

MINUTES

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON, ON FRIDAY THE TWENTY FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2005 AT SIX THIRTY O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

PRESENT: HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR Councillor W B Massey (in the Chair).

COUNCILLORS: Allen, Barron, Beardsworth, Boss, Caswell, Church, Crake, Duncan, Edwards, Eldred, Evans, Glynane, Hadland, Hill, Hoare, Hollis, Hope, Lane, Larratt, Lill, Lill, Malpas, Marriott, Massey, Matthews, McCutcheon, Miah, Palethorpe, Patterson, Perkins, Robinson, Roy, Simpson, Stewart, Tavener, Taylor, Wire, Woods and Yates

1. MINUTES.

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 3 February 2005 were signed by the Mayor.

2. APOLOGIES.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Acock, Concannon, Flavell, M Hoare, B Markham, I Markham, Mason, Pritchard and Stewart.

3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Mayor advised that he had attended a recent event at the Earl Spencer Centre when the Northampton Sea Cadets Unit was awarded the Canada Trophy for the best annual performance of Sea Cadets in the country for 2004/5.

4. DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES/QUESTIONS.

There were none.

5. COUNCIL TAX

Councillor Larratt proposed and Councillor Hadland seconded item 5 on the agenda "Council Tax" and in so doing referred to the amended report and revised resolution that had been circulated on the cream report at the meeting together with a further report headed "Council Tax 2005/6 Addendum – Changes to Accounting Practice" and proposed that items 1,2,3 & 4 as detailed under the revised resolution and as set out below be adopted and to note the Addendum accordingly which set out the resource implications of two significant changes in the Council's accounting practices from 2004-5 following the external audit of the 2003-4 Statement of Accounts.

1. That it be noted that at its meeting on 24 January 2005, the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2005/06 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

1(a) 63,427

being the amount calculated by the Council in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 as its Council Tax Base for the year

1(b) Part of the Council's area

Parish of:

Billing	2,591
Collingtree	511
Duston	5,211
Great Houghton	287
Hardingstone	757
Upton	276
Wootton	5,992
Northampton Borough	47,802
Special Expenses Area (Unparished)	

being the amounts calculated by the Council in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations as the amounts of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which each Special item relates.

2 That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2005/06 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

2(a) £133,147,953

being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act; as its gross expenditure for the year

2(b) -£105,498,218

being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act, as its gross income for the year

2(c) £27,649,735

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 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year

2(d) £16,211,944

being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of re-distributed non-domestic rates and revenue support grant, increased by the amount of the sum which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its Collection Fund to its General Fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax surplus) and subsequent Regulations, as amended.

2(e) £180.33
being the amount of 2(c) above less the amount at 2(d) above, all divided by the amount at 1(a) 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.

2(f) £1,446,833
being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.

2(g) £157.52
being the amount at 2(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2(f) above by the amount at 1(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

2(h) Part of the Council's area

Parish of	
Billing	£205.98
Collingtree	£173.51
Duston	£177.83
Great Houghton	£217.66
Hardingstone	£189.56
Upton	£164.77
Wootton	£213.66
Northampton Borough	£174.83
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being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2(g) above the amounts of the Special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1(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.

2(i) Part of the Council's area

Valuation Bands	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Parish of	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Billing	137.32	160.21	183.09	205.98	251.75	297.53	343.30	411.96
Collingtree	115.67	134.95	154.23	173.51	212.07	250.63	289.18	347.02
Duston	118.55	138.31	158.07	177.83	217.35	256.87	296.38	355.66
Great Houghton	145.11	169.29	193.48	217.66	266.03	314.40	362.77	435.32
Hardingstone	126.37	147.44	168.50	189.56	231.68	273.81	315.93	379.12
Upton	109.85	128.15	146.46	164.77	201.39	238.00	274.62	329.54
Wootton	142.44	166.18	189.92	213.66	261.14	308.62	356.10	427.32
Northampton Borough	116.55	135.98	155.40	174.83	213.68	252.53	291.38	349.66
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being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2(g) and 2(h) 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 proportions 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.

3. That it be noted that for the year 2005./06 the major precepting authorities have stated the following amount in precept 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

Valuation Bands	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Precepting Authority	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Northamptonshire County Council	571.32	666.54	761.76	856.98	1,047.42	1,237.86	1,428.30	1,713.96
Northamptonshire Police Authority	102.94	120.10	137.25	154.41	188.72	223.04	257.35	308.82

4. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts of 2(i) and 3 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2005/06 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below

Part of the Council's area

Valuation Bands	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Parish of	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Billing	811.58	946.85	1,082.10	1,217.37	1,487.89	1,758.43	2,028.95	2,434.74
Collingtree	789.93	921.59	1,053.24	1,184.90	1,448.21	1,711.53	1,974.83	2,369.80
Duston	792.81	924.95	1,057.08	1,189.22	1,453.49	1,717.77	1,982.03	2,378.44
Great Houghton	819.37	955.93	1,092.49	1,229.05	1,502.17	1,775.30	2,048.42	2,458.10
Hardingstone	800.63	934.08	1,067.51	1,200.95	1,467.82	1,734.71	2,001.58	2,401.90
Upton	784.11	914.79	1,045.47	1,176.16	1,437.53	1,698.90	1,960.27	2,352.32
Wootton	816.70	952.82	1,088.93	1,225.05	1,497.28	1,769.52	2,041.75	2,450.10
Northampton Borough	790.81	922.62	1,054.41	1,186.22	1,449.82	1,713.43	1,977.03	2,372.44
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6. MATTERS OF URGENCY WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE MAYOR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

There were none.

The meeting concluded at 6.45pm.