaw asked the following supplementary question:

“I am pleased that KBC have not had to use the provisions, but this might be because people are not aware of the legislation, can we promote the fact Council has these powers?”

The Portfolio Holder for Housing responded as follows:

“This is a point that will be taken on board”

16.C.108 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Deputy Leader of the Council the following question:-

“What percentage of answers to questions to full council are drafted by officers for councillors?”

The Deputy Leader answered as follows:-

“As Cllr Brown is well aware, the answers are initially drafted by officers to provide a factual background and then amended by councillors to address the political issues as they see fit.”

16.C.109 DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Portfolio Holder for Housing the following question:-

“Do KBC receive a Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) for council owned properties?”

The Portfolio Holder for Housing answered as follows:-

“The Council receives funding from the Government for Disabled Facilities Grants, which is channelled through the County Council. This funding is used to pay for disabled adaptations to owner occupied and privately rented properties.

Adaptations to council-owned properties are funded from the Housing Revenue Account.”

16.C.110 FUNDS FOR DESBOROUGH

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Portfolio Holder for Finance the following question:-

“What efforts are being made by borough councillors to secure a fair share of council tax income and Section 106/CIL funds for Desborough’ services, facilities and amenities?”

The Portfolio Holder for Finance answered as follows:-

“Kettering Borough Council has not adopted the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and therefore relies upon the use of Section 106 agreements to secure planning obligations. Such obligations are limited by Part 11 of the CIL regulations, which restrict obligations to being:

- 1) Necessary to make a development acceptable in planning terms;*
- 2) Directly related to the development;*
- 3) Fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development*

Section 106 agreements are therefore negotiate to secure planning obligations for Desborough wherever it is appropriate to do so within the limitations of the regulations that govern it.

The relative needs of the entire Borough are taken into account when considering our budgets and spending.”

16.C.111 **KETTERING GATEWAY**

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Delivery the following question:-

“When will the completion be, and what will be on Kettering Gateway?”

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Delivery answered as follows:-

“Kettering Borough Council is not directly involved in the build out of the Kettering Gateway site. The timeframe for completion of the development is therefore a matter for the developer. It is not a matter controlled by the Council in its role as the Local Planning Authority.

Planning permission on this site was granted for 109,000m² of employment space that includes roadside, office, light industrial, manufacturing and warehousing uses.

It is underway now - the developer should be able to answer this question.”

16.C.112 **COUNCIL RESERVES**

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Portfolio Holder for Finance the following question:-

“How much does the council have invested in reserves?”

The Portfolio Holder for Finance answered as follows:-

“The Council keeps a number of reserves – these are clearly shown in the Council’s Statement of Accounts which is externally audited and published each year.”

16.C.113 **RETAINING ROCKINGHAM ROAD FOOTBALL GROUND AS A LESIRE FACILITY**

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Portfolio Holder for Community and Leisure the following question:-

“What steps will the Council take to see Rockingham Road Football Ground remain as a leisure facility, rather than housing?”

The Portfolio Holder for Community and Leisure answered as follows:-

“The site is in private ownership and has been identified for housing”

Councillor Brown asked the following supplementary question:

“As portfolio holder, what would you prefer on the site?”

The Portfolio Holder for Community and Leisure responded as follows:

“As you know, it is privately owned.”

16.C.114 INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Portfolio Holder for Finance the following question:-

“Would the leadership accept that local residents feel that their refusal to invest money in any form of community projects (outside small grants), whilst enabling them to keep to budgets, has destroyed any sense of social cohesion within the borough and has, as a result, created a climate of apathy, depression or vitriol around every decision they take?”

The Portfolio Holder for Finance answered as follows:-

“No.”

16.C.115 NEXT PHASE OF KETTERING TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration the following question:-

“Residents are concerned Kettering is losing ground to Corby, and would like to know when is the next phase of regeneration for Kettering Town Centre, as consulted on in 2013, due to begin.”

The Portfolio Holder for Regeneration answered as follows:-

“A Town Centre Delivery plan is being developed which will set out what next for our town centre later this year.”

A recent study by CACI for Property Week listed Kettering as 41st in the top 100 of the “hottest” sites for potential for retail and leisure investment in the UK. We have experienced economic growth at five times the national average, as measured by business rates growth. Recent announcements regarding new and expanding businesses in the Borough refute the premise behind this statement; for example :-

- *£30 million capital investment by Weetabix*
- *Whitworths moving into the new development at Burton Latimer*
- *Relocation and expansion of Argos at Kettering North – 700 jobs*
- *Plans submitted for two new employment sites on the edge of Desborough.”*

16.C.116 **DESBOROUGH SKATE PARK**

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Portfolio Holder for Rural the following question:-

“When will the manifesto commitment for a new Desborough Skate Park be delivered?”

The Deputy Leader of the Council responded as follows:-

“Officers are providing supporting advice to DTC on delivering a skate facility in the area.

Desborough Town Council are paying for this, we understand that arrangements are in hand to deliver it during 2017.”

16.C.117 **OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Keli Watts asked the Deputy Leader of the Council the following question:-

“There are a number of outside bodies and organisations to which councillors are appointed yearly. What procedures are in place to a) monitor the attendance of councillors and b) to gather feedback about the meetings and activities of these groups which may be of interest to other councillors?”

The Deputy Leader of the Council responded as follows:-

“No formal processes are in place.

Informally information is shared with both members and officers”

Councillor Watts asked the following supplementary question:-

“Given the number of hours we put into supporting such bodies, can we take this issue to the Research and Development Committee to assure ourselves that we are getting best value for money possible for appointments to these positions?”

The Deputy Leader of the Council answered as follows:-

“Yes, certainly. We expect those on outside bodies to attend meetings, and some members report back, depending on what that meeting is.

16.C.118 HEDGE REMOVAL

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Portfolio Holder for the Environment the following question:-

“Do KBC have any further plans on removing areas of hedging, like on Pioneer Avenue?”

The Portfolio Holder for the Environment responded as follows:-

“We have completed similar projects in areas such as Linden Avenue, North Park, Lower Street, Buccleuch Street and Cobden Street as part of our maintenance regime. We do not have any more works planned currently but will look to do similar works in the future.”

16.C.119 HOUSING FOR EX-SERVICEMEN

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Portfolio Holder for Housing the following question:-

“Why do local veterans say that it takes so long for the housing dept. to make a decision on housing for a disabled ex-serviceman (veteran), with certain needs?”

The Portfolio Holder for Housing responded as follows:-

“If Councillor Brown would like to supply details of the specific case to which he is referring, we will investigate and advise him accordingly.”

16.C.120 DRAIN CLEARANCE

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Portfolio Holder for the Environment the following question:-

“When are the council going to clear the drain at the west end of Lindsay Street outside St Andrews Church near Rockingham Road? Residents say that NCC has informed them this is a KBC issue.”

The Portfolio Holder for the Environment responded as follows:-

“After investigation I can confirm that this is an NCC responsibility as it is on public highway, we have reported this through to street doctor.”

16.C.121 KBC PRESS RELEASES

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Deputy Leader of the Council the following question:-

“What percentage of councillor statements on KBC press releases are drafted by officers for Councillors?”

The Deputy Leader of the Council responded as follows:-

“Again, as Councillor Brown is well aware, council press releases are always written by council officers. Councillors write or approve any quotes attributable to them – again, we do not keep a running total.”

16.C.122 FLATS AT BAYES STREET

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Portfolio Holder for Housing the following question:-

“Can the council clarify what the position is regarding the quality of build on the flats in Bayes Street?”

The Portfolio Holder for Housing responded as follows:-

“The development of the flats is still in progress. Whether or not the Council will issue a Building Regulations Completion Certificate cannot be determined until such time as the development is complete and a final inspection is carried out.”

16.C.123 PARKING ON BANK HOLIDAYS

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Portfolio Holder for Finance the following question:-

“What do the council intend to do with the money it incorrectly charged the public to pay in the car parks on the bank holiday?”

The Portfolio Holder for Finance responded as follows:-

“The Council has not incorrectly charged for car parking. Signage is clear when parking is free, indeed additional signage is often put up.

Machines will be covered over on bank holidays in an attempt to further minimise mistaken payments by the public”

16.C.124 COUNCIL HOUSING REPAIRS

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Portfolio Holder for Housing the following question:-

“Residents of council houses are expected to pay rent in a timely manner and keep gardens well maintained and yet some have been waiting for months to have repairs done both internally and externally. What are the Council doing to improve the speed of repairs?”

The Portfolio Holder for Housing responded as follows:-

“If Councillor Brown would like to supply details of the specific case to which he is referring, we will investigate and advise him accordingly.”

16.C.125 ARCHITECTS DEPARTMENT

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Deputy Leader of the Council the following question:-

“Have the Council considered recreating an Architects Department to potentially save thousands of pounds of 'outsourcing' costs?”

The Deputy Leader of the Council responded as follows:-

“The Council does not have an on-going requirement for architectural services and procures such services as required on an occasional basis. In that context, there is no business case to establish such a department.”

16.C.126 FLY-TIPPING – RESIDENT EDUCATION

Councillor Michael Brown asked the Portfolio Holder for the Environment the following question:-

“What is being done to educate residents about fly-tipping on their own streets?”

The Portfolio Holder for the Environment responded as follows:-

“Environmental Wardens provide information and advice as part of their enforcement activities both to residents and to school children, this includes the appropriate disposal of waste.”

(The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 8:25pm)

Signed

The Mayor

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