

# MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Thursday 9 November 2017 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.**

## **Present**

<b>Councillor S Ashworth</b>	<b>Councillor B Carter</b>
<b>Councillor G Hampson</b>	<b>Councillor Mrs A Kendall</b>
<b>Councillor P Kendall</b>	<b>Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes</b>
<b>Councillor W Pegram</b>	<b>Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe</b>
<b>Councillor Ms N Shaw</b>	<b>Councillor Ms S Stamper</b>
<b>Councillor Ms C Tindall (Chairman)</b>	

## **In Attendance**

**Mrs L Douglas (Clerk)**

**Mr P Bramley (Clerk)**

**Viv Patterson (Press)**

### **66/17 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs J Wood & M Wood.

### **67/17 Declarations of Interest**

None received.

### **68/17 Requests for Dispensations**

None received.

### **69/17 Budget 2018/19**

Members considered a report setting out the basis of development of the draft Budget 2018/19, the detailed draft Budget figures & the estimated level of Reserves & Balances at 31 March 2018.

Members noted the unavailability at the time of the meeting of information due from Allerdale Borough Council concerning the proposed application in 2018/19 of the discretionary support for the local council tax benefit scheme, & the potential impact of that on the figures under consideration. It was also noted that the Secretary of State held reserved powers within the Localism Act through which restrictions may be placed on local councils' budget proposals, should such powers be exercised. The Secretary of State's intentions regarding application of such powers for the 2018/19 financial year were not available at the time of the meeting.

The draft budget took into account the Council’s agreed priorities in its Council Strategy, updated in 2017, & provided for an expenditure budget of £206,020. It was estimated that, subject to the impact of the level of discretionary support for the local council tax benefit scheme provided in 2018/19, such a budget would result in no increase in the level of Council Tax for Maryport Council Tax payers.

**Resolved** that:

- 1) The Budget 2018/19, as detailed in the report, & providing for a budget of £206,020, be agreed in principle & that it be recommended to form the basis of the Council precept for 2018/19, pending the receipt of the outstanding information required.
- 2) The estimated level of Reserves at 31 March 2018 be noted.

**The Budget 2018/19 is attached.**

The meeting finished at 7.10 pm.

Signed .....

Chairman

Date .....