

Minutes



Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 22nd FEBRUARY 2007 (10.30 am – 6.55 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

Councillors

Peter Barnes (Chairman)

John C Allin (Vice-Chairman)

	Reg Adair		Bruce Laughton
	Chris Baron		Edward Llewellyn-Jones
	Joyce Bosnjak		Ellie Lodziak
	Martin M Brandon-Bravo OBE		Joe Lonergan MBE
	Kenneth Bullivant		Mick Murphy
	Richard Butler		Jim Napier
A	Steve Carr		Jim O’Riordan
	Steve Carroll		Philip Owen
	John Carter		Tom Pettengell
	John Clarke		Sheila Place
	Jen Cole		Peter D Prebble
	Barrie Cooper		Darrell Pulk
	John Cottee		Alan Rhodes
	M J Cox		Ken Rigby
	Jim Creamer		Sue Saddington
	Mrs Kay Cutts		David Shaw
	Yvonne Davidson		Mrs Stella M Smedley
A	Alan Davison	A	Mark Spencer
A	V H Dobson		Andy Stewart
	Sybil Fielding		John R Stocks
	Andy Freeman		Mick Storey
	Glynn Gilfoyle		Martin Suthers OBE
	Keith Girling		Lynn Sykes
	Albert Haynes		The Hon Joan Taylor
	John M Hemsall		David Taylor
	Paul Henshaw		Parry Tsimbiridis
	Stan Heptinstall MBE		Kevan Wakefield
	Helen Holt		Keith Walker
	Richard Jackson		Chris Winterton
	Rod Kempster		Brian Wombwell
	David Kirkham		Yvonne Woodhead
	John R Knight		1 Vacancy
	Pat Lally		

OPENING PRAYER

Upon the Council commencing at 10.30 a.m. Councillor Peter Barnes called upon Members and Officers to observe a minute's silence in memory of Councillor Dick Anthony.

Following a minute's silence Members welcomed Councillor Mick Murphy to his first meeting since being elected onto the Council in the Hucknall Electoral Division.

Following the observation of a minute's silence the Chief Executive then led prayers.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2007/012

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 18th January 2007 be agreed as a correct record.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor Steve Carr
Councillor Alan Davison

Councillor H Dobson
Councillor Mark Spencer

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

The following Members declared prejudicial interests in agenda item number 5 – NET Phase 2: Seeking Approval to Submit Transport and Works Act Order Application:

- Councillor Richard Jackson – because of his employment being on the Beeston part of the intended route of NET Phase 2.
- Councillor Barrie Cooper – because his house backs onto the Clifton/Wilford part intended route of NET Phase 2.

The following Members declared personal interests in agenda item number 5 - NET Phase 2: Seeking Approval to Submit Transport and Works Act Order Application:

Councillor Martin Suthers – as Chairman of the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, Attenborough and a member of the Council of the University of Nottingham.

Councillor Brian Wombwell – as a member on the NET Development Board liaison meetings to which he was appointed by Broxtowe Borough Council.

Councillor Chris Baron – as a member of the NET Development Board and Vice-Chair of the Greater Nottingham Rapid Transit Committee.

Councillor David Kirkham – as a member of the NET Development Board.

Councillor Stella Smedley – as member of the NET Development Board.

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

(a) The Budget Debate

The Chairman referred to proposed rules for the Budget Debate which were contained within the report circulated with the papers for the meeting.

On a motion by the Chairman, duly seconded, it was:-

RESOLVED: 2007/013

That Standing Orders 8.4, 8.5 and 8.6 be suspended for Agenda item 9 (Annual Budget 2007/08) to enable the following provisions:-

- (1) After the proposals for the Annual Budget 2007/2008 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.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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 (1) above when moving those amendments
- (4) 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.
- (5) That in the event of the Council still being in session at 4.30 pm, there will be an adjournment for high tea and upon the Council reconvening preference in speaking shall be given to those seconders of the motion or amendments referred to in (1) above who have not by then spoken.
- (6) That except for the winding up speeches, no Member shall be called to speak after 7.00 pm.
- (7) That 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 (1) above shall have the right to wind up in that order and that the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property shall then have the right to reply to the debate.
- (8) That 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 and thereafter the vote will be taken on the main motion.
- (9) That in the event that any amendment is carried, the normal rules shall apply but there shall be no further speeches.

(b) Presentation of Awards

Councillor Stella Smedley presented to the Council an award received by the Deputy Minister of Transport from the Government of Saudi Arabia in recognition of this Council's contribution to promote sustainable integrated school transport.

(c) Suspension of Standing Orders

It was moved by Councillor Mick Storey, seconded by Councillor Kay Cutts, and

RESOLVED: 2007/014

That, in accordance with Standing Order 12, the Standing Orders of Council be suspended for the business of agenda item 7 (Presentation of Petitions).

5. NOTTINGHAM EXPRESS TRANSIT (NET) PHASE 2 SUBMISSION OF AN ORDER UNDER THE TRANSPORT WORKS ACT 1992 TO AUTHORISE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF TWO EXTENSIONS TO THE SYSTEM

In accordance with the interests which they had declared earlier, Councillors Barrie Cooper and Richard Jackson withdrew from the meeting during discussion and voting on this item.

In presenting the report Councillor David Kirkham informed Members of an amendment to page 65, paragraph 2.3 of appendix 7, where the words “pro-tram” and “anti-tram” be amended to read “in favour of the proposals” and “against the proposals.” He also reminded Members that there was a need to have two separate votes on the recommendations set out in the report namely, Part A resolutions under section 239 of the Local Government Act 1972 where approval by a majority of the Members of the whole Council was required and Part B resolutions requiring approval under normal Council Standing Orders. Councillor Kirkham moved the recommendations in the report and this was seconded by Councillor Smedley.

Councillor Kirkham wished to firstly thank the Officers of both the County Council and City Council for the considerable work they had undertaken in getting to this point. He stressed that even if the Council agreed to proceed with this scheme then it was likely that a public inquiry would be held, which would be chaired by an independent inspector who would hear all evidence. He also informed Members that compensation claims would be invited for any affected properties with a financial assistance package available to Chilwell traders during the construction of this phase.

During the debate which followed, a range of views and information was contributed including both in favour and against the proposals.

The views of those Members who opposed the proposals could be summarised as follows:-

- projected costs had increased significantly and going forward there could be no confidence that they would not increase further; the implications for future levels of Council Tax were also unclear and it was felt that the money available could be better spent elsewhere
- it appeared that the City area would derive most benefit from the scheme

- the routes were inappropriate, particularly in the Beeston/Chilwell area where there would be a huge effect on residential amenity in certain sections and also businesses on the Chilwell High Road
- compensation proposals were inadequate, particularly for businesses and trade would not return
- projections on passenger numbers were not accepted as it was felt local people would not use the service and there would be a detrimental knock-on effect on local bus services which were currently well used
- full information, some of it confidential, had not been made available to Members
- it was very disappointing that the rules on personal and prejudicial interests precluded local Members from contributing to the debate on an issue on which they were elected to speak on and
- in conclusion the case was not proven for this significant and far-reaching decision.

Those Members in favour of the scheme responded as follows:-

- they accepted that, unfortunately, there would be unavoidable disruption to homes and businesses during construction; however, this had to be seen in the context of providing long term solutions to a range of issues around climate change, traffic congestion, regeneration and changing patterns of work and in society generally
- it had to be remembered that this was the only route which the Government would fund and
- NET Line 1 had proved popular (with some 9.7 million paying customers) and there was no reason to believe that Line 2 would not be similarly popular.

The Council was adjourned between 1.00 p.m. and 1.45 p.m.

Upon the Council reconvening the debate continued. In summing up Councillor Kirkham responded to the debate by informing Members that this County Council would not be proposing a tram at any cost and that whilst some valid points had been made others were not relevant.

There being no other speakers, the motion was put to the meeting. As referred to earlier Members were reminded that two separate votes were necessary.

Part A resolution was put to the meeting and was carried on a show of hands. The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 37 Members voted 'For' the motion

'FOR'

John Allin	Edward Llewellyn-Jones
Peter Barnes	Ellie Lodziak
Chris Baron	Jim Napier
Joyce Bosnjak	Jim O'Riordan
Steve Carroll	Sheila Place
John Clarke	Darrell Pulk
Jen Cole	Alan Rhodes
Jim Creamer	Ken Rigby
Yvonne Davidson	David Shaw
Sybil Fielding	Stella Smedley
Andy Freeman	John Stocks
Glynn Gilfoyle	Mick Storey
Albert Haynes	The Hon Joan Taylor
Paul Henshaw	Parry Tsimbiridis
Stan Heptinstall	Kevan Wakefield
Helen Holt	Chris Winterton
David Kirkham	Brian Wombwell
John Knight	Yvonne Woodhead
Pat Lally	

and that the following 22 Members voted 'against' the motion.

'AGAINST'

Reg Adair	Joe Lonergan
Martin Brandon-Bravo	Mick Murphy
Kenneth Bullivant	Philip Owen
Richard Butler	Tom Pettengell
John Cottee	Peter D Prebble
Mike Cox	Sue Saddington
Mrs Kay Cutts	Andy Stewart
Keith Girling	Martin Suthers
John Hemsall	Linda Sykes
Rod Kempster	David Taylor
Bruce Laughton	Keith Walker

Part A resolution was declared to be carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2007/015

That Council:

1. approves the joint promotion with Nottingham City Council of an order made under the Transport and Works Act 1992 (“the Order”) by the Secretary of State for Transport –
 - (a) to authorise the construction and operation of two extensions to the Nottingham Express Transit System, running from the present terminus of the system at Nottingham railway station in the City of Nottingham to:
 - (i) Clifton in the City of Nottingham; and
 - (ii) Chilwell in the Borough of Broxtowe in the County of Nottinghamshire via Beeston in that Borough (“the Extensions”);
 - (b) to make provision in the City of Nottingham and in the Boroughs of Broxtowe and Rushcliffe in the County of Nottinghamshire for the stopping up or diversion of existing rights of way, traffic regulation, street works, the construction of tram stops along the route, park & ride facilities, other associated and consequential works, the compulsory purchase of land and rights in land, the use of land permanently, the temporary possession of land and other works and provisions necessary for the purposes of, or for purposes ancillary to the construction or operation of the Extensions; and
 - (c) to provide for the repeal of provisions of the Greater Nottingham Light Rapid Transit Act 1994 (which authorised the construction and operation of the existing Nottingham Express Transit System), in particular so that from the day specified in the Order the operation and maintenance of the existing Nottingham Express Transit System will be governed by the Order rather than by that Act;
2. subject to the above, authorises the Strategic Director, Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, to take all such steps as may be necessary to carry the above Resolution into effect, including all those steps required for the Council to apply for and thereafter to promote its application for the Order; and
3. authorises the corporate seal of the Council to be affixed to any documents required to be sealed in connection with the application for and subsequent promotion of the Order

Part B to the resolution was then put to the meeting was carried on a show of hands. The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 37 Members voted ‘For’ the motion.

‘FOR’

John Allin
Peter Barnes
Chris Baron
Joyce Bosnjak
Steve Carroll
John Clarke
Jen Cole
Jim Creamer
Yvonne Davidson
Sybil Fielding
Andy Freeman
Glynn Gilfoyle
Albert Haynes
Paul Henshaw
Stan Heptinstall
Helen Holt
David Kirkham
John Knight
Pat Lally

Edward Llewellyn-Jones
Ellie Lodziak
Jim Napier
Jim O’Riordan
Sheila Place
Darrell Pulk
Alan Rhodes
Ken Rigby
David Shaw
Stella Smedley
John Stocks
Mick Storey
The Hon Joan Taylor
Parry Tsimbiridis
Kevan Wakefield
Chris Winterton
Brian Wombwell
Yvonne Woodhead

and that the following 22 Members had voted ‘Against’ the motion.

‘AGAINST’

Reg Adair
Martin Brandon-Bravo
Kenneth Bullivant
Richard Butler
John Cottee
Mike Cox
Mrs Kay Cutts
Keith Girling
John Hemsall
Rod Kempster
Bruce Laughton

Joe Lonergan
Mick Murphy
Philip Owen
Tom Pettengell
Peter D Prebble
Sue Saddington
Andy Stewart
Martin Suthers
Linda Sykes
David Taylor
Keith Walker

Part B resolution was declared to be carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2007/016

That the Council further:-

1. approves the principle of pursuing the NET Phase 2 scheme within the broad budgetary envelope set out in the report, including the County

Council's share of the proposed operational costs and development costs based on the City/County proportions as set out in paragraphs 38 and 44 respectively, and delegates authority to the Cabinet to make all relevant and necessary further decisions to bring the Scheme into effect subject to:

- the Secretary of State making the TWA Order and granting all other subsidiary consents and permissions,
 - the Scheme continuing to receive relevant staged funding approvals from the DfT,
 - the scheme costs remaining within the budget envelopes described in this report; and
 - a final report to Council prior to entering into a new concession agreement for continued operation and maintenance of Line One and the design, construction, financing, operation and maintenance of Phase 2;
2. authorises the Assistant Chief Executive or his/her nominee in consultation with the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Environment to negotiate and settle the terms of a suitable agreement with the City Council governing the promotion and realisation of NET Phase 2 in all respects and the continued operation and maintenance of Line One, to reflect the proportion of costs to be shared between the Councils as approved by Council and set out within the report, together with such other terms including but not limited to mutual co-operation, project management and project governance as may be considered appropriate;
 3. approves the revised route alignments for NET Phase 2 as summarised in paragraph 23 and detailed in Appendices 3, 4, 5 and 6;
 4. approves the details and budgetary estimate of the proposed financial assistance package for traders in the Chilwell High Road/Chilwell Road area as set out in paragraphs 52 to 54 of the report;
 5. approves the advertising and letting of a contract for the advanced design of the Scheme as set out in the report together with such other interim contracts as may be necessary to progress the scheme within the approved development costs, such contracts to be in a form approved by the Assistant Chief Executive or his/her nominee; and
 6. authorises the Strategic Director, Communities, or his/her nominee, to take all operational project-related decisions to progress the Scheme through the development phases, subject to reports on progress to Cabinet at key milestones and such consultation as may be necessary

and appropriate with the Leader, the Cabinet Member for Environment and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property and other professional officers as the circumstances dictate.

Councillors Cooper and Jackson returned to the meeting.

6. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

On a motion by Councillor Sheila Place, seconded by Councillor John Cottee, it was:-

RESOLVED: 2007/017

- (1) That the report be noted and
- (2) that the Administration, Appeals, Audit, Pensions (Investment and Administration Sub Committees), Personnel and Planning and Licensing Committees be reconstituted on the basis of a membership of 11 and that seats be allocated to groups as set out in appendix B to the report

7. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND REPORT BACK ON PETITIONS

(a) Receipt of Petitions

The Chairman reminded Members that there was no requirement to walk whilst presenting a petition and there was a two minute time limit for such presentations.

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

- (1) Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts – residents requesting improved street lighting along Haycroft Way, East Bridgford
- (2) Councillor Barrie Cooper – schools campaign for a pedestrian crossing along Musters Road by West Bridgford Infants, Juniors and the Health Centre
- (3) Councillor Keith Girling on behalf of Newark West residents campaigning against use of Castle Station car park as a bus interchange.

(b) Report Back On Petitions

RESOLVED: 2007/018

That the matters contained in the report back on petitions received on 30th November 2006 and 18th January 2007 be noted.

8(A) QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 6.1

There were no questions asked under Standing Order 6.1.

8(B) QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 6.2

There were no questions asked under Standing Order 6.2.

9. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2007/008 – 2010/11, CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007/08 – 2010/11 AND ANNUAL BUDGET 2007/08

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 People and Performance, copies of which had been circulated with the agenda. The report concerned:

- The revised Budget for 2006/07 and the annual Budget for 2007/08
- The proposed level of Capital Programmes for 2007/08 to 2010/11
- An outline of the medium term financial strategy for 2007/08 to 2010/11
- 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 County Council is required by statute to make.

Rising to introduce the report, Councillor Chris Baron, Cabinet Member for Finance and Property, referred to the reduced levels of Central Government Grant, priorities for spending and the need to make efficiency savings. He indicated that the planned investments in school renovations and new builds, NET Phase 2, extra investment in adult services and continued investment 'Building Better Communities'. In conclusion, Councillor Baron 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 the amendment, which was

concerned with proposals to review vacancy realisation/control, contingency allocations, financial variations in the appointment of consultants. He felt that the Budget was full of policy contradictions and reflected a ponderous approach to making the necessary organisational changes. In conclusion he did not feel that the Labour Group had listened to consultation responses, particularly concerning the proposed level of Council Tax increase. The Conservative amendment was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Kay Cutts.

Prior to any further debate, the Chairman adjourned the meeting from 3.15 pm to 3.30 pm to enable Members to consider the amendments tabled by the Conservative Group.

Councillor Stan Heptinstall then moved a further amendment (the Liberal Democrats amendment – see Appendix B). The amendment recommended a modest range of altered budget priorities that included reductions and increases in specific areas (copies of the amendment had been circulated to all Members of the County Council prior to the meeting). On balance he felt that the proposed increase in Council Tax was appropriate due to specific pressures (e.g. Adult Care) at this time.

The Liberal Democrat's amendment was seconded by Councillor Ken Rigby.

The original motion, together with the Conservative and Liberal Democrat's amendments were then before the Council and a single debate ensued, in accordance with the procedure agreed earlier in the meeting. During that debate (which was adjourned between 4.25 p.m. and 5.00 p.m.) 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 the Conservative amendment was lost by 33 votes to 20 with 3 abstentions. The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 20 Members voted 'For' the Conservative Amendment:-

'For'

Reg Adair
Martin Brandon-Bravo
Kenneth Bullivant
Richard Butler
Barrie Cooper
John Cottee
Mrs Kay Cutts
Keith Girling

John Hemsall
Richard Jackson
Rod Kempster
Joe Lonergan
Mick Murphy
Philip Owen
Tom Pettengell
Sue Saddington

Andy Stewart
Martin Suthers

Linda Sykes
David Taylor

and that the following 33 Members voted 'Against' the Conservative Amendment:-

'Against'

John Allin
Peter Barnes
Chris Baron
Joyce Bosnjak
Steve Carroll
John Clarke
Jen Cole
Jim Creamer
Yvonne Davidson
Sybil Fielding
Andy Freeman
Glynn Gilfoyle
Paul Henshaw
Helen Holt
David Kirkham
John Knight
Pat Lally

Edward Llewellyn-Jones
Ellie Lodziak
Jim Napier
Jim O'Riordan
Sheila Place
Darrell Pulk
Alan Rhodes
David Shaw
Stella Smedley
John Stocks
Mick Storey
The Hon Joan Taylor
Parry Tsimbirdis
Kevan Wakefield
Chris Winterton
Yvonne Woodhead

and that the following 3 Members 'Abstained' from voting:-

'Abstained'

Stan Heptinstall
Ken Rigby
Brian Wombwell

(2) The Liberal Democrat Amendment

The Chairman asked Members to signal their votes on the Liberal Democrat's Amendment and the ensuing show of hands was that there were 3 votes 'For' and 53 votes 'Against'. The Chairman therefore declared the Liberal Democrat's 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 33 votes 'For' the motion and 23 votes 'Against'. The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 33 Members voted 'For' the motion:

‘FOR’

John Allin
Peter Barnes
Chris Baron
Joyce Bosnjak
Steve Carroll
John Clarke
Jen Cole
Jim Creamer
Yvonne Davidson
Sybil Fielding
Andy Freeman
Glynn Gilfoyle
Paul Henshaw
Helen Holt
David Kirkham
John Knight
Pat Lally

Edward Llewellyn-Jones
Ellie Lodziak
Jim Napier
Jim O’Riordan
Sheila Place
Darrell Pulk
Alan Rhodes
David Shaw
Stella Smedley
John Stocks
Mick Storey
The Hon Joan Taylor
Parry Tsimbiridis
Kevan Wakefield
Chris Winterton
Yvonne Woodhead

and that the following 23 Members voted ‘Against’ the motion:-

‘AGAINST’

Reg Adair
Martin Brandon-Bravo
Kenneth Bullivant
Richard Butler
Barrie Cooper
John Cottee
Mrs. Kay Cutts
Keith Girling
John Hemsall
Stan Heptinstall
Richard Jackson
Rod Kempster

Joe Lonergan
Mick Murphy
Philip Owen
Tom Pettengell
Ken Rigby
Sue Saddington
Andy Stewart
Martin Suthers
Linda Sykes
David Taylor
Brian Wombwell

The Chairman declared the Motion to be carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2007/019

1. The revised budget of £400.236 million for 2006/07 be approved
2. The Annual Budget of £418.449 million for 2007/08 be approved
3. That the Cabinet be authorised to make allocations from the General Contingency for 2007/08

4. That the County Council's Council Tax for various bands of property shall be:

BAND	2007/08 £
A	749.79
B	874.76
C	999.72
D	1,124.69
E	1,374.62
F	1,624.55
G	1,874.48
H	2,249.38

5. That the County Precept for the year ending 31 March 2008 shall be £281,379,421 and shall be applicable to the whole of the District Council areas as General Expenses.
6. That the County Precept for 2007/08 shall be collected from the District Councils in the proportions set out in paragraph 9.1 with the payment of equal instalments on the following dates:

2007	2007
23 April	17 October
25 May	22 November
04 July	2008
07 August	04 January
14 September	08 February
	13 March

7. That the Capital Programme for 2007/08 – 2010/11 be approved at total amounts of:

2007/08	£148 million
2008/09	£140 million
2009/10	£102 million
2010/11	£96 million

to be financed as set out in the report.

8. (a) That variations to the Capital Programme up to £250,000 be determined by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property, and reported periodically to Cabinet

- (b) That variations to the Capital Programme between £250,000 and £2 million be approved by Cabinet
 - (c) That variations to the Capital Programme of more than £2 million to be approved by Council.
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- (a) That the authorised limit on total external borrowings be set at £343 million for 2007/08, £385 million for 2008/09 and £418 million for 2009/10.
 - (b) That the Prudential indicators shown in paragraph 10.11 be approved
 - (c) That the limit on short-term borrowings be set as £35 million for 2007/08
 - (d) That the limit of interest payable at variable rates be set at 25% of total interest payable in 2007/08
 - (e) That the Strategic Director (Resources) be authorised to raise loans in 2007/08 within the limits of total external borrowings
 - (f) That approval be given for Strategic Directors to appoint private consultants when necessary in 2007/08 in connection with the Capital Programme and for the Strategic Director (Resources) to pay the consultants fees.
 - (g) That the principles underlying the Medium Term Financial Strategy as set out in paragraph 11 be re-endorsed
10. That the report on the Annual Budget for 2007/08, the Capital Programme 2007/08 – 2010/11 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2007/08 – 2010/11 be approved and adopted.

11. ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

There were no adjournment debates.

CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX C

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING 22ND FEBRUARY 2007

REPORTS FROM CABINET MEMBERS