

Present: Councillor Keith Weaver (*in the Chair*), Councillor Biff Bean, Councillor Bill Bilton, Councillor Yvonne Bodger, Councillor Alan Briggs, Councillor Kathleen Brothwell, Councillor Chris Burke, Councillor Sue Burke, Councillor Bob Bushell, Councillor Thomas Dyer, Councillor Geoff Ellis, Councillor Jim Hanrahan, Councillor Gary Hewson, Councillor Ronald Hills, Councillor Jackie Kirk, Councillor Rosanne Kirk, Councillor Helena Mair, Councillor Adrianna McNulty, Councillor Ric Metcalfe, Councillor Neil Murray, Councillor Donald Nannestad, Councillor Lucinda Preston, Councillor Christopher Reid, Councillor Fay Smith, Councillor Hilton Spratt, Councillor Edmund Strengiel, Councillor Ralph Toofany, Councillor Pat Vaughan and Councillor Loraine Woolley

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Gill Clayton-Hewson, Councillor Andy Kerry, Councillor Laura McWilliams and Councillor Naomi Twedde

54. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Donald Nannestad declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest with regard to the agenda item titled 'Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019 - 2024'. Councillor Nannestad was an allotment tenant. A dispensation by the Monitoring Officer had been granted to enable Councillor Nannestad as an allotment tenant to participate in proceedings relating to the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the setting of the budget.

Councillor Pat Vaughan declared a Personal Interest with regard to the agenda item titled 'Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019 - 2024'. Councillor Vaughan's granddaughter worked in the Council's finance department.

Councillor Pat Vaughan declared a Personal Interest with regard to the agenda item titled 'Council Tax 2019/20'. Councillor Vaughan's granddaughter worked in the Council's finance department.

Councillor Ralph Toofany declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest with regard to the agenda item titled 'Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019 - 2024'. Councillor Toofany was an allotment tenant. A dispensation by the Monitoring Officer had been granted to enable Councillor Toofany as an allotment tenant to participate in proceedings relating to the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the setting of the budget.

55. Receive Any Questions under Council Procedure Rule 11 from Members of the Public and Provide Answers thereon

No questions were received.

56. Receive Any Questions under Council Procedure Rule 12 from Members and Provide Answers thereon

No questions were received.

57. To Consider the Following Recommendations of the Executive and Committees of the Council

(a) Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019 - 2024

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that Council Procedure Rule 17.4 regarding the content and length of speeches be suspended to allow the Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition unlimited time to speak on this item.

Councillor Ric Metcalfe, Leader of the Council, proposed the recommendations contained within the report, subject to the replacement of Appendix A with a revised version which had been published and circulated.

Councillor Donald Nannestad, Deputy Leader of the Council, seconded the proposal.

Councillor Hilton Spratt, proposed an amendment by way of an alternative budget which comprised:

- investment in the digital infrastructure of the Council;
- capitalisation on the Government's changes to the Housing Revenue Account to build more quality homes;
- investment in further managed work spaces;
- the introduction of a 'pop-in parking' scheme for the Lincoln Central Car Park on weekends;
- free garden waste collection services under a reformed and renegotiated waste disposal contract;
- up to a 10% increase in public waste bins across the city;
- a reformed management structure across all directorates, with reform to the upper and middle tier of management;
- each reformed directorate to reduce spending by £73,000;
- alignment of future employee wages with the National Living Wage;
- a fundamental review of all Council services in relation to outsourcing.

Councillor Thomas Dyer, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, seconded the amendment.

In voting on the amendment, the amendment was lost.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19.7 a recorded vote was taken, the result of which was as follows:

For	Against	Abstention
Councillor Bodger	Councillor Bean	
Councillor Briggs	Councillor Bilton	
Councillor Dyer	Councillor Brothwell	
Councillor Hills	Councillor C Burke	
Councillor Reid	Councillor S Burke	
Councillor Spratt	Councillor Bushell	
Councillor Strengiel	Councillor Ellis	
Councillor Weaver	Councillor Hanrahan	
	Councillor Hewson	
	Councillor J Kirk	
	Councillor R Kirk	
	Councillor Mair	
	Councillor McNulty	
	Councillor Metcalfe	
	Councillor Murray	
	Councillor Nannestad	
	Councillor Preston	
	Councillor Smith	
	Councillor Toofany	
	Councillor Vaughan	
	Councillor Woolley	

In voting on the original motion it was RESOLVED that the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019-2024 and Capital Strategy 2019-2024, including the following specific elements, be approved:

- a council tax Increase of 2.93% for 2019/20;
- a housing rent decrease of 1% for 2019/20;
- the Council being a member of the Lincolnshire Business Rates Pool in 2019/20;
- the General Fund Revenue Forecast 2019/20-2023/24 as shown in Appendix 1 of the report and the main basis on which this budget had been calculated;
- the General Investment Programme 2019/20-2023/24 as shown in Appendix 2 of the report and the main basis on which the programme had been calculated;
- the Housing Revenue Account Forecast 2019/20-2023/24 as shown in Appendix 3 of the report and the main basis on which this budget had been calculated;
- the Housing Investment Programme 2019/20-2023/24 as shown in Appendix 4 of the report and the main basis on which the programme had been calculated.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19.7 a recorded vote was taken, the result of which was as follows:

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(b) Council Tax 2019/20

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that Council

- (1) Accepts the 7 January 2019 Executive recommendation that the Council Tax Base for 2019/20, as calculated in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, be 24,299.78.
- (2) Calculates the following amounts for the year 2019/20 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
 - a) £105,017,850 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - b) £98,338,810 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - c) £6,679,040 being the amount by which the aggregate at 2(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31A (4) of the Act).

- d) £274.86 being the amount at 2(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1 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) £0 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act
- f) £274.86 being the amount at 2c) above less the amount at 2e) above, all divided by the amount at 1 above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year

g) **City of Lincoln Council**

A	B	C	D
£183.24	£213.78	£244.32	£274.86
E	F	G	H
£335.94	£397.02	£458.10	£549.72

being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 2(f) above by the number which, in proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular band divided by the number which in 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 for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different bands.

- (3) Notes that for the year 2019/20 Lincolnshire County Council have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with the dwelling bandings shown below:

Lincolnshire County Council

A	B	C	D
£861.60	£1,005.20	£1,148.80	£1,292.40
E	F	G	H
£1,579.60	£1,866.80	£2,154.00	£2,584.80

- (4) Notes that for the year 2019/20 Police & Crime Commissioner Lincolnshire have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with the dwelling bandings shown below:

Police & Crime Commissioner Lincolnshire

A	B	C	D
£160.92	£187.74	£214.56	£241.38
E	F	G	H
£295.02	£348.66	£402.30	£482.76

- (5) Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2(g), 3 and 4 above, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2019/20 in accordance with the dwelling bandings shown below:

Total Council Tax Charge 2019/20

A	B	C	D
£1,205.76	£1,406.72	£1,607.68	£1,808.64
E	F	G	H
£2,210.56	£2,612.48	£3,014.40	£3,617.28

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Councillor Weaver		
Councillor Woolley		

(c) **Prudential Indicators 2018/19 - 2021/22 and Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20**

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

- (1) That the prudential indicators, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

- (2) That the Treasury Management Strategy, including the treasury management prudential indicators and the Investment Strategy, as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report, be approved.
- (3) That the revised Minimum Revenue Position Policy, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report, be approved.

58. Pay Policy Statement

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Pay Policy Statement be approved.