

Minutes



Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 23rd February 2006 (10.30 am – 7.35 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

Councillors

Alan Davison (Chairman)

A Peter Barnes (Vice-Chairman)

	Reg Adair		Patrick Lally
	John C Allin		Bruce Laughton
	Dick Anthony		E D W Llewellyn-Jones
	Chris Baron		Ellie Lodziak
	Joyce Bosnjak		Joe Lonergan OBE
	M M Brandon-Bravo OBE		Jim Napier
	Kenneth Bullivant		James O'Riordan
	Richard Butler		Philip Owen
A	Steve Carr		Tom Pettengell
A	Steve Carroll	A	Mrs Sheila Place
	John Carter		Peter D Prebble
	John Clarke		D E Pulk
A	Jennifer Cole		Alan Rhodes
	Barrie Cooper		Ken Rigby
	John Cottee		Susan Saddington
A	M J Cox		David Shaw
	S M Creamer		Nellie Smedley
	Mrs K L Cutts		Mrs S M Smedley
	Yvonne Davidson		Mark Spencer
	V H Dobson		A S Stewart
	Sybil Fielding		J R Stocks
A	Andy Freeman		M Storey
	Glynn Gilfoyle		Martin Suthers OBE
	Keith Girling		Linda Sykes
	Albert Haynes		The Hon Joan Taylor
	John M Hemsall		David Taylor
	Nigel Henshaw		Parry Tsimbiridis
	Stan Heptinstall MBE		Kevan Wakefield
	Richard Jackson		Keith Walker
A	George Kane		C P Winterton
	Rod Kempster		Brian Wombwell
	David Kirkham		Yvonne Woodhead
	John R Knight		

OPENING PRAYER

Mr Reg Strauther, Chairman's chaplain, led prayers.

MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2006/011

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 19th January 2006 be approved as a correct record.

(Arising from resolution 2006/011 above, the Minute Book was signed by the Chairman).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor R Adair (on other County Council business)
Councillor Peter Barnes
Councillor S Carr
Councillor S Carroll
Councillor Jen Cole
Councillor M J Cox
Councillor Andy Freeman
Councillor George Kane
Councillor Sheila Place

Council also received apologies from the following councillors, whose arrival had been delayed and who would be attending later:-

Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle
Councillor Darrell Pulk
Councillor The Hon Joan Taylor.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

The interests described below were declared in respect of Agenda item 11 (Reconfiguration of Primary Care Trusts in Nottingham) by the Members shown:-

Name (Councillor)	Interest	Details
Chris Baron	Personal	Councillor Baron is a non-voting member of Broxtowe and ucknall PCT
Joyce Bosnjak	Personal	Councillor Bosnjak is a non-executive member of Mansfield PCT.

Name (Councillor)	Interest	Details
Bruce Laughton	Prejudicial	Councillor Laughton's wife is employed by Rushcliffe PCT.
Sue Saddington	Personal	Councillor Saddington's daughter is employed at the Queen's Medical Centre.
Martin Suthers	Prejudicial	Councillor Suthers is Chairman of Rushcliffe
Yvonne Woodhead	Personal	Councillor Woodhead is a member of Mansfield PCT.

Councillor Chris Winterton then declared a personal interest in item 14 (Award of 26 Year PFI Waste Contract) on the grounds that he had indicated, during election campaigning, that he would support and represent local views in this matter.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

(A) The Budget Debate

The Chairman referred to proposed rules for the budget debate which were contained within a report circulated with the papers for the meeting. On a motion of the Chairman, duly seconded, it was:-

RESOLVED: 2006/012

- 1(a) That consideration of agenda item 8 (Annual Budget 2006/07) commence immediately after the lunch adjournment.
- 1(b) That, to enable that to happen, the order of the agenda be varied if necessary, thus permitting consideration of any or all of the other items on the agenda to take place before the lunch adjournment.
2. That the rules for the budget debate be as follows:-
3. That Standing Orders 8.4, 8.5 and 8.6 be suspended for Agenda Item Number 8 (Annual Budget 2006/2007), to enable the following provisions to operate during the debate on that item:-
 - (i) After the proposals for the Annual Budget 2006/2007 have been moved by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property and seconded, formally or with a speech, by the Leader of the Council,

any Conservative and/or Liberal Democrats amendment shall be moved and seconded in that order. The seconders of the amendments may either speak to them when seconding or may reserve their speech for later in the debate.

- (ii) After the budget proposals and amendments referred to above have been moved and seconded, the Chairman of the County Council will, without affecting discretion as to the order in which members will be called, announce at the conclusion of each succeeding speech how many members have indicated to the Chairman their intention to speak.
- (iii) With the exception of (a) and (b) below no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes :-
 - (a) the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property when moving the budget proposals and when replying to the debate and
 - (b) the movers of any Conservative and Liberal Democrats amendments referred to in paragraph 1 when moving those amendments
- (iv) There shall be a single debate on the motion and any amendments, provided that any other member may give notice of a further amendment and subject to Standing Order 8.7 may advocate the amendment but not move it.
- (v) In the event of the Council still being in session at 5.30 pm, there will be an adjournment for high tea. Upon the Council reconvening preference in speaking shall be given to those seconders of the motion or amendments referred to in paragraph 1 who have not by then spoken.
- (vi) Except for the winding up speeches, no member shall be called to speak after 7.00 pm.
- (vii) In the event of the Council still being in session at 7.00 pm, at that time or at the conclusion of a speech of a member then having the floor, the movers of the Liberal Democrats and Conservative amendments referred to in paragraph 1 shall have the right to wind up in that order. The Cabinet Member for Finance and Property shall then have the right to reply to the debate.
- (viii) At the conclusion of the winding-up speeches, the Conservative and Liberal Democrats amendments shall be voted on in that order separately followed by any other amendment of which notice has

been given prior to the winding-up speeches, each such amendment being moved and seconded formally and without debate. Thereafter the vote will be taken on the main motion.

- (ix) In the event that any amendment is carried, the normal rules shall apply but there shall be no further speeches.

(B) Fund-Raising for the Chairman's Charity

Councillor Davison referred to the successful social event held at County Hall on 18th February 2006 and thanked Members for their support in raising much-needed funds for his chosen charities.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

The following petitions were presented to the Chairman by the Members indicated:-

- a) Councillor Mick Storey - a number of petitions relating to home to school transport for pupils attending faith schools
- b) Councillor Joe Lonergan - from residents of Chapel Lane, Ravenshead, regarding X.
- c) Councillor Edward Llewellyn-Jones - from elderly residents of x, seeking reinstatement of the y bus service.
- d) Councillor Ellie Lodziak - from residents of Eastwood and surrounding areas about x.

Arising from comments from a number of Members and, at the request of the Chairman, it was

RESOLVED: 2006/013

- (1) That, noting that the petitions delivered by Councillor Mick Storey involved signatories and bus services within a range of electoral divisions, so much of Standing Order 5.1 be waived to enable them to be received by the Chairman.
- (2) That the petitions be referred to the appropriate Cabinet Members for consideration.

QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 6.1

The following question was received from Councillor Richard Butler for the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Partnerships:-

“The Cabinet Member will recall her statement in response to my question about avian influenza at last October’s meeting, where she referred to local contingency arrangements being the subject of an exercise organised by the health Protection Agency,

In view of the alarming spread of this virus in recent days, would the Cabinet Member inform Council of the outcomes of this exercise, and update Members on any further developments regarding contingency planning in Nottinghamshire?”

Councillor Joyce Bosnjak, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Partnerships replied as follows:-

“Thank you Chairman.

Can I thank Councillor Butler for his question, which reflects the ongoing concern over ‘Avian Flu’, a concern which has been given a very high profile with Avian Flu being confirmed in a wild duck in France. I think there are now two cases.

I remember Councillor Butler’s question, back in October, I did give a detailed response at that time. This is a technically a very complex area and hence I propose in answering this question to concentrate on the major issues which concern our communities and the County Council. To provide a more in depth support for this answer **and** to keep you up dated on this matter, I am arranging for you all to be given a frequently asked Questions and Answers sheet that you can refer to when you are challenged in the community about it and I will, also, make sure that you get regular reports.

Firstly can I clarify what we mean by Avian Flu or Bird Flu, which the media sometimes use as an all-embracing name. Avian Flu or Bird Flu is an **animal** disease which should not be confused with any other flu virus which may lead to a **human** influenza pandemic which occurs when a completely new strain emerges to which few people will have any immunity. The current Avian Flu virus has found it difficult to move from birds to humans and to-date there is no evidence of ongoing human-to-human transmission.

Secondly, there are currently no confirmed cases of Avian Flu in the country or evidence that a human influenza pandemic is present either.

However, as you would expect, our officers are working with our partners to ensure we are prepared to respond should an outbreak of either disease occur.

For a human influenza pandemic the Health Protection Agency is the lead agency and the information they are giving, at the moment, is that the risk of such an outbreak is no greater now than it was back in October.

Since then there have been two major exercises relating to Human Influenza Pandemic, the significant issues arising from these were:

- Implementing mass vaccination programmes should they be required.
- Maintaining essential services in both public and private sectors as a result of reduced staff.
- Also, ensuring effective communication occurs.

Nottinghamshire County Council's role in such an outbreak would be to assist the health community in warning and informing our communities, and assisting in the preparation and delivery of major responses to outbreaks - for example in delivering mass vaccination within our communities.

In addition to our Business Continuity Groups, we must ensure our own essential services continue to be delivered.

Coming back, however to Avian Flu, which I know is the real concern at the moment, it is important to remember that currently this is of higher risk than an outbreak of Human Influenza.

In planning our response to Avian Flu we are continuing to take our lead from the expert advice, we would be quite foolish not to take that advice – the advice coming directly from DEFRA and the State Veterinary Service.

During an outbreak of Avian Flu our main responsibilities would be to assist in areas such as licensing and disease control, this is a situation that would be comparable to the role with what happened after 2001 with the Foot and Mouth outbreak.

Finally, I hope my response has given an overview of the current situation and an indication of how we are preparing to respond if and when we have to. I, also, hope you will agree that the communication update I am putting into place will help ensure all Councillors are kept well informed of developments to assist in responding to concerns within their communities.

I think it is important that we take a levelled approach to what is currently happening and not to begin scare mongering. I don't think it is to our advantage or even to the communities that we represent.

If Councillor Butler would like to take a look at the contingency plans in place, here is a copy of the document.”

QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 6.2

There were no questions for the Chairs of the Combined Fire or Police Authorities.

REPORTS FROM CABINET MEMBERS

Each Cabinet Member had produced a written report on issues arising within their respective portfolios. The reports, which had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting, were presented in the following order:-

(a) Leader	- Councillor Kirkham
(b) Deputy Leader (Education)	- Councillor Storey
(c) Culture	- Councillor Baron
(d) Community Safety and Partnerships	- Councillor Bosnjak
(e) Environment and Sustainability	- Councillor S Smedley
(f) Finance and Property	- Councillor Carter
(g) Regeneration	- Councillor Winterton
(h) Resources	- Councillor Stocks
(i) Social Services	- Councillor Anthony

NOTE:-

During the presentation and consideration of the reports, the following points emerged:-

i) Culture Portfolio

Councillor Baron referred to the excellence and cultural diversity of cultural services provided by the County Council and particularly their positive impact on communities' and individuals' well-being.

During comments, other councillors – complimented those involved with the Sports Review of the Year, including the Nottingham Evening Post for its positive reporting of the event; congratulated and thanked employees involved with the transfer of Southwell's library service to the Bramley Centre in the town.

ii) Community Safety and Partnerships Portfolio

Councillor Bosnjak highlighted the following:-

- the sale of alcohol to under-age customers remained a problem, although creative work was being undertaken which it was hoped would lead eventually to its eradication

- the presentation on 'doorstop crime' made by Brian Steele at the recent Members' Seminar
- the possibility of a nationwide amnesty for knives and other weapons to be handed in to the police
- continuing work on the Community Engagement Strategy, where Councillors were to be involved in identifying 10 cal, natural communities

Members generally raised a number of matters arising from the report, including:-

- problems associated with the use of mini-motorcycles, where Councillor Bosnjak described possibilities for off-road areas for their use and indicated that the problems were to be discussed at a forthcoming Anti-social Behaviour Seminar, to which all councillors would be invited.
- the importance of links with Parish Councils within councillors' community leadership roles and the Community Engagement Strategy.

Finally, councillors noted that Emergency Planning cards showing emergency contacts and brief details of councillors' roles in emergency situations were to be distributed soon.

iii) **Environment Portfolio**

There was acknowledgement of the opportunity for minority group members to contribute to discussions on improvements to the A46 and positive comments about the revisions to the Concessionary Fares Scheme. In response to a question, Councillor Smedley confirmed that the County Council would continue to press for a response to the NET extension proposals.

iv) **Resources Portfolio**

Councillor Stocks responded to questions about the effect of increased charges for school meals, indicating that it was not appropriate for the service to be run at a deficit. There was also discussion about the need to include parents in measures designed to encourage children and young people to make healthy food and lifestyle choices.

RESOLVED: 2006/014

That the reports be noted.

ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER

A report from Cabinet had been circulated with the agenda. The report informed councillors of the key points of the Audit Commissioner's Annual Letter 2004/05, covering the audit of the 2004/05 accounts and the outcome of the Corporate Performance Assessment.

It was moved by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor David Kirkham and

RESOLVED: 2006/015

That the very positive nature of the Annual Audit Letter 2004/05 be noted.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY STATEMENT

The Director of Resources had circulated with the agenda a report which described proposals for the policy and strategy for Treasury Management for the next year.

It was moved by Councillor John Carter, seconded by Councillor David Kirkham and

RESOLVED: 2006/016

1. That the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management continue to be adopted.
2. That the Treasury Management Policy Schedule, Approved List, Strategy and Treasury Management indicators be approved.

RECONFIGURATION OF PRIMARY CARE TRUSTS IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

The Leader of the Council had circulated a report which sought support for a response to the Strategic Health Authority's consultation on options for new Primary Care Trusts (PCT) arrangements in Nottinghamshire.

Councillor Kirkham introduced the report and moved a motion in the terms of Resolved 2006/017 below, indicating that it reflected both the work of the Health Select Study Group and the outcomes of a recent Members' Seminar. When reconfiguration proposals were described and discussed.

The motion was duly seconded.

During debate, the Leader of the Conservative Group indicated strong support for Option 2, where there would be contiguous boundaries with Social Services and for the transfer to local authorities of Primary Care Trust functions.

The motion was put to the meeting and, following a show of hands, it was:-

RESOLVED: 2006/017

- 1) That the County Council support **Option Two** as set out in the consultation document issued by the strategic Health Authority, for the reasons set out in the report and that the Chief Executive of the County Council be asked to write in support of that option.
- 2) That the County Council also indicate support for establishing mechanisms for an equitable distribution of resources and local management structures within the PCT that reflect local needs and the geographical diversity of Nottinghamshire's population.
- 3) That the County Council also considers the option of a north/south split to be potentially advantageous and regrets that this option is not included for consultation.
- 4) That the County Council strongly suggests that local authority control of Primary Care Trust functions should be given serious consideration.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

Consideration was given to a report from Cabinet which sought approval for the final draft of the Nottinghamshire Local Area Agreement to be signed off.

It was moved by Councillor David Kirkham, seconded by Councillor Mick Storey and

RESOLVED: 2006/018

That the Local Area Agreement be approved.

SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL LOCAL TRANSPORT PLANS 2006/07 TO 2010/11 FOR NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND GREATER NOTTINGHAM AND THEIR ACCOMPANYING ACCESSIBILITY STRATEGIES

Arising from her summary report on the two final Local Transport Plans for the period 2006/07 to 2010/11 and their accompanying accessibility strategies, Councillor Stella Smedley moved a motion in the terms of Resolution: 2006/019 below. The motion was seconded by Councillor David Kirkham.

Following a show of hands the motion was declared to be carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2006/019

That approval be given to:

- a) The submission of the two Final Local Transport Plans for Nottinghamshire on the basis of the summary report before the Council,
- b) The submission of the Accessibility Strategies that accompany the two Final Local Transport Plans
- c) Further development work to prepare a Three Cities and Three Counties bid for a Transport Innovation Fund congestion scheme.

APPROVAL TO THE AWARD OF A 26 YEAR PFI SUPPORTED WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT TO COMPANIES IN THE VEOLIA GROUP (FORMERLY KNOWN AS ONYX AURORA LIMITED)

Members had received with the agenda for this meeting a report which outlined the Authority's waste strategy/implementation, sought approval to appoint the Council's waste management contractor and recommended the delegation to Cabinet of authority to approve the final details of the contract.

Prior to consideration of the report and any motions arising therefrom, Elizabeth Bennett, the Council's Monitoring Officer, made the following announcement, which was designed to clarify a point of procedure:-

"The report at agenda item 14 – Award of 26 year PFI waste contract is a report presented by three of the members who sat on the cross party project board which has overseen the progress on this matter.

Because this is an important report which authorises the method by which the contractual documents will be concluded I wish to clarify for the notes that the report is in compliance with Council Standing Orders on the basis that it is consideration of a motion tabled by three Members with a formal report which outlines the implications of the proposals, and as such this is in compliance with Council Standing Orders."

Councillor Stella Smedley, supported by Councillor John Carter and Mrs K. L. Cutts then introduced the report and moved a motion in the terms of resolution 2006/020 below.

The motion was put to the meeting and, following a show of hands, was declared to be carried unanimously. It was, therefore,

RESOLVED: 2006/020

- (1) That Council approve the award to Veolia Group (through, inter alia, Veolia ES Nottinghamshire Limited and Nottinghamshire Environmental Services Limited) of 26 year PFI supported Waste Management contract arrangements and all associated project legal documents, including but not limited to giving and taking options, leases and licences of property and equipment, required to give effect to the project together with any such additional acts and instruments required to give effect to the project provided the proposals remain within the risk envelope referred to within this report, the policy parameters relating to the technical solutions offered by Onyx and detailed in the report and the following budget envelope:

additional annual revenue contributions from 2007/08 to a maximum of £3.5 million per annum,

SUBJECT TO receipt by Cabinet of the detailed risk report referred to in paragraph 27 of this report

- (2) That Council authorise Cabinet to consider the report referred to in paragraph 27 of the report and delegate to Cabinet authority to ratify the Council approvals in this report and, if necessary, to delegate to the Director of Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Sustainability authority to approve the final details of the negotiations to give effect to the project save that in the event that the report to Cabinet or the final details of the negotiations takes the project outside the budget envelope set out in paragraph (a) above in which case the matter will be referred back to Council meeting for further approvals.
- (3) That Council authorise the Director of Resources as the Council's section 151 officer to enter into the necessary Local Government Contracts Act Certificates required in connection with the PFI contracts.
- (4) That Council authorise the Director of Environment to enter into such interim contracts as may be necessary to provide short term waste disposal outlets until contract close should it not prove possible to achieve contract close by the 1st April 2006.
- (5) That Council authorise the Director of Environment to continue negotiations relating to Partnering Agreements with the WCAs for Nottinghamshire to seek the most cost effective arrangements for the collection and disposal of waste for residents of Nottinghamshire.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

There were no motions to adjourn the Council.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

At the request of the Chairman, it was:-

RESOLVED: 2006/021

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the next item of business on the agenda on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 of part 1 of schedule 12A to the Act.

EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEM

FORMER SHIREOAKS COLLIERY SITE

Members had received a copy of a report from the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property which concerned the sale of this site and described the terms involved. It was moved by Councillor John Carter, seconded by Councillor David Kirkham and

RESOLVED: /2006/022

That approval be given to the additional land referred to in the report being included in the sale of the Shireoaks Colliery Site.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council was then adjourned from 12.20 pm until 1.45 pm.

UPON THE COUNCIL RECONVENING –

- a) The meeting was open to the public
- b) The Chairman reminded Members that the procedure to be followed in connection with the next item of business would be as agreed earlier.

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2006/07 – 2009/10 AND ANNUAL BUDGET 2006/07

Members had before them a joint report from the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Members for Finance and Property and Resources, copies of which had been circulated with the agenda. The report was concerned with:

- the proposed Revised Budget for 2005/06 and the Annual Budget for 2006/07

- the proposed level of capital programmes for 2006/07 to 2009/10
- an outline of the proposed medium Term Financial Strategy for 2006/07 to 2009/10
- recommendations on the amount of Council Tax to be levied for County Council purposes and the arrangements for collecting this from Districts
- approvals to borrowing limits that the Council is required by Statute to make.

Members had also received with their papers a copy of the Budget Book 2006/07.

Rising to introduce the report, Councillor John Carter, Cabinet Member for Finance and Property, referred to the reduced level of central government grant, priorities for spending and the need to make efficiency savings. He described also his proposals for further extended consultation with those who had responded to the budget proposals contained in the report.

Councillor Carter indicated that the planned investments in schools, youth clubs, libraries, highways (where there was to be a significant increase) and minor roads/footpaths, together with continuation of Building Better Communities, were all proposed in response to comments/views expressed by the public during consultation. However, improving services, whilst keeping Council Tax within reasonable levels, would necessitate a greater focus on efficiency savings over the next two years.

Reference was also made to correspondence received in response to the budget proposals and Councillor Carter confirmed that he intended to invite those who had written to participate in face-to-face consultation with him.

In conclusion, Councillor Carter moved the recommendations contained in the report. The motion was seconded by Councillor David Kirkham.

Councillor Richard Jackson then rose to speak against the motion and to move the Conservative amendment (reproduced at Appendix A to these minutes). He described the rationale behind the matters raised in that amendment, which was concerned with proposals to review base budgets, vacancy realisation/control, financial prudence and revisions to current arrangements for determining contingency allocations, financial variations and the appointment of consultants.

The Conservative amendment was seconded by Councillor Mrs K L Cutts.

Prior to any further debate, the Chairman adjourned the meeting from 2.20 pm until 2.30 pm, to enable the Director of Resources and Monitoring Officer to consider whether it was necessary for them to prepare a written report outlining the legal and/or financial implications of the Conservative amendment. Upon the Council reconvening, the Chairman indicated a delay in the production of a report

as described above. In the circumstances, there was further adjournment from 2.35 pm until 2.50 pm.

When the Council reconvened members received copies of the comments of the Director of Resources and the Executive Head of Democratic and Legal Services. These comments confirmed that the Conservative amendment met the requirements of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Local Government Act 2003 and the CIPFA Prudential Code and that they were in accordance with the law and the County Council's Constitution. In light of these comments the Conservative amendment was then on the table alongside the original motion.

Councillor Stan Heptinstall then moved a further amendment (the Liberal Democrats amendment – see Appendix B to these minutes). The amendment recommended a range of altered budget priorities (including reductions and increases in specific areas) and revisions to the propose Council Tax for various bands of property (copies of the amendment had been circulated to all Members of the Council prior to the meeting).

The Liberal Democrats amendment was seconded by Councillor Ken Rigby. The original motion, together with the Conservative and Liberal Democrats amendments were then before the Council and a single debate ensued, in accordance with the procedure agreed earlier during the meeting. During that debate (which was adjourned between 5.20 pm and 5.50 pm), Members from each of the Groups contributed a range of views and information in relation to the three proposals which were on the table. At its conclusion, and following winding-up speeches from the principal speakers, votes were taken as follows:-

1) **The Conservative amendment**

The Chairman asked members to signal their votes on the Conservative amendment. Following a show of hands, the Chairman announced that the Conservative amendment was lost by 32 votes to 23 with 3 abstentions. Ten members called for a recorded vote. The division bell was sounded, following which voting was recorded. The record of votes cast was that –

a) the following 23 members voted for the Conservative amendment

Martin Brandon-Bravo	Richard Jackson
Kenneth Bullivant	R Kempster
Richard Butler	Bruce Laughton
Barrie Cooper	Joe Lonergan MBE
John Cottee	Philip Owen
Mrs Kay Cutts	T Pettengell
V H Dobson	Peter D Prebble
Keith Girling	Susan Saddington
John M Hemsall	Mark Spencer

Andy Stewart
Martin Suthers
Linda Sykes

David Taylor
Keith Walker

- b) the following 31 members voted against the Conservative amendment

John Allin
Dick Anthony
Chris Baron
Joyce Bosnjak
John Carter
John Clarke
Seamus Creamer
Yvonne Davidson
Alan Davison
Sybil Fielding
Glynn Gilfoyle
Albert Haynes
Nigel Henshaw
David Kirkham
John Knight
Pat Lally

Ellie Lodziak
James T A Napier
James O'Riordan
Darrel Pulk
Alan Rhodes
David Shaw
Nellie Smedley
Mrs Stella Smedley
John R Stocks
Michael Storey
The Hon Joan Taylor
Parry Tsimbiridis
Kevan Wakefield
Chris Winterton
Yvonne Woodhead

- c) the following 3 members abstained from voting

Stan Heptinstall MBE
Ken Rigby
Brian Wombwell

2) **The Liberal Democrat amendment**

The Chairman asked members to signal their votes on the Liberal Democrats amendment and the ensuing show of hands was that there were 3 votes 'for' and 54 votes 'against'. The Chairman therefore declared the Liberal Democrats amendment to be lost.

3) **The Budget Proposals (the original proposal)**

Following a request from the Chairman, a show of hands was taken and the result was that there were 31 votes for the motion and 26 votes against.

The Chairman declared the motion to be carried and it was -

RESOLVED: 2006/023

1. That the revised budget of £739.769 million for 2005/06 be approved.
2. That the Annual Budget of £399.036 million for 2006/07 be approved.
3. That the Cabinet be authorised to make allocations from the General Contingency for 2006/07
4. That the County Council's Tax for the various bands of property be:

BAND	2006/07
A	720.95
B	841.11
C	961.27
D	1,081.43
E	1,321.75
F	1,562.07
G	1,802.38
H	2,162.86

5. That the County Precept for the year ended 31 March 2007 be £268.943.530 and that it be applicable to the whole of the District Council areas as General Expenses.
6. That the County Precept for 2006/07 be collected from the District Councils in the proportions set out in paragraph 8.1 of the report, with the payment of equal instalments on the following dates:

2006	2007
21 April	4 January
3 July	9 February
7 August	15 March
15 September	
16 October	
22 November	

7. That the capital programme for 2006/07 – 2009/10 be approved at a total amount of:

2005/06	£163 million
2006/07	£154 million
2007/08	£128 million
2009/10	£ 89 million

to be financed as set out in the report.

NOTE

Following the vote taken in connection with the above resolution, Councillor Mrs K L Cutts asked that the Minutes show that members of the Conservative Group who were present and voting had voted against the motion.

CHAIRMAN

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