

## CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MEETING OF THE CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE PRESTON ROOM, WOODGATE CHAMBERS, LOUGHBOROUGH ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2012

#### PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor B. Burr)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor D. Wise)

Councillor T. Barkley	Councillor M. Lowe
Councillor L. Bebbington	Councillor J. Miah
Councillor I. Bentley	Councillor J. Morgan
Councillor M. Blain	Councillor B. Newton
Councillor J. Bokor	Councillor P. Osborne
Councillor J. Bradshaw	Councillor K. Pacey
Councillor J. Capleton	Councillor A. Paling
Councillor C. Carter	Councillor C. Poole
Councillor J. Choudhury	Councillor C. Radford
Councillor P. Day	Councillor P. Ranson
Councillor C. Duffy	Councillor B. Seaton
Councillor S. Forrest	Councillor R. Sharp
Councillor H. Fryer	Councillor R. Shepherd
Councillor D. Gaskell	Councillor D. Slater
Councillor D. Grimley	Councillor M. Smidowicz
Councillor S. Hampson	Councillor M. Smith
Councillor P. Harley	Councillor S. Smith
Councillor L. Harper-Davies	Councillor D. Snartt
Councillor C. Harris	Councillor N. Stork
Councillor J. Hunt	Councillor J. Sutherland
Councillor M. Hunt	Councillor E. Vardy
Councillor S. Jones	Councillor A. Williams
Councillor R. Jukes	Councillor P. Youell

Honorary Aldermen J. Bush, F. Hurst and J. Tormey.

#### 69. OPENING REMARKS AND PRAYERS

The Mayor opened the meeting with the following announcement: "It is with sadness that I announce to Council that former Councillor and former Mayor June Tyrrell has passed away. Mrs. Tyrrell served on the Borough Council from 1987 until 1999 and was Mayor of the Borough from May 1997 until May 1998. I, like many Councillors attended her funeral last Tuesday, it was an opportunity to recognise June's contribution to the community and to show our support to her family at this time".

Chris Taylor, Curate at Saint Botolph's Parish Church, Shepshed opened the meeting with prayers and remembered the life and work of Mrs. June Tyrrell. Council Members observed a short silence as a mark of respect.

70. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor R. Brown, R. Campsall, S. Shergill and G. Smith and Honorary Aldermen B. Dodd and T. Stott.

71. DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

The following disclosures of interest were made:

- (i) by Councillor Hampson – Personal Interest, as a member of MIND, in Item 10.1 on the agenda – Motions on Notice – Motion of Censure; and
- (ii) by Councillors Day, Jukes, Ranson and Stork – Personal Interest, as members of Charnwood Neighbourhood Housing Board, in all items on the agenda relating to Charnwood Neighbourhood Housing.

72. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 9th January 2012 were confirmed and signed.

73. ANNOUNCEMENTS

73.1 MAYORS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following announcement:

Councillor Brown

"I visited Councillor Roy Brown at home 16th February and gave him the best wishes of all Councillors. Roy is up and about and keeping up with correspondence. Both Roy and Gill thanked Councillors for their thoughts and best wishes".

73.2 LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leaders made no announcements.

73.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chief Executive made no announcements.

## 74. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

### 74.1 HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Councillor Seaton had given notice under Council Procedure Rule 5(i) of the following question:

“With the advance of winter and the recent plummeting temperatures thoughts focus on the unfortunate circumstances some people find themselves in, especially those who find themselves homeless. What is the Council doing toward lessening the impact of homelessness and ensuring that practical and sustainable help is being given?”

In response the Lead Member for Housing and Regulatory Services, Councillor J. Hunt, stated that:

“The Council’s Housing Officers operate an emergency out-of-hours rota throughout the year and when people call the Council’s out of hours telephone number the service contacts the duty Housing Officer who will explore with the client, the circumstances under which they find themselves homeless. If there are no alternative temporary housing options available through family members or friends, and if it is apparent to the officer that the Council may have a duty to the client under the homelessness legislation the client is booked into bed and breakfast accommodation until at least the next working day, when an appointment will be made with a Housing Officer to conduct a more detailed assessment”.

“In periods of severe weather where the temperature is forecast to be zero degrees or below for 3 consecutive nights the Housing Officers are empowered to make temporary arrangements outside of the normal legislative constraints for roofless people (rough sleepers) in order to prevent harm to those individuals. This accords with government guidelines on Severe Weather Emergency Protocols (SWEP) which operate outside the usual eligibility and entitlement frameworks that govern access to housing. The arrangements can therefore be applied to all those who may otherwise be excluded from services including people with no recourse to public funds, people who may have previously being banned and those with no local connection. Targeting of particular individuals is done on the basis of need and not on-going housing entitlement and the Housing Officers have access to a number of agencies for intelligence on the extent of rough sleeping in the Borough”.

“During the recent cold spell the Housing Officers made temporary bed and breakfast arrangements for 2 such clients”.

## 74.2 CELEBRATION OF THE 2012 GAMES

Councillor Seaton had given notice under Council Procedure Rule 5(i) of the following question:

“With the Olympic Games fast approaching and the inevitable interest that comes from having an active and supportive role in Loughborough toward the games: could the Council please inform as to what events have been arranged in the build up to the Olympics that will enable Loughborough to celebrate its involvement in the games and to encourage a healthier lifestyle?”

In response the Lead Member for Leisure and Culture, Councillor Harley, stated that:

“We have a wide range of Cultural events that will enable Loughborough’s residents, its visitors and wider communities to come together to celebrate the Olympics and in turn encourage an active lifestyle”.

- “The key locations for the Torch Relay route on 3rd July have now been announced and include; Quorn, Loughborough, Hoton and Wymeswold. The street detail of the route will be confirmed later in the year and local residents will be invited to welcome the Olympic Flame in various locations. The Olympic Torch relay will shine a spotlight on the people and places of Charnwood”.
- “We also have the very special privilege of taking part in the only dress rehearsal in the Country for the torch relay which will take place on the 20th April”.
- “Welcome World Week – 2nd June – 10th June A whole week of events supported by the community have now been put together in the lead up to our Cultural Olympiad event “Games Time” under the banner of “Welcome World Week.” Highlights include: Charnwood Matsuri on Queens Park (Loughborough University Japanese and local arts day) Picnic in the Park, The Big Lunch. A World Food and Craft Market, A Sporting Life Exhibition at Charnwood Museum and Loughborough Mela. During the week flag and banner making workshops will be held in various locations to help with town and community dressing in celebration of the Olympics and the Queens Diamond Jubilee. Welcome world week will also encompass celebrations for the Queens Diamond Jubilee starting on the 4th June”.
- “Games Time combines music, dance, video, fireworks and professional dancers, and is inspired by the Olympic and Paralympic Games. It is being produced in partnership with Charnwood Borough Council, Leicestershire County Council, Charnwood Arts, Loughborough University and Spark Children’s Arts Festival”.
- “It features high profile professional contributors, including artistic director Lea Anderson, the renowned contemporary dance director,

costume makers Mahogany (Notting Hill Carnival) and pyrotechnic experts Walk the Plank”.

- “It gives volunteer participants from Leicestershire a “once in a lifetime” chance to learn new skills including dance, costume making and set designing, as well as seeing how a large outdoor show is put together and performing on the night”.
- “A Big Screen has been booked for the duration of the Olympics and will be located in Loughborough Market Place. Community organisations are working together to provide family friendly events, e.g. Loughborough Churches will provide a Family fun day and local businesses will support Loughborough by the Sea with an Olympic themed activity”.

The Sport and Active Recreation Team will be delivering a range of sport and physical activity programmes / events linked to the Olympic Games aimed at encouraging healthier lifestyles including:

- “Sport Relief, a 1, 3 and 6 mile run, on 25th March, starting at Market Place in Loughborough with approximately 500 runners expected”.
- “To celebrate 100 days to the Olympics the Team will be hosting several community based events on Saturday 21st April, in Loughborough, Syston and Mountsorrel. These events will include local sports clubs, leisure centre activity demonstrations and family fun day type activities”.
- “The 6 week summer holiday activity programme will be Olympic themed and support other events such as Loughborough by the Sea”.
- “Working in partnership with Charnwood Sport and Active Recreation Alliance a scheme is being run to get the 1948 Olympic Torch to all primary schools in the borough. The programme includes offering physical activity sessions and Olympic themed assemblies. Schools are then issued with an Olympic Resource pack which includes ideas on types of activities to deliver to primary school children in the run up to the Olympics. Activities include; Making a torch and running a mini torch relay event, activities around the Olympic values what they are and how they are relevant in day to day life and encouraging young people to have ago at Para Olympics sports i.e. sitting volley ball”.
- “As part of the National Active Challenges route initiative 40 short walking routes across Leicestershire and Leicester have been identified to encourage people who are not currently active to find a place near by where they live for a short walk... The final walk will be held on the day of the Opening Ceremony”.

Councillor Seaton made a statement, in which she added that it was great to see lots of exciting events were planned. Councillor Seaton asked a supplementary question concerning how the Council proposed to publicise events to the people of the Borough and in addition what were the plans for organising and publicising events to mark the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee?

In response, the Lead Member, Councillor Harley, stated that publicising events would be through the normal channels for publicising cultural events and this would be the same for publicising events around the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Specific events planned to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee include a picnic and concert in Queen's Park.

#### 74.3 FINANCIAL RESERVES AND INVESTING IN THE HOUSING STOCK

Councillor Seaton had given notice under Council Procedure Rule 5(i) of the following question:

“Given the financial uncertainties that we face in the future, is the present level of reserves held by this council adequate, bearing in mind that a major emergency could quite easily cost around £1 million? Also once the council takes on the housing debt that will enable the council to be released from the annual subsidy paid to national government from rents collected from the borough, how do you envisage the councils ability in coping with any increases in interest rates; again bearing in mind that even a 1% rise would cost the council an extra £800K per annum.”

“What method do you intend to adopt to mitigate the risk and will the Council have any capacity to invest in housing Stock over the next four years, if so how much?”

In response the Lead Member for Finance and Property Services, Councillor Barkley, stated that:

“The level of General Fund reserves is considered each year and for the moment the £1m minimum level is still considered adequate. However, as part of the review of the Medium Term Financial Strategy in the autumn of 2012 this level will be reconsidered in the light of changes to the funding system for the Council which commence in 2013 as well as the possible impact of the next central government Comprehensive Spending Review.”

“The interest charge in the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for 2012/13 includes an allowance for a half per cent increase in interest rates above those that existed on 24 January 2012. At present interest rates are still within this limit. Should they rise above this limit by 26 March 2012, when the rates will be fixed, then the amount to be contributed to Capital Expenditure would be reduced to cover the extra cost. This contribution to capital is over £2.3m, nearly £1.97m higher than in 2011/12, and is sufficient to cover any but the most exceptional changes in interest rates.”

“It is intended at present to borrow the money on fixed rates due to their current low levels. Should interest rates rise significantly by 26 March 2012 then variable rates would also be considered”.

“The 30 HRA Business Plan assumes an investment of nearly £51m over the next four years which is £28m more than the amount expected to be spent over the last four years to 31 March 2012”.

Councillor Seaton asked a supplementary question seeking clarity on how revenue reserves were accumulated?

In response, the Lead Member, Councillor Barkley, stated that reserves had been built up over several years in order to prepare for more difficult economic times. He added that money had been saved on more efficient contracts, changes to the Housing Revenue Account and to National non-domestic rates.

#### 74.4 PROJECTED EXPENDITURE

Councillor Smidowicz had given notice under Council Procedure Rule 5(i) of the following question:

“Given the annual increase in The Retail Price index to December 2011 was 4.81 % and in The Consumer Price Index 4.20% what impact has this had on Council Expenditure and how does our projected expenditure in 2012 /2013 compare with say 2007/2008?”

In response the Lead Member for Finance and Property Services, Councillor Barkley, stated that:

“The Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2012/13 to 2014/15 assumed a general inflation rate of 4.0% for 2012/13 and this was also used in the 2012/13 Budget. The General Fund budget for 2012/13 has Total Borough Expenditure of £16,932k which is £2,974k lower than the equivalent figure in 2007/08, which represents a saving of 14.9%, without taking the ensuing inflation into account.”

Councillor Smidowicz asked a supplementary question concerning how the Council had managed to achieve these results?

In response, the Lead Member, Councillor Barkley, stated that the administration had achieved this by transforming the way the Council was run.

#### 74.5 COUNCIL BUDGETS 2012/13

Councillor Gaskell had given notice under Council Procedure Rule 5(i) of the following question:

“What reassurance can you offer in respect of the robustness of this budget and the adequacy of the level of reserves, given the difficult economic climate for all Councils around the country?”

In response the Lead Member for Finance and Property Services, Councillor Barkley, stated that:

“Paragraphs 16 to 21 of Part B of the 2012/13 General Fund and HRA Budget Report to Cabinet on 16 February 2012 cover this area and the conclusion is that the budget is robust and meets the requirements of the council for its current spending plans”.

Councillor Gaskell asked a supplementary question seeking the main objectives of the budget and the future challenges to be met?

In response, the Lead Member, Councillor Barkley, stated that this was to deliver the objectives set out in the Corporate Plan while maintaining financial stability as set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

#### 74.6 RENTS FOR RETAIL PREMISES

The Lead Member, Councillor Bradshaw had given notice under Council Procedure Rule 5(i) of the following question:

“Would the Leader agree that small shops, post offices and pharmacies are the life blood of our communities and particularly important in outlying areas of relative deprivation where bus fares to the town centre are beyond many family budgets?”

“Rents have increased three fold over the years, with no rejuvenation of the area. Would he ask CNH to look at rents and services provided to such shops, and surrounds in their portfolio in Loughborough, in particular Ashby Ward i.e. Sharpley Road and Wordsworth Road shopping area and let us know what can be done?”

In response the Lead Member for Finance and Property Services, Councillor Barkley, stated that:

“I do agree that a good mix of local shops is important for communities. As regards rent increases we can only control those that we set ourselves, this being the Council’s responsibility rather than CNH’s, and, whilst these will rise in 2012/13, this is the first increase since 2009. Inflation since April 2009 to the end of January 2012 has been 12.5% and the increase from 1 April 2012 will be in line with inflation as at September 2011. This is a fair result as actual housing rents have increased each year during this period.”

Councillor Bradshaw made a statement in which she added that shop keepers were facing difficult economic times and many local shops were a vital service to local communities and it was important to support such infrastructure. Councillor Bradshaw asked a supplementary question asking the Lead Member to visit and consult with local shop keepers in her Ward?



In response, the Lead Member, Councillor Barkley, stated that he understood that it was difficult for shop keepers during these difficult economic times and that he wished to provide as much support to them as possible. He is aware of shop keepers who have approached the Council to voice their concerns and he added that this was the first shop rent increase since 2009.

#### 74.7 BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX

Councillor Grimley had given notice under Council Procedure Rule 5(i) of the following question:

“I understand that this budget has been made available for consultation to all residents and businesses within The Borough. Have you received any criticism regarding the fact that you have not increased Council Tax? What would the Band D and Band B Council Tax be now if the spending reductions achieved since 2007 hadn’t taken place?”

In response the Lead Member for Finance and Property Services, Councillor Barkley, stated that:

“The only criticism the Council has received regarding there being no increase in Council Tax has been from the Unison trade union, which stated that the Council would be storing up large increases in future years to cover this. The Council Tax freeze for 2012/13 was included in the Medium Term Financial Strategy and so future savings targets already include the fact that the specific 2012/13 Council Tax Freeze Grant was only for one year”.

“Total Borough Expenditure for 2006/07 was £537k higher than the budget for 2012/13. Using the current council tax base for 2012/13 this would need a £9.73 increase (9.5%) increase in the Band D Council Tax and a £7.56 increase in Band B”.

Councillor Grimley asked a supplementary question as to whether an increase in Council Tax was considered?

In response, the Lead Member, Councillor Barkley, stated that consideration was given to receiving a one year grant, along with all other options. However, given it was difficult economic times, it was important to assist the people of Charnwood as much as possible when it came to Council Tax rates.

#### 74.8 WEATHER CONDITIONS

Councillor Seaton had given notice under Council Procedure Rule 5(i) of the following question:

“Last week’s weather conditions affected working patterns across the Borough. Some were merely delayed due to the weather other jobs were

put off until favourable conditions returned. One workforce that seemed to disappear off our streets was the boroughs street cleaners. Understandably the conditions stopped them following their normal routes and the mechanical road sweepers were not able to operate successfully. However, what happened to this work force? Was it gainfully employed elsewhere or was it just passing the time away in the depot?"

In response the Lead Member for Cleansing and Open Spacing, Councillor Fryer, stated that:

"In times of inclement weather and snow all shop areas throughout the Borough are cleaned where possible and all litter bins are emptied. The town centre is covered 8am – 6pm regardless. Street Cleaners who are unable to carry out their normal duties are redeployed to other duties. These duties may involve helping collection crews where passage is possible, gritting in the town centre and cleaning vehicles or housekeeping duties around the depot. It is only as a last resort when all other avenues for working have been exhausted that the workforce would be sent home".

Councillor Seaton asked a supplementary question asking what the Council was doing to educate people to keep the streets tidy and litter free?

In response, the Lead Member, Councillor Fryer, stated that litter was noticed when the weather prevented regular cleaning of the streets. She added that it was important to realise that individuals were responsible for dropping litter and campaigns such as Don't Muck Around were highlighting the issue.

#### 74.9 CONSULTANTS

Councillor Miah had given notice under Council Procedure Rule 5(i) of the following question:

"Can the Leader disclose how much was spent on all consultants last financial year and how much has already been spent this financial year and what the projected final total of spend on outside consultants will be this year?"

In response the Lead Member for Finance and Property Services, Councillor Barkley, stated that:

"Consultancy costs in the General Fund and HRA revenue accounts for 2010/11 were £326k. For the current 2011/12 year the spend so far is £200k with commitments of £127k so the outturn is expected to be £327k".

Councillor Miah made a statement in which he added that as the Council was cutting down on spending and carrying staff vacancies, it was important to ensure that it was not spending on using consultants and Councillor Miah

asked a supplementary question requesting the breakdown of consultants used and in which department for the current and previous financial years?

In response, the Lead Member, Councillor Barkley, stated that the Council only used consultants for specific circumstances, for example, with the Leisure Contract where specific expertise was needed and substantial savings resulted from the new contract. This had provided value for money.

#### 74.10 HOUSING ASSET MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

Councillor Stork had given notice under Council Procedure Rule 5(i) of the following question:

“Can the Leader or his Deputy appraise Council as to the current situation in regards to the purchase of the housing asset management software?”

In response the Lead Member for Housing and Regulatory Services, Councillor Jane Hunt, stated that:

“The need for increased functionality within the Council’s Housing Management IT systems relating to asset management was identified over the summer last year as part of the early work to develop the Housing Revenue Account Business plan to respond to the government’s self-financing regime”.

“To ensure that officers were in a position to progress acquisition when a suitable solution was identified an amendment to the annual procurement plan was submitted in September last year and financial resources were identified to procure the necessary software to enhance our asset management capability”.

“A period of soft market testing has since been carried out in collaboration with officers from CNH during which time a number of demonstrations have been held with all of the software suppliers in this specialist field”.

“The Council already has an established Housing Management system in place and there are other key financial management systems that interface with it so one of the key factors determining the eventual choice of appropriate asset management software will be the ability of that software to interface fully with the existing system”.

“Not surprisingly, to maintain a competitive position in this emerging and developing market our current system provider has been working hard to enhance functionality in its asset management capabilities recently and therefore we are currently fully appraising the existing system to identify whether it can meet all of our requirements now, or in the very near future”.

“If the solution can be delivered by our existing provider this will be a significantly more cost effective outcome”.

Councillor Stork made a statement, in which he stated that social housing providers needed to have an asset management strategy in place by April 2012, this was difficult if the software was not functioning properly. He stated that there should be a solution to this which provided a seamless approach. Councillor Stork asked a supplementary question in which he sought clarity on the next steps and a date for a solution?

In response, the Lead Member, Councillor J. Hunt, stated that she was working closely with CNH to resolve the issue and that the HRA project looked at individual assessments and this was lower than anticipated. Councillor J. Hunt added that they were working to get a better understanding of the issues required of the system.

## 75. BUSINESS RESERVED TO COUNCIL

### 75.1 AGENDA VARIANCE

Council considered a request to vary the order of the agenda. It was proposed by Councillor Miah and seconded by Councillor Sharp and

**RESOLVED** that the order of business be varied, with agenda item 6.1, Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy for 2012-13, being taken after agenda item 6.3, 2012/13 General Fund and HRA Revenue Budgets and Council Tax Base 2012/13 and Special Expenses.

#### Reason

To allow for consideration of an amendment to item 6.3, 2012/13 General Fund and HRA Revenue Budgets and Council Tax Base 2012/13 and Special Expenses, which if approved would impact upon item 6.1, Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy for 2012-13.

### 75.2 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT, ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION STRATEGY FOR 2012-2012

A report of the Cabinet, setting out the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for consideration, along with the Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy, was submitted (item 6.1 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

It was proposed by Councillor Barkley and seconded by Councillor Morgan and

## **RESOLVED**

1. that the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy, as shown in Appendices 1 to 4 of the Cabinet Report (attached as an Annex) be approved and adopted from 28th February 2012; and
2. that the Prudential and Treasury Indicators, as set out in sections 2 and 3 of Appendix 1 of the Cabinet Report (attached as an Annex) be approved and adopted from 28th February 2012.

### Reasons

1. To ensure that the Council's governance and management procedures for Treasury Management reflect best practice and comply with the CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services Code of Practice, Guidance Notes and Treasury Management Policy Statement.
2. To ensure that funding of capital expenditure would be taken within the totality of the Council's financial position and that borrowing and investment was only carried out with proper regard to the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

### 75.3 NEW CAPITAL PLAN 2012/13 TO 2014/15

A report of the Cabinet, proposing for approval a New Capital Plan 2012/13 to 2014/15 as well as the probable sources of funding, was submitted (item 6.2 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

It was proposed by Councillor Barkley, Lead Member for Finance and Property Services) and seconded by Councillor Morgan: and

**RESOLVED** that the New Capital Plan 2012/2013 to 2014/2015 be approved.

### Reason

To adopt a Capital Plan for the three year period 2012/13 to 2014/15 so that it could become the basis for capital spending by the Council.

### 75.4 2012/13 GENERAL FUND AND HRA REVENUE BUDGETS AND COUNCIL TAX BASE 2012/13 AND SPECIAL EXPENSES

A report of the Cabinet was submitted, setting out the proposed General Fund and HRA Revenue Budgets for 2012/12, along with the proposed Council Tax levy, and the 2012/13 Original Budget for Housing Revenue Account together with proposals to increase rent and service charges (item 6.3 on the Agenda filed with these minutes).

Following Leicestershire County Council setting its precept on 22nd February 2012, the full Council Tax recommendations, which the Council had to consider in order to set a Council Tax Levy and General Fund and HRA revenue budgets for 2012/13, was also circulated (filed with these minutes).

It was proposed by Councillor Barkley and seconded by Councillor Morgan:

1. that the expenses incurred by the Council in performing in Loughborough a function performed elsewhere in its area by a parish council or the chairman of a parish meeting be treated as special expenses for the purposes of Section 35 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, to the extent provided in minute 72 (C) of Council February 2008;
2. that
  - a. the Original Budget for 2012-13 be £16,947,215,
  - b. the base Council Tax be set at £102.62 at Band D, and
  - c. the Loughborough Special Rate be set at £73.51;
3. that the amounts below be approved as the Council tax base for 2012-13:
  - (a) for the whole Council area as 55,212.6 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates:

Part of the Council's area

	Council Tax Base 2012/13
<b>Parish, etc</b>	
Anstey	2275.5
Barkby	145.8
Barkby Thorpe	16.0
Barrow-upon-Soar	2263.0
Beeby	34.8
Birstall	4255.3
Burton-on-the-Wolds	494.5
Cossington	220.7
Cotes	12.9
East Goscote	914.8
Hathern	749.9
Hoton	145.8

<b>Parish, etc</b>	<b>Council Tax Base 2012/13</b>
Mountsorrel	2811.3
Newtown Linford	511.9
Prestwold	30.6
Queniborough	963.0
Quorndon	2208.6
Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake	86.0
Rearsby	452.1
Rothley	1754.5
Seagrave	261.2
Shepshed	4557.9
Sileby	2506.4
South Croxton	128.5
Swithland	148.5
Syston	4320.8
Thrussington	260.2
Thurcaston & Cropston	949.0
Thurmaston	2956.9
Ulverscroft	61.2
Walton-on-the-Wolds	127.2
Wanlip	81.5
Woodhouse	964.3
Wymeswold	574.4
Loughborough Special Expense Area	16967.6

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 one or more special items relate;

4. that the following amounts be calculated for the year 2012-13 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - a) The Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2012-13 (excluding Parish precepts) is £6,913,233
  - b) £72,345,732 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.
  - c) £62,702,167 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act.
  - d) £9,643,565 being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(b) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(c) 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 31B of the Act).

- e) £174.66 being the amount at 4(d) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (3(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- f) £3,977,700 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix A).
- g) £102.62 being the amount at 4(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(f) above by Item T (3(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 Parish precept relates.
- h) Part of the Council's Area

<b><u>Parish, etc</u></b>	<b><u>District Band D Charge</u></b>
Anstey	191.83
Barkby and Barkby Thorpe	150.52
Barrow-upon-Soar	169.98
Beeby	102.62
Birstall	191.20
Burton-on-the-Wolds / Cotes / Prestwold	151.88
Cossington	152.46
East Goscote	163.07
Hathern	151.63
Hoton	142.06
Mountsorrel	165.18
Newtown Linford	176.85
Queniborough	140.00
Quorndon	178.35
Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake	131.69
Rearsby	142.45
Rothley	156.77
Seagrave	162.34
Shepshed	171.26
Sileby	167.34
South Croxton	170.95
Swithland	119.46
Syston	193.46
Thrussington	119.91
Thurcaston & Cropston	136.34
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Thurmaston	137.53	160.46	183.38	206.30	252.14	297.99	343.83	412.60
Ulverscroft	68.41	79.82	91.22	102.62	125.42	148.23	171.03	205.24
Walton-on-the-Wolds	84.13	98.16	112.18	126.20	154.24	182.29	210.33	252.40
Wanlip	84.77	98.91	113.03	127.16	155.41	183.68	211.93	254.32
Woodhouse	110.60	129.04	147.47	165.90	202.76	239.63	276.50	331.80
Wymeswold	90.12	105.14	120.16	135.18	165.22	195.26	225.30	270.36
Loughborough Special Expense Area	117.42	136.99	156.56	176.13	215.27	254.41	293.55	352.26

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 4(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 proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in the 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.

- To note that the County Council, the Police Authority and the Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

	<u>Valuation Bands-Requirements (to 2 decimal places)</u>								
	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H	BAND X
Leicestershire County Council	708.67	826.78	944.89	1063.00	1299.22	1535.44	1771.67	2126.00	590.56
Combined Fire Authority	35.58	41.52	47.45	53.38	65.24	77.10	88.96	106.75	29.65
Leicestershire Police Authority	115.92	135.24	154.55	173.87	212.51	251.15	289.79	347.75	96.60

- That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2012-13 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

	BAND A 6/9	BAND B 7/9	BAND C 8/9	BAND D I	BAND E 11/9	BAND F 13/9	BAND G 15/9	BAND H 18/9
Anstey	988.05	1152.75	1317.41	1482.08	1811.42	2140.78	2470.13	2964.16
Barkby / Barkby Thorpe	960.51	1120.62	1280.69	1440.77	1760.93	2081.11	2401.28	2881.54
Barrow-Upon-Soar	973.49	1135.75	1297.99	1460.23	1784.72	2109.22	2433.72	2920.46
Beeby	928.58	1083.36	1238.11	1392.87	1702.39	2011.92	2321.45	2785.74
Birstall	987.63	1152.26	1316.85	1481.45	1810.65	2139.87	2469.08	2962.90
Burton-On-The- Wolds, Cotes & Prestwold	961.42	1121.67	1281.90	1442.13	1762.60	2083.07	2403.55	2884.26
Cossington	961.81	1122.12	1282.41	1442.71	1763.31	2083.91	2404.52	2885.42
East Goscote	968.88	1130.38	1291.84	1453.32	1776.27	2099.24	2422.20	2906.64
Hathern	961.25	1121.48	1281.67	1441.88	1762.29	2082.71	2403.13	2883.76
Hoton	954.87	1114.04	1273.17	1432.31	1750.59	2068.89	2387.18	2864.62
Mountsorrel	970.29	1132.02	1293.72	1455.43	1778.85	2102.28	2425.72	2910.86
Newtown Linford	978.07	1141.09	1304.09	1467.10	1793.12	2119.14	2445.17	2934.20
Queniborough	953.50	1112.43	1271.34	1430.25	1748.08	2065.91	2383.75	2860.50
Quorndon	979.07	1142.26	1305.43	1468.60	1794.95	2121.31	2447.67	2937.20
Ratcliffe-On-The- Wreake	947.96	1105.97	1263.95	1421.94	1737.92	2053.91	2369.90	2843.88
Rearsby	955.13	1114.34	1273.51	1432.70	1751.07	2069.45	2387.83	2865.40
Rothley	964.68	1125.48	1286.24	1447.02	1768.57	2090.14	2411.70	2894.04
Seagrave	968.39	1129.81	1291.19	1452.59	1775.38	2098.18	2420.98	2905.18
Shepshed	974.34	1136.75	1299.12	1461.51	1786.28	2111.07	2435.85	2923.02
Sileby	971.73	1133.70	1295.64	1457.59	1781.49	2105.40	2429.32	2915.18
South Croxton	974.13	1136.51	1298.85	1461.20	1785.90	2110.62	2435.33	2922.40
Swithland	939.81	1096.46	1253.08	1409.71	1722.97	2036.24	2349.52	2819.42
Syston	989.14	1154.01	1318.86	1483.71	1813.42	2143.13	2472.85	2967.42
Thrussington	940.11	1096.81	1253.48	1410.16	1723.52	2036.89	2350.27	2820.32
Thurcaston & Cropston	951.06	1109.59	1268.08	1426.59	1743.60	2060.63	2377.65	2853.18
Thurmaston	997.70	1164.00	1330.27	1496.55	1829.11	2161.68	2494.25	2993.10
Ulverscroft	928.58	1083.36	1238.11	1392.87	1702.39	2011.92	2321.45	2785.74
Walton-On-The- Wolds	944.30	1101.70	1259.07	1416.45	1731.21	2045.98	2360.75	2832.90
Wanlip	944.94	1102.45	1259.92	1417.41	1732.38	2047.37	2362.35	2834.82
Woodhouse	970.77	1132.58	1294.36	1456.15	1779.73	2103.32	2426.92	2912.30
Wymeswold	950.29	1108.68	1267.05	1425.43	1742.19	2058.95	2375.72	2850.86
Loughborough (Special Expenses)	977.59	1140.53	1303.45	1466.38	1792.24	2118.10	2443.97	2932.76

7. that the Original Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2012-13 as set out in Appendix 5 of the Head of Finance & Property Services' report of the 2012/13 General Fund and HRA Revenue Budgets be approved;

8. that the increases to weekly rents be approved in line with the Department of Communities and Local Government guidance on rent restructuring as based on the final housing subsidy determination;
9. that the service charges be approved in accordance with the Communities and Local Government guidance on rent restructuring regarding the de-pooling of service charges as based on the final housing subsidy determination;
10. that the increases to shop rents by RPI, being the applicable rate of 5.6%, be approve;
11. that garage rents increase by RPI less 1.0% which is 4.6%;
12. that the Leasehold Management and Administration charge be increased by RPI to £109.35 per annum; and
13. that it be determined that the basic amount of Council Tax for 2012/13 was not excessive according to the principles set out by the Secretary of State.

Amendments were proposed as follows:

- (i) by Councillor Sharp and seconded by Councillor M. Hunt:
  1. That motion 2a be amended to read that the Original Budget for 2012-13 be £16,947,215; subject to:
    - a) a free Car parking scheme being introduced for the first two hours at the Bee Hive Lane and Granby Street Car Parks; to be implemented for a six month period from April 2012 until end of September 2012, the costs being £155,000;
    - b) a free swimming scheme being introduced for over 60's and Under 16's, in recognition of the Olympics; the period of free swimming is for the 7 week period of the summer holidays, with costs being £60,000;
    - c) provision being made for a dedicated Empty Homes officer to get more of the 740 empty homes, which have been empty for over six months in Charnwood, back into use, £34,000 to be allocated to fund the post;
    - d) Solar Panels being installed to provide an income of £197,400 (minimum of 1974 roofs at £100 per roof), from an untapped resource for the Council even with feed in tariffs being cut; and
    - e) an increase of £5 per annum, producing an income of £65,000 per year, be made for Garden Brown Bin collections

- f) that the amount of £150,000 currently earmarked for the 'growth support fund' be used to carry out the above and
2. that motion 2c be amended to read that the Loughborough Special Rate be set at £73.51; subject to a provision being made of £59,000 to allow the toilets on Market Place, Biggin Street and Queens Park to be free to use; being funded as follows:

<b>LOUGHBOROUGH SPECIAL EXPENSES</b>		
<b>2011/12</b>		<b>2012/13</b>
<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>
<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
57,000	Loughborough CCTV	65,600
59,800	Community Grants - General/ Fearon Hall / Gorse Covert	56,900
22,000	Marios Tinenti Centre	22,000
9,800	Charnwood Water Toilets	7,700
0	Market Place, Biggin Street and Queens Park Toilets	59,000
-14,200	November Fair	-15,700
	<u>Parks:</u>	
561,800	Loughborough - including Loughborough in Bloom	542,500
6,200	Gorse Covert and Booth Wood	4,100
	<u>Sports Grounds:</u>	
93,300	Derby Road	84,000
30,900	Lodge Farm	25,000
78,700	Nanpantan	65,800
25,900	Park Road	26,100
60,500	Shelthorpe Golf Course	61,700
0	Income from charges for playing fields	-11,000
113,300	Loughborough Cemetery	114,300
32,000	Allotments - Loughborough	36,300
11,200	Carillon Tower	9,900
64,700	Festive Decorations and Illuminations	51,600
94,400	Town Centre Management	61,000
<b>1,307,300</b>		<b>1,266,800</b>

-39,190	Adjustments from Year 2009/10	0
0	Adjustments from Year 2010/11	42,536
-30,784	Council Tax Freeze Grant - 4 Years from 1 April 2011	-30,784
0	Council Tax Freeze Grant - 2012/13 only	-31,184
1,237,326	AMENDED TOTAL	1,247,368
Divided by 16,831.00	Council Tax Base	Divided by 16,967.60
<u>73.51</u>	Special Council Tax	<u>73.51</u>

The reasons given for the amendment were:

I. To prioritise spending:

- a) there was a need to promote the town centre and support / protect the jobs that town centre retailers provide. This would be an incentive for people to come into Loughborough knowing that the parking would be free. It may also encourage traders to take up more stalls in the market. The period chosen was to incentivise shoppers during a lean period in the economic cycle.
- b) With the Olympics happening this year we want to take the opportunity to make a statement about sport and fitness. The free swim has been popular in the past and will allow us to replicate that success through the swimming pools in Loughborough, Mountsorrel and Syston. This was something that the Youth Council brought up at their recent conference and several attendees commented on the success that it had.
- c) With Charnwood waiting lists proving difficult to bring down and the pressures for the need for housing in Charnwood (as evidenced by the housing waiting list) a named post could get things moving and improve on the already dim statistic of bringing these homes in to use.
- d) With a minimum of 1974 council properties (and a maximum of 2548) being suitable for a rent a roof scheme this gives us an income stream that we could use to fund some of our proposed expenditure. It also allows those houses with a system installed to benefit from a reduction in their utility bill.

- e) The proposal asks for a small increase of £5 to the annual £15 charge on brown bin collections for those paying by direct debit and by £26 per annum non – direct debit.
  - f) The amendments seek to utilise the money in a targeted way to deliver for the residents in Charnwood.
2. At the Loughborough Special Rates meeting our proposals were to lead to the toilets in Loughborough being free at the point of use to be funded from the Loughborough Special rates. Our amendment seeks to do this by:
- a) the amount set aside for Town Centre management being reduced from £91,000 to £61,000 in light of the annual £220,000 income that Loughborough BID would be proposing to raise from Town Centre shops and spend in the town centre and to avoid duplication of services;
  - b) £6,000 each being reduced from the spend at Nanpantan Sports ground and Derby Road Playing fields, £2,500 from Lodge Farm;
  - c) £3,500 being reduced from the Loughborough Parks budget; and
  - d) the charges used to use the playing field facilities being raised to a level proportionate to costs which would bring in an additional income of £11,000.

The amendment was defeated.

- (ii) by Councillor Forrest and seconded by Councillor Poole that motion 2a be amended to include that provision be made in the Original General Fund Revenue Budget, using up to £1,000,000, to be met from reserves, for 2012/13 for a Credit Union to provide money (such as Clockwise Credit Union) and to lend out to those requiring loans throughout Charnwood.

The reason give for the amendment was that with the borrowing situation as it was and pay day loan companies flourishing (and loan sharks) there was definite demand for credit which isn't being met. This would allow a Credit Union to expand their operations in Charnwood and lend to more people / small businesses under their own criteria. With returns being achieved from treasury management being very small in comparison to previous years there is also the added benefit that the money 'invested' in the credit Union would be returned at possibly a healthier margin. We would expect the money to be returned to us by the Credit Union within five to seven years.

Following assurances given by the Leader of the Council and the Lead Member for Finance and Property Services that this issue would be considered over the next financial year and if considered viable and appropriate, included in the 2013/2014 budget proposals, the proposer, Councillor Forrest and the seconder Councillor Poole agreed to withdraw the amendment.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and it was

## RESOLVED

1. that the expenses incurred by the Council in performing in Loughborough a function performed elsewhere in its area by a parish council or the chairman of a parish meeting be treated as special expenses for the purposes of Section 35 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, to the extent provided in minute 72 (C) of Council February 2008;
2. that
  - a. the Original Budget for 2012-13 be £16,947,215,
  - b. the base Council Tax be set at £102.62 at Band D, and
  - c. the Loughborough Special Rate be set at £73.51;
4. that the amounts below be approved as the Council tax base for 2012-13:
  - (a) for the whole Council area as 55,212.6 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates:

Part of the Council's area	
Parish, etc	Council Tax Base 2012/13
Anstey	2275.5
Barkby	145.8
Barkby Thorpe	16.0
Barrow-upon-Soar	2263.0
Beeby	34.8
Birstall	4255.3
Burton-on-the-Wolds	494.5
Cossington	220.7
Cotes	12.9
East Goscote	914.8
Hathern	749.9



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Hoton	145.8
Mountsorrel	2811.3
Newtown Linford	511.9
Prestwold	30.6
Queniborough	963.0
Quorndon	2208.6
Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake	86.0
Rearsby	452.1
Rothley	1754.5
Seagrave	261.2
Shepshed	4557.9
Sileby	2506.4
South Croxton	128.5
Swithland	148.5
Syston	4320.8
Thrussington	260.2
Thurcaston & Cropston	949.0
Thurmaston	2956.9
Ulverscroft	61.2
Walton-on-the-Wolds	127.2
Wanlip	81.5
Woodhouse	964.3
Wymeswold	574.4
Loughborough Special Expense Area	16967.6

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 one or more special items relate;

4. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2012-13 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - a) The Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2012-13 (excluding Parish precepts) is £6,913,233
  - b) £72,345,732 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.
  - c) £62,702,167 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act.
  - d) £9,643,565 being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(b) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(c) 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 31B of the Act).

- e) £174.66 being the amount at 4(d) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (3(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- f) £3,977,700 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix A).
- g) £102.62 being the amount at 4(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(f) above by Item T (3(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 Parish precept relates.
- h) Part of the Council's Area

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Syston	128.97	150.47	171.97	193.46	236.45	279.44	322.43	386.92

Parish	Valuation Bands							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Thrussington	79.94	93.27	106.59	119.91	146.55	173.20	199.85	239.82
Thurcaston & Cropston	90.89	106.05	121.19	136.34	166.63	196.94	227.23	272.68
Thurmaston	137.53	160.46	183.38	206.30	252.14	297.99	343.83	412.60
Ulverscroft	68.41	79.82	91.22	102.62	125.42	148.23	171.03	205.24
Walton-on-the-Wolds	84.13	98.16	112.18	126.20	154.24	182.29	210.33	252.40
Wanlip	84.77	98.91	113.03	127.16	155.41	183.68	211.93	254.32
Woodhouse	110.60	129.04	147.47	165.90	202.76	239.63	276.50	331.80
Wymeswold	90.12	105.14	120.16	135.18	165.22	195.26	225.30	270.36
Loughborough Special Expense Area	117.42	136.99	156.56	176.13	215.27	254.41	293.55	352.26

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 4(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 proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in the 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.

- To note that the County Council, the Police Authority and the Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

	<u>Valuation Bands-Requirements (to 2 decimal places)</u>								
	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H	BAND X
Leicestershire County Council	708.67	826.78	944.89	1063.00	1299.22	1535.44	1771.67	2126.00	590.56
Combined Fire Authority	35.58	41.52	47.45	53.38	65.24	77.10	88.96	106.75	29.65
Leicestershire Police Authority	115.92	135.24	154.55	173.87	212.51	251.15	289.79	347.75	96.60

- that the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2012-13 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

	BAND A 6/9	BAND B 7/9	BAND C 8/9	BAND D I	BAND E 11/9	BAND F 13/9	BAND G 15/9	BAND H 18/9
Anstey	988.05	1152.75	1317.41	1482.08	1811.42	2140.78	2470.13	2964.16
Barkby / Barkby Thorpe	960.51	1120.62	1280.69	1440.77	1760.93	2081.11	2401.28	2881.54
Barrow-Upon-Soar	973.49	1135.75	1297.99	1460.23	1784.72	2109.22	2433.72	2920.46
Beeby	928.58	1083.36	1238.11	1392.87	1702.39	2011.92	2321.45	2785.74
Birstall	987.63	1152.26	1316.85	1481.45	1810.65	2139.87	2469.08	2962.90
Burton-On-The- Wolds, Cotes & Prestwold	961.42	1121.67	1281.90	1442.13	1762.60	2083.07	2403.55	2884.26
Cossington	961.81	1122.12	1282.41	1442.71	1763.31	2083.91	2404.52	2885.42
East Goscote	968.88	1130.38	1291.84	1453.32	1776.27	2099.24	2422.20	2906.64
Hathern	961.25	1121.48	1281.67	1441.88	1762.29	2082.71	2403.13	2883.76
Hoton	954.87	1114.04	1273.17	1432.31	1750.59	2068.89	2387.18	2864.62
Mountsorrel	970.29	1132.02	1293.72	1455.43	1778.85	2102.28	2425.72	2910.86
Newtown Linford	978.07	1141.09	1304.09	1467.10	1793.12	2119.14	2445.17	2934.20
Queniborough	953.50	1112.43	1271.34	1430.25	1748.08	2065.91	2383.75	2860.50
Quorndon	979.07	1142.26	1305.43	1468.60	1794.95	2121.31	2447.67	2937.20
Ratcliffe-On-The- Wreake	947.96	1105.97	1263.95	1421.94	1737.92	2053.91	2369.90	2843.88
Rearsby	955.13	1114.34	1273.51	1432.70	1751.07	2069.45	2387.83	2865.40
Rothley	964.68	1125.48	1286.24	1447.02	1768.57	2090.14	2411.70	2894.04
Seagrave	968.39	1129.81	1291.19	1452.59	1775.38	2098.18	2420.98	2905.18
Shepshed	974.34	1136.75	1299.12	1461.51	1786.28	2111.07	2435.85	2923.02
Sileby	971.73	1133.70	1295.64	1457.59	1781.49	2105.40	2429.32	2915.18
South Croxton	974.13	1136.51	1298.85	1461.20	1785.90	2110.62	2435.33	2922.40
Swithland	939.81	1096.46	1253.08	1409.71	1722.97	2036.24	2349.52	2819.42
Syston	989.14	1154.01	1318.86	1483.71	1813.42	2143.13	2472.85	2967.42
Thrussington	940.11	1096.81	1253.48	1410.16	1723.52	2036.89	2350.27	2820.32
Thurcaston & Cropston	951.06	1109.59	1268.08	1426.59	1743.60	2060.63	2377.65	2853.18
Thurmaston	997.70	1164.00	1330.27	1496.55	1829.11	2161.68	2494.25	2993.10
Ulverscroft	928.58	1083.36	1238.11	1392.87	1702.39	2011.92	2321.45	2785.74
Walton-On-The- Wolds	944.30	1101.70	1259.07	1416.45	1731.21	2045.98	2360.75	2832.90
Wanlip	944.94	1102.45	1259.92	1417.41	1732.38	2047.37	2362.35	2834.82
Woodhouse	970.77	1132.58	1294.36	1456.15	1779.73	2103.32	2426.92	2912.30
Wymeswold	950.29	1108.68	1267.05	1425.43	1742.19	2058.95	2375.72	2850.86
Loughborough (Special Expenses)	977.59	1140.53	1303.45	1466.38	1792.24	2118.10	2443.97	2932.76

7. that the Original Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2012-13 as set out in Appendix 5 of the Head of Finance & Property Services' report of the 2012/13 General Fund and HRA Revenue Budgets be approved;

8. that the increases to weekly rents be approved in line with the Department of Communities and Local Government guidance on rent restructuring as based on the final housing subsidy determination;
9. that the service charges be approved in accordance with the Communities and Local Government guidance on rent restructuring regarding the de-pooling of service charges as based on the final housing subsidy determination;
10. that the increases to shop rents by RPI, being the applicable rate of 5.6%, be approve;
11. that garage rents increase by RPI less 1.0% which is 4.6%;
12. that the Leasehold Management and Administration charge be increased by RPI to £109.35 per annum; and
13. that it be determined that the basic amount of Council Tax for 2012/13 was not excessive according to the principles set out by the Secretary of State.

#### Reasons

1. To set the definition of the Loughborough Special Expenses in accordance with Section 35 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
2. To ensure that the necessary finance would be available to carry out services in 2012-13 and to set the Council Tax and Loughborough Special Expenses in accordance with legal and statutory requirements.
3. To set the Council's 2011-12 Council Tax Base in accordance with the regulations made under Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- 4-6. To set a Council Tax in accordance with legal and statutory requirements.
7. To ensure sufficient funding for the Housing Revenue Account in 2012-13.
8. To ensure sufficient resources would be made available to the Housing Revenue Account in 2012/13.
9. To ensure the correct alignment of costs and service charges for tenants in accordance with best practice.
10. In order that shop rents were in line with the evaluation made by the Head of Finance & Property Services.

11. To ensure that garage rents reflect current market conditions.
12. That there would be sufficient recovery of the costs associated with operating the leasehold flat and shop services be noted.
13. To comply with the requirements of section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

#### 75.5 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUSINESS PLAN 2012-2042

A report of the Cabinet, presenting the post consultation thirty-year Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan and associated stock investment strategy for approval, was submitted (item 6.4 on the Agenda filed with these minutes).

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Hunt and seconded by Councillor Barkley, and

#### **RESOLVED**

1. that the HRA Business Plan, as attached at the report of Cabinet (attached as an Annex to the report) be approved; and
2. that Delegated Authority be granted to the Head of Housing and Head of Finance and Property Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Members for Housing and Finance, to make minor amendments to the Plan within existing approved budgets.

#### Reasons

1. To ensure the government's 1st April 2012 deadline for implementing self financing would be met.
2. To ensure the Plan remains fit for purpose and would be adjusted in line with financial projection, emerging government policy decisions, asset management data and emerging investment priorities for the Council's housing stock.

#### 75.6 NEW STANDARDS ARRANGEMENTS – APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS

A report of the Monitoring Officer, setting out proposals for the appointment of Independent Persons under the new Standards arrangements, was submitted (item 6.5 on the Agenda filed with these minutes).

It was proposed by Councillor S. Smith and seconded by Councillor Bentley, and

## **RESOLVED**

1. that the legal advice that current and recent Independent Members of standards committees are excluded from being appointed as Independent Persons be noted and that as a consequence the proposed arrangements for the pooling of approximately 6 to 10 Independent Persons across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, appointed by each participating authority (subject to eligibility) on the basis of recommendations by a small, representative group of Monitoring Officers, be supported; and
2. that the terms of office of Mrs Betty Crick (Parish Member), Mr Toby Griffiths (Parish Member) and Mr Philip Tomlinson (Independent Member) be extended to the end of the 2012/13 Council Year or until the statutory role of the Standards Committee comes to an end, whichever was the sooner.

### Reasons

1. To enable appropriate arrangements for the appointment of Independent Persons to be put in place which make use of the knowledge and experience of current and recent Independent Members.
2. To enable the membership of the Committee to continue until its statutory role concludes and avoid the need to advertise vacancies for posts that would be of very short duration.

## 75.7 PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2012-13

A report of the Chief executive, setting out a Pay Policy Statement for financial year 2012-13, as required under the Localism Act 2011, was submitted (item 6.6 on the Agenda filed with these minutes).

It was proposed by Councillor Slater and seconded by Councillor Youell and

**RESOLVED** that the pay policy statement appended to this report be adopted for 2012-2013.

### Reason

To comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

## 76. CALL IN REFERENCES

There were no call in references



77. MINUTE REFERENCES

There were no minute references.

78. URGENT EXECUTIVE DECISIONS EXEMPT FROM CALL-IN

There had been no urgent executive decisions exempt from call-in.

79. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

79.1 MOTION OF CENSURE

A Motion on Notice was submitted by Councillor Stork in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1 (item 10.1 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

It was proposed by Councillor Stork and seconded by Councillor S. Smith:

- A. This motion is based upon the report 'COLLECTION OF TEXTILES ON BEHALF OF MIND' dated 20th January 2012.

It is clear from the above report that the Council has failed in a number of areas;

1. that the Council failed to undertake satisfactory research prior to the collaboration with MIND to establish a lawful basis for the project;
2. that the Council failed to undertake a satisfactory review of the collaboration with MIND for a period of 2 years; and
3. that the project was undertaken without consultation of the appropriate licensing officer employed by the Council.

There is a further implication in relation to the Crime and Disorder Act 1994 section 17 that imposes a duty upon Council to prevent unlawful acts within their boundaries.

In summation it is clear there has been a reduction in the standard of service delivery and to this end Council seeks to record a motion of censure upon the Cabinet Member for Cleansing and Open Spaces who holds ultimate responsibility for the service area.

- B. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.6, Council agree that it be convenient and conducive to the despatch of business, that the motion (A above) be debated in accordance with the rules of debate (Council Procedure Rule 9) and dealt with at this meeting.

The motion on notice was put to Council to decide whether it wished to debate the motion at this meeting or whether it wished to consider the motion with an officer report at the next meeting and in both cases was defeated.

80. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

There were no proposals to consider.