# Jane Knight

Chair of the Council

# Council meeting: Wednesday, 22 February 2017

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of Warwick District Council will be held at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa on Wednesday, 22 February 2017 at 6.05pm.

# **Emergency Procedure**

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chair will announce the emergency procedure for the Town Hall.

# **Agenda**

# 1. Apologies for Absence

# 2. **Declarations of Interest**

Members to declare the existence and nature of interests in items on the agenda in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct. Declarations should be entered on the form to be circulated with the attendance sheet and declared during this item. However, the existence and nature of any interest that subsequently becomes apparent during the course of the meeting must be disclosed immediately. If the interest is not registered, Members must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days.

Members are also reminded of the need to declare predetermination on any matter.

If Members are unsure about whether or not they have an interest, or about its nature, they are strongly advised to seek advice from officers prior to the meeting.

# 3. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 January 2017. (Pages 1 to 9)

### 4. Communications and Announcements









# 5. **Petitions**

## 6. **Notices of Motion**

(A) To consider a notice from Councillor Parkins:

In January 2017, Warwickshire County Council approved the setting up of a 'White Label' not-for-profit energy supply service, known as the Warwickshire Energy Plan, in partnership with a fully licensed energy supplier subject to concluding agreements with the relevant District and Borough councils and registered social landlords in relation to housing stock (particularly voids) which is necessary for this to be a viable proposition. I therefore propose that:

"Warwick District Council support the Warwickshire Energy Plan in the first instance through the establishment of a municipal not-for-profit energy supply service; to work urgently to conclude agreements with Warwickshire County Council so that supply contracts are put in place in relation to housing stock (particularly voids) and registered social landlords to ensure the success of this important initiative and the benefits it will bring to consumers in Warwick District through market-leading tariffs, support for customers switching from costly pre-payment meters to smart pay-as-you-go meters and provision of consistent high quality customer service."

# 7. **Public Submissions**

- 8. Leader's and Portfolio Holders' Statements
- 9. Questions to the Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holders
- 10. Setting of the Council Tax 2017/18

To consider:-

- (a) the recommendations from the meeting of the Executive held on 8 February 2017 in Minute 87; and
- (b) the report of the Responsible Financial Officer (Pages 1 9)

# 11. Housing Rents and Housing Revenue Account Budget 2016/17

To consider the recommendations from the meeting of the Executive held on 8 February 2017 in Minute 88

# 12. Heating, Lighting and Water Charges 2016/17 - Council Tenants

To consider the recommendations from the meeting of the Executive held on 8 February 2017 in Minute 89.

# 13. **Executive Report**

To consider the reports of the Executive meeting on 8 February 2017.

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# 14. **Public and Press**

To consider resolving that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

# 15. Confidential Executive Report

To consider the confidential report of the Executive on 5 January 2017.

(Pages 1 −3) (Not for publication)

### 16. **Common Seal**

To authorise the affixing of the Common Seal of the Council to such deeds and documents as may be required for implementing decisions of the Council arrived at this day.

Chief Executive Published Tuesday 14 February 2017

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# WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25 January 2017, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.05pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Knight (Chair); Councillors Ashford, Barrott, Boad, Bromley, Mrs Bunker, Butler, Cain, Mrs Cain, Coker, Cooke, Cross, D'Arcy, Davies, Davison, Day, Doody, Edgington, Gallagher, Gill, Mrs Grainger, Harrington, Heath, Mrs Hill, Howe, Illingworth, Margrave, Mobbs, Morris, Murphy, Naimo, Noone, Parkins, Phillips, Ouinney, Mrs Redford, Rhead, Shilton, Mrs Stevens, Thompson, Weed and Whiting.

#### 56. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Evetts, Mrs Falp, Gifford and Miss Grainger.

#### 57. **Declarations of Interest**

Minute 61 – Notice of Motion

Councillor Mrs Bunker declared that she was a nominated governor to South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Mrs Redford declared she was a Council appointed representative on the Warwickshire County Council South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust Quality Accounts Task & Finish Group.

#### 58. **Statement from Councillor Boad**

With the permission of the Chair, Councillor Boad made the following statement:

"On 24th November I formerly asked the Monitoring Officer to investigate the circumstances surrounding the apparent release of confidential information by the Labour Group concerning the Leisure Centre Proposals.

His investigation has revealed that the Leamington Spa Courier published on 29th July a Labour Press Release under the heading of 'Rising cost for leisure centres plan is a 'concern' for Labour group'. This included a figure of £15 million for the project.

There was then a 2 month delay by the Labour Party in producing their 'Labour Voice' leaflet which they sent to the printers on 27<sup>th</sup> September containing a similar story using the figures previously published in July.

The revised costs, which were described as 'work in progress', were revealed to Group Leaders on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, followed up by a meeting of the members of the working party. Given the nature of the 'work in progress', members were requested to keep the information confidential.

Given the 2 month delay by the Labour Party in publishing their story in 'Labour Voice' clearly created some confusion, particularly as it had already been overtaken by more recent events.

The coincidence of the timing with the confidential briefing in late September muddied the water and made it appear that confidential information had been used.

Following the completion of the Monitoring Officers investigation which has made it clear that that there had been no breach of confidential information, I am happy to withdraw any remarks made by me, specifically about a potential breach of confidentiality by the Labour Group, at the Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

I thank the Monitoring Officer for his quick and thorough investigation."

In response Councillor Barrott thanked Councillor Boad for his statement.

# 59. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16 November 2016 were taken as read and duly signed by the Chair as a correct record.

## 60. Communications & Announcements

The Chair informed the Council that the Chair's Attendant was now recovering at home following surgery and she had passed on the best wishes of the Council to him.

The Chair welcomed Councillor Noone to the Council following her election to represent the Myton & Heathcote Ward on 1 December 2016.

The Chair summarised some of the experiences she had had and some of the events she had attended in her role. She highlighted to Council the positive work of the Parish Council's across the District and reminded Councillors of the need to work together for the community.

The Chair informed the Council that she would be attending, and encouraged all Councillors to attend, the Action21 'Eco Fun Day'. This would be an organised riverside walk, on 7 May 2017, from St Nicholas Park to the Pump Room Gardens and would form part of an eco-focussed family fun day.

The Chair informed Council that the local churches and chamber of trade were organising an event to look at homelessness with a view to helping financial and social inclusion. This was due to take place on 27 April 2017 at the Town Hall and would include a Civic reception for participants.

The Chair encouraged Councillors to her fund raising quiz on 17 February 2017 and her Civic Dinner on 10 March 2017 where Ian Dove QC would be the guest speaker.

The Chair informed Council that there were no Public Submissions or Petitions for consideration by Council.

### 61. Notices of Motion

It was duly proposed by Councillor Mrs Grainger, and duly seconded:

- 1. That the Council believes that the approach used to develop the Coventry & Warwickshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) has been opaque and veiled in secrecy. Given how critical this Plan is to the future provision of Health and Social Care Services and the future of our local hospitals in Warwickshire, the Council urgently requests that more time is allowed for full and proper public consultation and seeks assurances that all plans for the future of the NHS are developed openly and with full involvement of the users of the service.
- 2. That, consequently, the Council:
  - (i) Agrees that it will not consider signing up to the Coventry and Warwickshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan published on 6th December until:
    - a) There has been full public engagement
    - b) It has been co-produced along with the Health and Wellbeing Boards of both Warwickshire CC and Coventry CC
    - c) It is rewritten in language which is accessible to the public
  - (ii) Expects that the STP in its next stage moves to present a clear set of proposals and plans for any changes and that an independent chair is appointed to ensure the necessary challenge.
  - (iii) Expects that the original intent of the STP around the integration of the health and social care systems is progressed in a way which recognises the crucial role played by social care.
  - (iv) Expects that the STP workstreams will recognise local and easy access to services by the whole population of Warwickshire and Coventry as a fundamental principle.
- 3. That the Health Scrutiny Sub Committee consider and report on the progress of the STP.

Councillors Coker, Parkin, Doody, Boad, Illingworth, Cain, Ashford, Mrs Bunker, Heath and Butler addressed the Council on this matter.

On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

# 62. Leader's and Portfolio Holders' Statements

The Leader, Councillor Mobbs, passed on his good wishes to the Chair's Attendant and welcomed Councillor Noone to the Council.

The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services, Councillor Shilton, informed Council that Jephson Gardens had been listed as one of the top 15 public parks in the country.

The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Councillor Coker, informed Council that a Sports England survey had identified that sub regionally the District had the most residents participating in sport at least once a week and overall had the third largest amount of residents participating in sport three times a week. In addition, he highlighted the significant number of small grants awarded by

cultural to sports clubs and organisations to help them encourage and enable more sports participation.

# 63. Questions to the Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holders

Councillor Boad asked the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services if they could explain the Council's Policy on prosecuting fly tipping?

In response, the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services, Councillor Shilton, explained that the Council did not prosecute fly tippers because the team did not have sufficient resources to do so. This was the subject of discussion between CMT and the Executive. He explained the reason for this decision was because it was hard to get sufficient evidence to enable a successful prosecution. However, the important point was to ensure that any fly tipping was cleared quickly. In response to a question of clarification from Councillor Boad, Councillor Shilton confirmed that even when clear evidence was provided, his team would not always take action.

Councillor Boad asked the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Property Services, that as a Council we encourage residents to take pride in Council properties so why in a block of flats where no communal cleaning was provided had Council Officers told a resident to stop cleaning in the communal hall and that if someone was hurt they would be liable?

In response, the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Property Services, recognised that officers needed to be cautious but asked Councillor Boad to pass him the details of this matter so he could investigate it.

Councillor Quinney, asked the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services, if he could confirm there had been no prosecutions for fly tipping in the last three years; was this the result of an agreed Executive Policy or just custom and practice; if where evidence was provided were residents informed that prosecutions would not be made; should this position be made public; and what action would he be taking review this approach and budgets if necessary?

In response, Councillor Shilton explained that this would be reviewed and a report would be brought back to the Executive for consideration. He highlighted that this was not just a matter for Neighbourhood Services but also Housing & Property Services and Health & Community Protection. He confirmed that within the District in 2014/15 there were 890 cases of fly tipping, 1092 cases in 2015/16 and 800 cases to date in 2016/17. He expanded that in this time there had been no prosecutions which was as a result of evidencing being hard to substantiate and that it cost less to clear up than to bring a case to Court.

Councillor Barrott, asked the Leader that as Warwickshire County Council were due to move out of their Barrack Street Offices could Warwick District Council move into it; and could he guarantee that any housing development brought forward by this Council would at least meet the 40% affordable housing requirement?

In response, the Leader, Councillor Mobbs, stated that the answers were no to both questions. This was because Barrack Street was not fit for the purpose of what this Council required. With regard to affordable Housing this Council was committed to this Policy and across all developments the Council was close to achieving this. However, there was a need to recognise the need for schemes to be both viable and deliverable.

Councillor Barrott asked the Portfolio Holder for Development Services if he was aware of publicity by a developer regarding an additional housing scheme, outside the land allocated in the forward plan, within the Barford/Sherbourne area, along with the concern from local residents and Councillors; and asked how would this Council respond if this Council was required to provide more housing by the Planning Inspector?

In response, the Portfolio Holder, Councillor Cross, stated that the Council was waiting for the Inspectors Report.

Councillor Barrott asked the Portfolio Holder for Development Services if he shared the concerns of residents about the number of applications for conversions of residential properties to HMOs and could he provide assurance that Planning Policy H6 was being correctly interpreted and implemented with correct weight?

In response, Councillor Cross explained he was aware of the concerns and there was a continuous review to make sure decisions were correct.

Councillor Morris asked the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Property Services if this Council should thank the Chief Executive and his officers for their exceptional work over the Christmas period in responding to a number of illegal encampments over the District by Gypsy and Travellers?

In response the Portfolio Holder, Councillor Phillips, explained that he was aware of the excellent work of officers over Christmas to resolve these challenges and there would be a report to the Executive on this matter in March 2017. However, he could confirm that work was taking place across the County to see what action could be taken within the current legal constrains.

Councillor Gill asked the Portfolio Holder for Health & Community Protection if she was aware of the increase in crime and asked if this related to the reduction in the number of observations and arrests from the work of our CCTV team?

In response, the Portfolio Holder, Councillor Mrs Grainger, explained that there had been changes in reporting and this had created difficulties in comparing data. However, work had been commissioned to investigate this but examples included improved reporting of hate crime which should be welcomed. In addition, it was most likely that more crime was being committed away from the Council's CCTV cameras.

# 64. Report of the Executive

(a) The report of the Executive meeting on 30 November 2016 were proposed duly seconded and

**Resolved** that the report of the Executive meeting on 30 November 2016, be approved.

(b) The report of the Executive meeting held on 5 January 2017 were proposed duly seconded and

**Resolved** that the report of the Executive meeting on 5 January 2017, be approved.

# 65. **Membership of Committees**

## **Resolved** that

- (a) the following amendments be made to the membership of Committees:
  - (i) Councillor Miss Noone be appointed to Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee
  - (ii) Councillor Mrs Evetts to be replaced on Employment Committee by Councillor Miss Noone
  - (iii) Councillor Evetts be appointed to Licensing & Regulatory Committee
  - (iv) Councillor Miss Noone be appointed to HARP
- (b) the following amendments be made to the substitute list for Committees
  - (i) Councillor Mrs Evetts be appointed as a substitute for Employment Committee;
  - (ii) Councillor Miss Noone be appointed as a substitute for Planning Committee and Overview & Scrutiny Committee

# 66. **Proposals to deal with HS2 submissions**

The Council considered a report from Development Services that set out the key challenges associated with the number and type of planning submissions that would be made under the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill if, and when, it became an Act and sought agreement of Council to a mechanism for dealing with those submissions, which involved revisions to the Council's constitution.

The High Speed Rail Act would grant planning permission for the construction of a high speed railway between London and Birmingham. That permission would be subject to conditions requiring the nominated undertaker (the party/parties who would construct the railway) to obtain the consent or approval of the Council as Local Planning Authority for some of the details of the design of that part of the railway which passed through the District and associated ancillary works.

At their meeting of 2 June 2016, Executive decided that the Council should operate as a "Qualifying Authority" within the terms of the High Speed Rail Act, which provided the District Council with the maximum available, albeit limited control over the details of the design of the railway.

As a Qualifying Authority, the grounds on which Building Works (e.g. Bridges, Viaducts etc.) could be permitted, subject to conditions, or refused were:-

- i. That the design or external appearance of the works ought to be modified:
  - a) To preserve the local environment or local amenity,

- b) To prevent or reduce prejudicial effects on road safety or on the free flow of traffic in the local area,
- c) To preserve a site of archaeological or historic interest or nature, conservation value, in respect of which the relevant aspect of the scheme is reasonably capable of being so modified
- ii. That the development ought to, and could reasonably, be carried out elsewhere on land within the Act limits.
- iii. Approvals for other matters not comprising building works, including for example fencing, artificial lighting etc. have their own specific grounds for refusal.

To obtain Qualifying Authority status, the District Council had committed to work within the terms of a "Planning Memorandum", which required the Council to deal with submissions in an expeditious manner, i.e. within eight weeks, and to be sufficiently resourced to be able to do so. Those submissions were likely to be for relatively minor matters but could be substantial in number.

In view of the potential for significant numbers of such submissions to be submitted to the Council as Local Planning Authority at any one time, there was a significant risk that under current arrangements, submissions could not be dealt with within the required timescale. This, in turn could result in the District Council losing its Qualifying Authority status and consequently losing the additional level of control that such status brought.

In particular, given the level of public interest in the HS2 project, especially from Town and Parish Councils, under current delegation arrangements there was a clear risk of a significantly increased number of submissions attracting a level of interest and objection requiring consideration by Planning Committee, potentially to the extent that the approach required to be deployed as a Qualifying Authority would become unsustainable.

For that reason, and in order to ensure that HS2 submissions were fully considered in an expeditious manner, it was proposed that a new approach be taken on the consideration of the circumstances in which they should be referred to Planning Committee.

It was proposed that given their likely detailed nature and the absence of the consideration of the principle of the development, all such submissions would be determined by Officers under delegated powers unless the Head of Development Services, in consultation with the Chairman of Planning Committee, were of the view that the particular details or circumstances of the submission in question were such that it should be considered by Planning Committee.

It was acknowledged that this was a different approach to that used for determining whether planning applications were considered by Planning Committee, which focused on the level of objection received including from Town and Parish Councils and/or Ward Councillors. However, for the reasons explained above, it was considered to be the most effective means of considering these new types of submissions in an expeditious manner which also allowed for the involvement of the Planning Committee where it was deemed appropriate.

Officers had been liaising with HS2 Ltd for some considerable time in respect of a number of matters both individually and as a member of a wider consortium, including in respect of the preparation of an emerging Service Level Agreement, one of the key elements of which was to ensure that the Council would be fully reimbursed for the additional work generated by the submissions received in relation to HS2.

It was anticipated that this agreement would be finalised within the next few weeks and it was proposed that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to enter into, and sign, the Service Level Agreement.

The recommendations were proposed by Councillor Coker, subject to a minor wording clarification, duly seconded and

#### Resolved that

- (1) the report be noted
- (2) the Head of Development Services is authorised to determine submissions made in accordance with the High Speed Rail Act, except for any submission where, in consultation with the Chairman of Planning Committee (or in the absence the Chairman the Vice-Chairman), they consider that it should be determined by Planning Committee;
- (3) the Planning Committee be authorised to determine submissions made under the High Speed Rail Act which are referred to the Committee by the Head of Development Services;
- (4) the Head of Development Services and Planning Committee consider representations made by Town and Parish Councils on submissions made in accordance with the High Speed Rail Act; and
- (5) sufficient financial support is allocated in the Budget to enable the Council to address all HS2 related matters appropriately and authorises the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to enter into a Service Level Agreement with HS2 on behalf of the Council that will provide for it to be reimbursed for time spent dealing with the submissions made under the Act and related matters.

# 67. **Public and Press**

**Resolved** that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local

Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

# 68. Confidential Executive Report

The confidential report of the Executive meeting held on 5 January 2017 was proposed, duly seconded and:

**Resolved** that the confidential Executive report of 5 January 2017, be approved.

# 69. Common Seal

It was

**Resolved** that the Common Seal of Warwick District Council be affixed to such documents as may be required for implementing decisions of the Council arrived at this day.

(The meeting ended at 7.25 pm)

CHAIR 22 February 2017

Title  The Setting of the Council Tax for the Area of Warwick District Council 2017/18  For further information about this report please contact  Wards of the District directly affected Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?  Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number  Background Papers  Full Council 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2016 (re.2016/17) minute 89  Contrary to the policy framework:  Contrary to the budgetary framework:  Contrary to the budgetary framework:  No  Key Decision?  Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference Yes Ref 807 number)  Equality Impact Assessment Undertaken	WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCIL	da Item No.	
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Chief Executive/Deputy Chief	14/2/17	Chris Elliott	
Executive			
Head of Service	14/2/17	Mike Snow	
CMT			
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Section 151 Officer	14/2/17	Mike Snow	
Monitoring Officer	14/2/17	Andrew Jones	
Finance		Jenny Clayton	
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Portfolio Holder(s)	14/2/17	Peter Whiting	

# **Consultation & Community Engagement**

As detailed in the February Budget Report.

Final Decision? Yes

Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)

# 1. Summary

1.1 This report sets the Council Tax for the area of Warwick District, incorporating its own Budget which is bourne by Council Tax, along with the precepts from the other authorities within the area

# 2. **Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the following, as set out in the budget reports (Executive recommendations, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017) and 2017/18 Budget Book as (forwarded electronically), be approved:-
  - (a) the Revenue Budgets for 2017/18
  - (b) the Capital Programme for 2017/18

# 2.2 Warwick District Tax Base

The Council notes the following amounts for the year 2017/18 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

- (a) 52,709.68 being the amount calculated, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 as amended, as its council tax base for the year.
  - (b) Part of the Council's Area

PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL	Band D Equivalents
Baddesley Clinton	88.86
Baginton	307.24
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	852.50
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	325.05
Bishops Tachbrook	994.26
Bubbenhall	317.62
Budbrooke	748.57
Burton Green	450.00
Bushwood	13.84
Cubbington	1,482.67
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch,	
Wappenbury	332.15
Hatton	943.80
Kenilworth	9,596.71
Lapworth	941.08
Royal Leamington Spa	16,381.64
Leek Wootton	533.24
Norton Lindsey	221.10
Old Milverton & Blackdown	302.57
Radford Semele	784.91
Rowington	523.07
Shrewley	426.41
Stoneleigh & Ashow	535.70
Warwick	11,561.64
Weston-under-Wetherley	185.70
Whitnash	3,028.87
Total Warwick District Area	51,879.20

being the amounts calculated, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations as amended, as the amounts of its council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area.

# 2.3 Calculation of Warwick District Council Council Tax, including parish/town council precepts

That 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, as amended:-

(a) £86,815,645.08

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 (*Gross Expenditure including parish/town council precepts*).

(b) £77,134,993.00

being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3)(a) to (d) of the Act (*Gross Income*)

(c) £9,680,652.08

being the amount by which the aggregate at 2.3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2.3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax Requirement for the year.

(d) £183.66

being the amount at 2.3(c) above divided by the amount at 2.2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year (*Average Warwick District Council Tax, including parish/town precepts*).

(e) £1,412,612.08

being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (*Total parish/town council precepts*)

(f) £156.86

being the amount at 2.3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2.3(e) above by the amount at 2.2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates (*Warwick District Council Tax excluding parish/town council precepts*)

# (g) Part of the Council's Area

Parish	Band D Charge 2017/18 £
Baddesley Clinton	42.44
Baginton	41.29
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	50.19
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	22.47
Bishops Tachbrook	43.44
Bubbenhall	42.19
Budbrooke	35.52
Burton Green	40.89
Bushwood	0.00
Cubbington	31.14
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch,	
Wappenbury	34.49
Hatton	11.24
Kenilworth	18.50
Lapworth	18.95
Royal Leamington Spa	20.33
Leek Wootton	20.28
Norton Lindsey	30.94
Old Milverton & Blackdown	45.98
Radford Semele	27.92
Rowington	38.93
Shrewley	15.94
Stoneleigh & Ashow	31.52
Warwick	30.36
Weston-under-Wetherley	43.21
Whitnash	52.15

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2.3(f) above, the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above (3.e) divided in each case by the amount at 2.2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate (*Warwick District Council plus parish/town council Council Tax for each parish/town council at Band D*).

(h) The amounts shown in Appendices 1 and 1a, attached, being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2.3(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands (Warwick District Council plus parish/town council Council Tax for each parish/town council for each Band).

# 2.4 Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner Precepts

That it be noted that for the year 2017/18 Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Band	Warwickshire County Council	Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner
	£	£
Α	865.92	127.9865
В	1010.24	149.3176
C	1,154.56	170.6487
D	1,298.88	191.9798
E	1,587.52	234.6419
F	1,876.16	277.3041
G	2,164.80	319.9663
Н	2,597.76	383.9595

# 2.5 Total Council Tax for the District for each Band in each Parish/Town Council

That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2.3(g) and 2.4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts shown in Appendix 2 as the amounts of council tax for the year 2017/18 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

#### 3. Reasons for the Recommendation

3.1 The Executive papers for 8th February 2017, which all members will have received, contain all the background information on the budget at Item 4, "Budget 2017/18 and Council Tax – Revenue and Capital". The recommendations in this report amalgamate the Warwick District Council element of the Council Tax, with Council Tax levels agreed by Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner, and the town/parish councils for 2017/18. With all these constituent parts, the Council should now be in a position to set the overall levels of Council Tax for the District.

# 4. **Policy Framework**

# 4.1 **Policy Framework**

<u>Fit for the Future</u> The Budgets within the District Council's Element of the Council Tax are in line with the Corporate Strategy and the Fit for the Future Programme.

<u>Development Plan</u> The Planning Reserve provides for issues relating to planning policy, for example the costs associated with the Local Plan, and associated Item 10(b) Page 5

research, as well as costs arising from Planning Appeals

<u>Food Law Enforcement Service Plan</u> The Revenue Budget approved for 2016/17 contains provision for the associated costs of delivery

<u>The Housing Investment Programme (H.I.P.)</u> The Executive Papers, 10<sup>th</sup>

February 2016, include an appendix detailing how the monies available to fund the H.I.P. will be spent.

# 4.2 Fit for the Future

The Proposed 2017/18 Budgets will support the vision of making Warwick District a great place to live work and visit as set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy. These include those for the 5 key policy priority areas – Prosperity, Housing (in conjunction with the H.R.A. Rent Setting Report, also on this Agenda), Health and Well Being, Community Protection and Sustainability. There is a particular need to outline

This Report provides the (Budget) Money to fund Services, and employ (Staff) People to deliver these Services to the (Customers) People living in the District.

4.3 **Impact Assessments** – This should not directly impact on Equalities

# 5. **Budgetary Framework**

5.1 The whole of the Council's budget is concerned with the financing of its priorities. The formal setting of the tax is the arithmetic and technical process of aggregating the council tax levels set for each band by the County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner with those required by this Council, including parish/town councils. The Chief Financial Officer reports directly to Council in order that the council tax can be set in accordance with section 30 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

## 6. Risks

6.1 The main risks from the proposals in respect of this Council's Risks, Controls and Mitigations are outlined in section 6 of the Executive Budget Report.

# 7. Alternative Option(s) considered

7.1 The Council does have discretion over its own element of the Council Tax, further information is contained in section 7 of the report in the 10th February Executive papers. However, it has to accept the precepts and associated council tax levels set by Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the town/parish councils..

# 8. **Background**

8.1 Report to Executive 8th February 2017 – Budget 2017/18 and Council Tax and Capital

Report to Executive 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016– General Fund Base Budget Report 2017/18 ( Item 4)

WCC and WPCC precepts

Parish and town council precepts.

# Budget and Council Tax 2017/18 Calculation of Warwick District Council Element including Special Expenses

WDC @ D	roundings	2						
156.86		7	8	9	11	13	15	18
PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Baddesley Clinton	132.86	155.01	177.15	199.30	243.59	287.88	332.16	398.60
Baginton	132.10	154.11	176.13	198.15	242.19	286.22	330.25	396.30
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	138.03	161.04	184.04	207.05	253.06	299.08	345.08	414.10
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	119.55	139.48	159.40	179.33	219.18	259.04	298.88	358.66
Bishops Tachbrook	133.53	155.79	178.04	200.30	244.81	289.33	333.83	400.60
Bubbenhall	132.70	154.81	176.93	199.05	243.29	287.52	331.75	398.10
Budbrooke	128.25	149.63	171.00	192.38	235.13	277.89	320.63	384.76
Burton Green	131.83	153.80	175.78	197.75	241.70	285.64	329.58	395.50
Bushwood	104.57	122.00	139.43	156.86	191.72	226.58	261.43	313.72
Cubbington	125.33	146.22	167.11	188.00	229.78	271.56	313.33	376.00
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch,								
Wappenbury	127.56	148.83	170.09	191.35	233.87	276.40	318.91	382.70
Hatton	112.06	130.74	149.42	168.10	205.46	242.82	280.16	336.20
Kenilworth	116.90	136.39	155.87	175.36	214.33	253.30	292.26	350.72
Lapworth	117.20	136.74	156.27	175.81	214.88	253.95	293.01	351.62
Royal Leamington Spa	118.12	137.81	157.50	177.19	216.57	255.95	295.31	354.38
Leek Wootton	118.09	137.77	157.46	177.14	216.51	255.87	295.23	354.28
Norton Lindsey	125.20	146.06	166.93	187.80	229.54	271.27	313.00	375.60
Old Milverton & Blackdown	135.22	157.76	180.30	202.84	247.92	293.00	338.06	405.68
Radford Semele	123.18	143.72	164.25	184.78	225.84	266.91	307.96	369.56
Rowington	130.52	152.28	174.03	195.79	239.30	282.81	326.31	391.58
Shrewley	115.20	134.40	153.60	172.80	211.20	249.60	288.00	345.60
Stoneleigh & Ashow	125.58	146.52	167.45	188.38	230.24	272.11	313.96	376.76
Warwick	124.81	145.61	166.42	187.22	228.83	270.43	312.03	374.44
Weston-under-Wetherley	133.38	155.61	177.84	200.07	244.53	288.99	333.45	400.14
Whitnash	139.34	162.56	185.79	209.01	255.46	301.91	348.35	418.02
Proportion of Band D	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9

# Budget and Council Tax 2017/18

# **District**

# and Parish/Town Council by Band

	roundings 6	2 7	8	9	11	13	15	18
	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C £	BAND D £	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G £	BAND H £
Warwick District Council	104.57	122.00	139.43	156.86	191.72	226.58	261.43	313.72
PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL								
Baddesley Clinton	28.29	33.01	37.72	42.44	51.87	61.30	70.73	84.88
Baginton	27.53	32.11	36.70	41.29	50.47	59.64	68.82	82.58
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	33.46	39.04	44.61	50.19	61.34	72.50	83.65	100.38
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	14.98	17.48	19.97	22.47	27.46	32.46	37.45	44.94
Bishops Tachbrook	28.96	33.79	38.61	43.44	53.09	62.75	72.40	86.88
Bubbenhall	28.13	32.81	37.50	42.19	51.57	60.94	70.32	84.38
Budbrooke	23.68	27.63	31.57	35.52	43.41	51.31	59.20	71.04
Burton Green	27.26	31.80	36.35	40.89	49.98	59.06	68.15	81.78
Bushwood								
Cubbington	20.76	24.22	27.68	31.14	38.06	44.98	51.90	62.28
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch,								
Wappenbury	22.99	26.83	30.66	34.49	42.15	49.82	57.48	68.98
Hatton	7.49	8.74	9.99	11.24	13.74	16.24	18.73	22.48
Kenilworth	12.33	14.39	16.44	18.50	22.61	26.72	30.83	37.00
Lapworth	12.63	14.74	16.84	18.95	23.16	27.37	31.58	37.90
Royal Leamington Spa	13.55	15.81	18.07	20.33	24.85	29.37	33.88	40.66
Leek Wootton	13.52	15.77	18.03	20.28	24.79	29.29	33.80	40.56
Norton Lindsey	20.63	24.06	27.50	30.94	37.82	44.69	51.57	61.88
Old Milverton & Blackdown	30.65	35.76	40.87	45.98	56.20	66.42	76.63	91.96
Radford Semele	18.61	21.72	24.82	27.92	34.12	40.33	46.53	55.84
Rowington	25.95	30.28	34.60	38.93	47.58	56.23	64.88	77.86
Shrewley	10.63	12.40	14.17	15.94	19.48	23.02	26.57	31.88
Stoneleigh & Ashow	21.01	24.52	28.02	31.52	38.52	45.53	52.53	63.04
Warwick	20.24	23.61	26.99	30.36	37.11	43.85	50.60	60.72
Weston-under-Wetherley	28.81	33.61	38.41	43.21	52.81	62.41	72.02	86.42
Whitnash	34.77	40.56	46.36	52.15	63.74	75.33	86.92	104.30
Proportion of Band D	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9

Appendix 2
Council Tax Calculations 2017/18 Warwick District Council
Including Warwickshire County Council And Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner

PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL	BAND A £	BAND B	BAND C £	BAND D £	BAND E £	BAND F £	BAND G £	BAND H £
Baddesley Clinton	1,126.77	1,314.57	1,502.36	1,690.16	2,065.75	2,441.34	2,816.93	3,380.32
Baginton	1,126.01	1,313.67	1,501.34	1,689.01	2,064.35	2,439.68	2,815.02	3,378.02
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	1,131.94	1,320.60	1,509.25	1,697.91	2,075.22	2,452.54	2,829.85	3,395.82
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	1,113.46	1,299.04	1,484.61	1,670.19	2,041.34	2,412.50	2,783.65	3,340.38
Bishops Tachbrook	1,127.44	1,315.35	1,503.25	1,691.16	2,066.97	2,442.79	2,818.60	3,382.32
Bubbenhall	1,126.61	1,314.37	1,502.14	1,689.91	2,065.45	2,440.98	2,816.52	3,379.82
Budbrooke	1,122.16	1,309.19	1,496.21	1,683.24	2,057.29	2,431.35	2,805.40	3,366.48
Burton Green	1,125.74	1,313.36	1,500.99	1,688.61	2,063.86	2,439.10	2,814.35	3,377.22
Bushwood	1,098.48	1,281.56	1,464.64	1,647.72	2,013.88	2,380.04	2,746.20	3,295.44
Cubbington	1,119.24	1,305.78	1,492.32	1,678.86	2,051.94	2,425.02	2,798.10	3,357.72
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch,								
Wappenbury	1,121.47	1,308.39	1,495.30	1,682.21	2,056.03	2,429.86	2,803.68	3,364.42
Hatton	1,105.97	1,290.30	1,474.63	1,658.96	2,027.62	2,396.28	2,764.93	3,317.92
Kenilworth	1,110.81	1,295.95	1,481.08	1,666.22	2,036.49	2,406.76	2,777.03	3,332.44
Lapworth	1,111.11	1,296.30	1,481.48	1,666.67	2,037.04	2,407.41	2,777.78	3,333.34
Royal Leamington Spa	1,112.03	1,297.37	1,482.71	1,668.05	2,038.73	2,409.41	2,780.08	3,336.10
Leek Wootton	1,112.00	1,297.33	1,482.67	1,668.00	2,038.67	2,409.33	2,780.00	3,336.00
Norton Lindsey	1,119.11	1,305.62	1,492.14	1,678.66	2,051.70	2,424.73	2,797.77	3,357.32
Old Milverton & Blackdown	1,129.13	1,317.32	1,505.51	1,693.70	2,070.08	2,446.46	2,822.83	3,387.40
Radford Semele	1,117.09	1,303.28	1,489.46	1,675.64	2,048.00	2,420.37	2,792.73	3,351.28
Rowington	1,124.43	1,311.84	1,499.24	1,686.65	2,061.46	2,436.27	2,811.08	3,373.30
Shrewley	1,109.11	1,293.96	1,478.81	1,663.66	2,033.36	2,403.06	2,772.77	3,327.32
Stoneleigh & Ashow	1,119.49	1,306.08	1,492.66	1,679.24	2,052.40	2,425.57	2,798.73	3,358.48
Warwick	1,118.72	1,305.17	1,491.63	1,678.08	2,050.99	2,423.89	2,796.80	3,356.16
Weston-under-Wetherley	1,127.29	1,315.17	1,503.05	1,690.93	2,066.69	2,442.45	2,818.22	3,381.86
Whitnash	1,133.25	1,322.12	1,511.00	1,699.87	2,077.62	2,455.37	2,833.12	3,399.74
Proportion of Band D	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9