

SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held at 7:15pm on Wednesday, 6th December 2017

Present: Councillor D Brookes (Town Mayor) in the Chair.

Councillors: M C Anderson, Mrs S Blackburn, J Brookes, D Cargill, J Carpenter, N D Cooper, M Dannatt, S A Dennis, D R Edginton, G O Ellis, Miss E Freeman, M Gabbitas, P Gaskell, M Gray, D Kirk, S R Kirk and C Macey.

Invited: Rev R Holden (Mayors Chaplain)

Officers: Town Clerk

Seven members of the public were in attendance, one member of the press was present.

C130. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (Agenda Item 1)

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: That:-

the minutes of the last Council meeting held on Wednesday 1st November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

C131. APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 2)

An apology for absence was received from Councillors T Burnham and J Byford

C132. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3)

No declarations were made at this time

C133. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda Item 4)

Two members of the public asked questions.

Several questions were raised about the Tower Garden Pavilion project relating to evidence of community need, the decision of the Council to occupy offices in the building and points of clarification about potential costs, income and the impact on the precept.

Further points were raised in respect of the budget consultation and an article that had been published in the Skegness Standard.

The Town Clerk answered questions and clarified points of information.

C134. THE TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE
(Agenda Item 5)

The Town Mayor informed Council that a list of Mayoral events has been posted on the Council website, Facebook and Twitter.

It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED: *That the report be noted.*

C135. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL (Agenda Item 6)

The Town Clerk reported on a schedule of payments made between 5th October 2017 and 27th November 2017 as shown in Appendix A to these minutes.

It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED: *That the schedule be approved.*

C136. QUESTIONS TO AND COMMENTS FROM THE LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE REPRESENTATIVE (Agenda Item 7)

Councillor Anderson submitted the question
"Can you give a true update on all crimes including theft from motor vehicles on the Beacon Park Estate since the street lights were turned off".

The Town Clerk reported that Inspector Bennison had been unable to attend the meeting and would provide a response as soon as possible

It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED: *That the report be noted*

NOTE For clarity of the minutes no agenda item 8 had been listed on the posted agenda

C137. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO OUTSIDE BODIES
(Agenda Item 9)

a) Cllr M Gray provided a report from the Community Alcohol Partnership meeting which she attended on 16th November 2017.

It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED: *That the report be noted.*

b) Cllr D Cargill provided a report from the CCTV Partnership meeting which he attended on Monday 27th November 2017.

It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED: *That*

- a) *the report be noted*
- b) *the concerns regarding CCTV be put on the next Direction & Strategy Committee Agenda for review.*

C138. REPORTS BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS (Agenda Item 10)

No reports were received

C139. PLANNING & PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Agenda Item 11)

It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED: *That the minutes of the Planning & Planning Policy Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 14th November 2017, be approved and the resolutions contained therein adopted.*

C140. DIRECTION & STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Agenda Item 12)

It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED: *That the minutes of the Direction & Strategy Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd November 2017 be approved and the resolutions and recommendations contained therein adopted.*

C141. MOTIONS SUBMITTED ON NOTICE (Agenda Item 13)

The following motion on notice was put forward:-

To ensure that Skegness Town Council can undertake the cutting of Amenity Grass Verges in the most efficient and cost-effective way and enable the Council to deliver a quality service, this Council calls on Lincolnshire County Council to put in place all the necessary restrictions, controls and associated enforcement, to stop vehicles parking on the grass verges in Skegness.

Proposed Cllr J Carpenter

Seconded Cllr M Dannatt

Following a debate, the proposer and seconder agreed to modify their motion to

“To ensure that Skegness Town Council can undertake the cutting of Amenity Grass Verges in the most efficient and cost-effective way and enable the Council to deliver a quality service, this Council writes to East Lindsey District Council and Lincolnshire County Council asking them to put in place either a Traffic Regulation Order or Byelaw to prevent and allow enforcement action in respect of issues associated with parking or driving on grass verges”.

RESOLVED: *That:-*

- a) The motion be supported*
- b) The Town Clerk be instructed to write to East Lindsey District Council and Lincolnshire County Council*

C142. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS (Agenda Item 14)

The Town Clerk reported the appointment of new External Auditors and the associated fees.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That:-*

- a) The report be noted*

C143. TOWER GARDENS PAVILION AND BUDGET CONSULTATIONS (Agenda Item 15)

The Town Clerk presented a report that gave the results and feedback from consultations undertaken in respect of

- a) Proposals for the Tower Gardens Pavilion Site including the principle of borrowing up to £1.5 million to finance the construction of a new building.
- b) Options in respect of the precept for 2018/19 and subsequent 3 years.

A recorded vote was requested

*It was proposed, seconded and **unanimously***

RESOLVED: *That*

- a) The report and results be noted*
- b) That the Council move forward to the feasibility stage of the project as set out in 4.1 of the report with a specific emphasis on the public consultation and that the Town Clerk be*

authorised to proceed, in consultation with the Property Working Group, to develop the Business Case.

- c) That as part of the development of the Business Case, the Council engage with East Lindsey District Council with a view to implementing an asset transfer of the entirety of Tower Gardens and its associated buildings and facilities, together with the Scarbrough Avenue car park, to Skegness Town Council, recognising that this will cause slippage in the previously agreed timetable for the development of the Feasibility and Business Case.*
- d) The Town Clerk be instructed to prepare the final budget and precept papers in accordance with option 2 for approval at the January meeting*

C144. RETURN OF THE COUNCIL TRAILER FROM SKEGNESS PARTNERSHIP (Agenda Item 16)

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report regarding the trailer that had been returned.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That:-*

- a) the report be noted*
- b) the matter be referred to the next Direction and Strategy Committee for further consideration of future use.*

C145. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (Agenda Item 17)

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the Memorandum of Understanding be approved and the Mayor be authorised to sign the agreement.*

C146. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON STREET LIGHTING (Agenda Item 18)

The Council considered the consultation.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That:-*

- a) The Town Clerk forward the link to the Chamber of Trade and the Coastal Destination BID to circulate wider in the business community.*
- b) That Councillors fill out the consultation as individuals.*

Councillors M Anderson and N cooper left the meeting

C147. COASTAL ACCESS FOR ALL MABLETHORPE TO SKEGNESS (Agenda Item 19)

Information in respect of Coastal Access for All was provided.

*It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED: That the report be noted.*

C148. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 1z

*It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED: Standing Order 1z be suspended so that the meeting could continue beyond the maximum 2.5 hours*

Councillors Miss E Freeman and R Hall left the meeting

C149. LINCOLNSHIRE COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH ROLL OUT (Agenda Item 20)

Information relating to the scheme was reported

*It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED: That
a) the report be noted
b) the Town Clerk write for further information*

C150. ANGLIAN WATER MAJOR WORKS (Agenda Item 21)

Information relating to the works was provided.

*It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED: That the report be noted*

C151. PROPOSAL THAT UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETING) ACT 1960, DUE TO THE MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED RELATING TO EMPLOYEES OR PROPOSED EMPLOYEES, THAT COUNCIL GO INTO PRIVATE SESSION TO DISCUSS AGENDA ITEM 23 (Agenda Item 22)

*It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED: That the public and press be excluded for agenda item 23 as the matter related to HR matters associated with employees or proposed employees*

C152. HR MATTERS RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW AMENITY GRASS CUTTING TEAM (Agenda Item 23)

The Town Clerk presented a confidential report in respect of the new Amenity Grass Cutting Team.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That:-*

- a) the proposed appointment be approved*
- b) the implementation of the new structure and associated supervisory responsibilities be effective from the starting date of the new employee.*

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

Skegness Town Council

Current Account

List of Payments made between 05/10/2017 and 27/11/2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Detail</u>
05/10/17	Intellectual Property Office	47	770.00	Trade mark additional categories
09/10/17	Burdetts Garage	005168	275.32	Van Service
11/10/17	East Lindsey District Council	EB163	836.00	Office Accommodation costs
11/10/17	East Lindsey District Council	EB163	608.83	Office Rent - October
11/10/17	East Lindsey District Council	EB163	816.67	Units Rent - October
11/10/17	Travis Perkins	EB163	37.81	Public property materials
11/10/17	Charles H Hill Ltd	EB163	76.15	Mower repairs
11/10/17	Sid Dennis	EB163	182.98	Cemetery Bins
11/10/17	Daisy Communications	EB163	30.14	Office Telephone
11/10/17	Npower	EB163	23.96	Unit 1D Elec
11/10/17	NPower	EB163	24.73	Unit 1E Elec
11/10/17	Eon	EB163	11.77	Electricity - Lamp
24/10/17	The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	005169	20.00	Poppy Wreath
27/10/17	Staff Salaries	EB164	10,348.07	Staff Salaries
27/10/17	Cllr Danny Brookes	EB164	200.00	Mayor Allowance
27/10/17	Lloyds Bank	51	17.54	Service Charge
01/11/17	Nationwide Business Savings Ac	EB165	95,751.35	Closure of Comm Call Acc
01/11/17	Lincolnshire County Council	EB165	3,128.66	Pension contributions
01/11/17	HM Customs & Excise	EB165	2,736.61	PAYE contributions
01/11/17	Tudor Environment	EB165	108.60	Heavy duty bin bags
01/11/17	Screwfix	EB165	69.95	Disposable gloves & blue roll
01/11/17	Viking Direct	EB165	12.67	Office Stationery
01/11/17	Eastern Shires Purchasing Org	EB165	18.85	Cleaning fluid & Stationery
01/11/17	LALC	EB165	8.00	LALC training - IT Skills
01/11/17	NPower	EB165	24.01	Electricity unit 1E
01/11/17	NPower	EB165	23.25	Electricity unit 1D
01/11/17	J Parker Dutch Bulbs Ltd	EB165	342.00	J Parker Dutch Bulbs Ltd
06/11/17	Companies House	CC16	13.00	Trading Co confirmation s'ment fee
12/11/17	Opus Energy	DD	3.26	Electricity Units
15/11/17	Screwfix	EB166	51.87	Hi Vis jackets x 13
15/11/17	Glendale Countryside Limited	EB166	4,284.85	Grass verges - October
15/11/17	Sid Dennis	EB166	268.00	Cemetery bins Oct
15/11/17	P and R Decorators	EB166	33.09	Paint etc
15/11/17	East Lindsey District Council	EB166	608.83	Office Rent Nov
15/11/17	East Lindsey District Council	EB166	816.67	Units Rent
15/11/17	Daisy Communications	EB166	27.28	Office telephone
15/11/17	Konica Minolta	EB166	199.76	Photocopier lease & usage
15/11/17	Tudor Environment	EB166	829.01	Public Property Materials
15/11/17	Travis Perkins	EB166	50.86	Public property materials
15/11/17	Lumalite	EB166	7,227.00	Christmas Illuminations
18/11/17	O2	DD	24.94	Mobile telephone
22/11/17	Anglian Water	DD	16.00	Unit 1A Water Rates
22/11/17	Anglian Water	DD	23.00	Water Rates Unit 1B
24/11/17	TalkTalk	DD	21.36	Office broadband
27/11/17	Staff Salaries	EB167	10,394.54	Staff Salaries
27/11/17	Cllr D Brookes	EB167	200.00	Mayors Allowance

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List of Payments made between 06/11/2017 and 29/12/2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Detail</u>
06/11/17	Companies House	CC-Nov	13.00	Confirmation statement fee
14/11/17	FuelGenie	DD	100.86	Petrol
15/11/17	Screwfix	EB166	51.87	Hi Vis jackets x 13
15/11/17	Glendale Countryside Limited	EB166	4,284.85	Grass verges - October
15/11/17	Sid Dennis	EB166	268.00	Cemetery bins Oct
15/11/17	P and R Decorators	EB166	33.09	Paint etc
15/11/17	East Lindsey District Council	EB166	608.83	Office Rent Nov
15/11/17	East Lindsey District Council	EB166	816.67	Units Rent
15/11/17	Daisy Communications	EB166	27.28	Office telephone
15/11/17	Konica Minolta	EB166	199.76	Photocopier lease & usage
15/11/17	Tudor Environment	EB166	829.01	Public Property Materials
15/11/17	Travis Perkins	EB166	50.86	Public property materials
15/11/17	Lumalite	EB166	7,227.00	Christmas Illuminations
24/11/17	TalkTalk	DD	21.36	Office broadband
27/11/17	Staff Salaries	EB167	10,394.54	Staff Salaries
27/11/17	Cllr Danny Brookes	EB167	200.00	Mayor Allowance
28/11/17	Lloyds Bank	PYMT	18.90	Service charge
01/12/17	Rotary Club of Skegness	005170	574.00	Grant Award - Rotary
01/12/17	Skegness Amateur Swimming Club	005171	574.00	Grant Award - Swimming club
05/12/17	Travis Perkins	EB169	100.58	Public Property Materials
05/12/17	Screwfix	EB169	44.94	Hi Vis trousers and gloves
05/12/17	Charles H Hill Ltd	EB169	755.93	Machinery & Repairs
05/12/17	East Lindsey District Council	EB169	816.67	Units rent
05/12/17	East Lindsey District Council	EB169	608.83	Office Rent
05/12/17	Lincolnshire County Council	EB168	3,128.66	Pension contributions month 8
05/12/17	HM Customs & Excise	EB168	2,721.34	PAYE contributions month 8
05/12/17	Society of Local Council Clerk	EB168	282.00	Membership subscription
05/12/17	Skegness Trading Company Ltd	EB168	1,100.00	Share Capital & Investment
05/12/17	Travis Perkins	EB168	196.70	Public Property Materials
05/12/17	Jewson Builders	EB168	50.86	shovel
12/12/17	Opus Energy	DD	524.10	Units elec - refund due
12/12/17	Fuelgenie	DD	219.10	Petrol & diesel
12/12/17	O2	DD	25.44	Mobile phone
13/12/17	Mountain Motor Vehicles	EB170	7,800.00	New team vehicle
13/12/17	Mountain Motor Vehicles	EB170	240.00	Van tax
13/12/17	Sid Dennis	EB171	223.84	St Marys Bins
13/12/17	Daisy Communications	EB171	24.44	Office telephone
13/12/17	LALC	EB171	8.00	IT skills training
18/12/17	Staff Salaries	EB172	10,278.88	Staff Salaries
22/12/17	Anglian Water	DD	16.00	Water Rates Unit 1A
22/12/17	Anglian Water	DD	23.00	Water Rates Unit 1B

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Detail</u>
24/12/17	TalkTalk	DD	26.35	Office broadband
29/12/17	Cllr M Anderson	EB173	100.00	Councillors Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr Danny Brookes	EB173	425.00	Cllr & Mayor Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr J Carpenter	EB173	100.00	Councillors Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr N Cooper	EB173	125.00	Councillors Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr S Dennis	EB173	100.00	Councillors Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr D Edginton	EB173	100.00	Councillors Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr S Kirk	EB173	125.00	Councillors Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr C Macey	EB173	96.60	Councillors Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr M Gray	EB173	125.00	Councillors Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr T Burnham	EB173	100.00	Councillors Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr J Byford	EB173	125.00	Councillors Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr D Cargill	EB173	100.00	Councillors Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr D Kirk	EB173	125.00	Councillors Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr M Dannatt	EB173	100.00	Councillors Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr M Gabbitas	EB173	125.00	Councillors Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr S Blackburn	EB173	125.00	Councillors Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr J Brookes	EB173	125.00	Councillors Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr E Freeman	EB173	100.00	Councillors Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr G Ellis	EB173	100.00	Councillors Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr R Hall	EB173	100.00	Councillors Allowance
29/12/17	Cllr P Gaskell	EB173	100.00	Councillors Allowance

Total Payments 58,131.14

Our Ref: S SLD Adoption

15 December 2017

Planning Services

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Dear Sir/Madam

NOTIFICATION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN: SITE LOCATIONS

Pursuant to the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, I am writing to inform you that, Lincolnshire County Council adopted the Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Site Locations document on **15 December 2017**.

This follows receipt of the Inspector's Report concluding that the Site Locations document is legally compliant and sound. Whilst the Inspector did not recommend any Main Modifications to the document, the County Council has incorporated a number of minor modifications (known as "Additional Modifications") which do not affect the document's soundness.

The Site Locations document forms the second (and final) part of the Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan and includes specific proposals and policies for the provision of land for mineral and waste development. It has been prepared in accordance with the first part of the Plan, the adopted Core Strategy and Development Management Policies document.

The adopted Site Locations document and all associated documents including the Inspector's Report, a formal Adoption Statement, the Sustainability Appraisal (including SA/SEA Adoption Statement), Habitats Regulations Assessment and other background documents are available for inspection on the County Council's website at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste

In addition, paper copies of the Adoption Statement, the SA/SEA Adoption Statement, the adopted Site Locations document, and Inspector's Report are available for public inspection at Lincolnshire County Council's public libraries and the following County, District, City and Borough Council Offices during normal office/opening hours:

- Lincolnshire County Council, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln.
- Boston Borough Council, Municipal Buildings, Boston.
- East Lindsey District Council, Tedder Hall, Manby.
- City of Lincoln Council, City Hall, Beaumont Fee, Lincoln.
- North Kesteven District Council, District Offices, Kesteven Street, Sleaford.
- South Holland District Council, Council Offices, Priory Road, Spalding.
- South Kesteven District Council, Council Offices, St Peter's Hill, Grantham.
- West Lindsey District Council, Guildhall, Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough.

A full paper copy of the Sustainability Appraisal (including appendices) is also available to inspect at the County Council address given above.

Any person aggrieved by the adoption of the Site Locations document may, subject to the leave of the High Court, make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the grounds that:

- (a) the document is not within the appropriate power;
- (b) a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

An application for leave must be made before the end of the period of six weeks beginning with the day after the Site Locations document was adopted (i.e. the application for leave must be made by **26 January 2018**).

Yours faithfully

A. Winkley

Adrian Winkley

Minerals and Waste Policy Team Leader

SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT TO: COUNCIL 10TH JANUARY 2018
BY: TOWN CLERK
SUBJECT: Budget and Precept

PURPOSE: To set the budget and precept for 2018/19 and provisional financial plans for 2019/20 through to 2021/22.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Council reviewed and approved the budget and future year financial plans in November and put a choice over the precept level out to public consultation. The response to the consultation was very low and Council provisionally decided on a 4.75% increase for 2018/19 so that funds could be reserved to offset an expected 7% to 8% increase in years 2 and 4. The final precept figures could not be calculated at that time, as the Tax Base had not been confirmed.
- 1.2. The budget spreadsheet set out in **Appendix A**, contains the summarised budget heads for 2018/19 plus 3 future years. The working detail that makes up these was previously approved by Council in November following recommendations by the Committees. Income is based on the Fees and Charges proposed by the Business and Resources Committee and approved by Council in November.

2. GRANT AND TAX BASE

- 2.1 The Council Tax base has been increased this year to 5493 band D equivalent properties an increase of 159 Band D equivalent properties.

3.0 TOWN CLERK COMMENTS

- 3.1 The spreadsheet shows the summary budget heads based on the details reviewed and approved by Council in November 2017.
- 3.2 Government has confirmed that no referendum principles (capping) will apply to Town and Parish Councils for the next 3 years following which it will be reviewed by the DCLG. This news is welcome as it helps with future financial planning and gives some certainty.

- 3.3 In December Council determined that this report should be prepared with a 4.75% increase in mind, with the excess over the basic budget requirement placed into reserves so that future expected rates of increase over the next 3 years can be set at a similar level if required.
- 3.4 As the Tax Base has increased, the additional in-built funding this generates means that the Council has a new set of possible scenarios that it can consider. Since the December meeting, there has been considerable ill-informed and sometimes malicious speculation put out on Social Media that the cost of borrowing to fund the new Community Hub and the cost of implementation of the new Amenity Grass Cutting Team in 2018/19 will require massive increases in the precept to fund these. For those members of the public that have been misled by these assertions, the Council does not need to increase the precept in 2018/19 to pay for these items as they will be funded through reductions in other budget areas and by the extra funding generated from the tax base. They will then be established into the base budget.
- 3.5 A single year change in tax base has no beneficial impact on the percentage rise in future years as it will have already been built into the base. As a result larger increases can still be expected in years two and four. A number of potential scenarios have been prepared and are included in **Appendix A** two of which (scenarios 1 & 2) aim to manage this through the use of building then using reserves.

Scenario 1 - The proposed 4.75% provisional increase agreed at December's meeting

In this scenario with a **4.75%** increase, the precept would be **£435,637** and the Council would collect £25,510 more over the 4-year period than would be required to meet its anticipated 4-year budget plan. This would show as an increase in General Reserves over this time. The minimum recommended level of General Reserves to avoid any potential cash flow risks (i.e. 3 months expenditure) is likely to be £123,975 in 2021/22. This option has the most certainty in future years as the additional reserves could be used to mitigate any unexpected costs.

Scenario 2 – An increase that delivers matches that proposed by Lincolnshire County Council.

In this scenario the increase in 2018/19 would be **3.95%** and the precept would be **£432,287** with a similar level increase expected in each of the three further years. Reserves would increase by £17,450 over the 4-year plan.

Scenario 3 – The increase in 2018/19 is set at the current inflation level of 3.1%

In this scenario the increase in 2018/19 would be **3.1%** and the precept would be **£428,787**. This is an increase by the same rate as inflation (as per November 2017 figures). This would generate a contribution to reserves that could then be used to hold the increase at a similar rate for a further two years, but in year 4, the increase based on current figures would need to be 7.56%. However, by year 4 all figures are relatively speculative as the UK economy trends and national inflation rates are unpredictable following the exit from the European Union.

Scenario 4 - For comparison purposes the increases based on the new tax base but with no funds reserved for future use.

In this scenario the increase in 2018/19 would be **0.0%** and the precept would be **£415,887** but then requires a 7% increase in 2019/20, a 3.48% increase in 2020/21 and 7.69% in 2021/22.

TABLE OF SCENARIOS

Scenario	2018/19			2019/20		2020/21		2021/22	
	% inc	£PW inc	Total Precept	% inc	£PW inc	% inc	£PW inc	% inc	£PW inc
1	4.75%	£0.07	£435,637	4.75%	£0.07	4.75%	£0.08	4.75%	£0.08
2	3.95%	£0.06	£432,287	3.95%	£0.06	3.95%	£0.06	3.95%	£0.06
3	3.1%	£0.05	£428,787	3.1%	£0.05	3.1%	£0.05	7.56%	£0.12
4	0%	£0.00	£415,887	7.0%	£0.10	3.48%	£0.05	7.69%	£0.12

- 3.6 The increase figures per week above are rounded to the nearest penny and are based on a Band D property. Band A properties will pay 66.67% of these figures. Thus, a band D increase of 7p per week will be less than 5p per week. A band D charge of 5p per week will cost a band A property about 3p per week.

4.0 RECORDED VOTE

- 4.1 For decisions relating to the setting of the precept and budget, it is regarded as good practice for this to be a recorded vote.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 Council are recommended to

- a) Confirm the budget net of income for 2018/19 as £415,537.

- b) Note that the tax base for 2018/19 Band D equivalents is 5493.
- c) Set the precept payable for 2017/18 at a rate appropriate to deliver the agreed budget and future financial plans in accordance with the chosen scenario from section 3.3 above or any other alternative Council may propose.

FOR DECISION

For information relating to this report please contact The Town Clerk, Town Hall Skegness or email townclerk@skegness.gov.uk

Background papers – Budget Working Papers and Reports from:-
Direction & Strategy Committee 27th September 2017,
Business & Resources Committee 17th October 2017,
Council on 1st November 2017 and 6th December 2017

APPENDIX A

Skegness Town Council

Draft Budget for the Year Ended 31st March 2019

	ACTUAL 2016/17 £	BUDGET 2017/18 £	BUDGET 2018/19 £	DIFFERENCE	FORECAST 2019/20 £	FORECAST 2020/21 £	FORECAST 2021/2022 £
<u>EMPLOYEE COSTS</u>							
Total Employee Costs	183,542	229,701	249,964	20,263	266,974	274,463	311,669
<u>TOWN HALL OFFICES</u>							
Total Town Hall Offices Costs	9,281	13,297	13,646	349	13,800	13,900	14,000
<u>SUPPLIES & SERVICES</u>							
Total Supplies & Services Costs	15,015	16,275	18,775	2,500	18,800	18,900	19,000
<u>PROFESSIONAL FEES</u>							
Total Professional Fees Costs	4,926	3,600	3,800	200	3,845	3,900	3,950
<u>GRANTS AND DONATIONS</u>							
Total Grants and Donations Costs	4,973	5,100	4,500	- 600	4,500	4,500	4,500
<u>DEMOCRATIC AND CIVIC</u>							
Total Democratic and Civic Costs	21,422	20,580	22,130	1,550	22,350	22,350	22,350
<u>Publicity and Marketing</u>							
Total Publicity and Marketing Costs	20,083	25,200	18,700	- 6,500	18,700	18,700	18,700
<u>INDUSTRIAL UNIT</u>							
Total Industrial Unit Costs	8,918	8,141	16,132	7,991	16,132	16,132	16,132
<u>ALLOTMENTS</u>							
Net Income over Expenditure	2,408	2,140	2,090	- 50	2,090	2,250	2,250
<u>PUBLIC PROPERTY AND GROUNDS</u>							

Total Public Property Costs	62,072	176,320	117,500	-	58,820	131,600	139,600	137,600
INCOME								
Total Burial Grounds and Cemeteries Income	45,399	42,488	42,770		282	44,770	44,870	44,900
Net Cost Public Property	16,673	133,832	74,730	-	59,102	86,830	94,730	92,700
GENERAL INCOME								
Total General Income	1,073	750	4,750		4,000	4,850	4,850	4,850
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	330,563	499,014	465,996	-	33,018	497,551	513,295	548,751
TOTAL INCOME (NOT INCL PREPCEPT)	49,211	46,178	50,460		4,282	52,560	52,820	52,850
NET EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	281,352	452,837	415,537			444,991	460,475	495,901
SCENARIO 1								
Transfer into General Reserves	3,347		20,100			11,350	17,550	4,850
Transfer from General Reserves		49,000						
Precept needed	317,681	403,837	435,637			456,341	478,025	500,751
Band D Tax Base	5,332	5,334	5,493			5,493	5,493	5,493
Cost per Band D	£ 59.58	£ 75.71	£ 79.31			£ 83.08	£ 87.02	£ 91.16
Increase	£ 11.38	£ 16.11	£ 3.60			£ 3.77	£ 3.95	£ 4.14
Increased cost per week	£ 0.22	£ 0.31	£ 0.07			£ 0.07	£ 0.08	£ 0.08
Percentage Increase	23.62%	27.04%	4.75%			4.75%	4.75%	4.75%
SCENARIO 2								
Transfer into General Reserves	3,347		16,750			4,375	6,650	
Transfer from General Reserves		49,000						10,325
Precept needed	317,681	403,837	432,287			449,366	467,125	485,576
Band D Tax Base	5,332	5,334	5,493			5,493	5,493	5,493
Cost per Band D	£ 59.58	£ 75.71	£ 78.70			£ 81.81	£ 85.04	£ 88.40
Increase	£ 11.38	£ 16.11	£ 2.99			£ 3.11	£ 3.23	£ 3.36
Increased cost per week	£ 0.22	£ 0.31	£ 0.06			£ 0.06	£ 0.06	£ 0.06
Percentage Increase	23.62%	27.04%	3.95%			3.95%	3.95%	3.95%

SCENARIO 3							
Transfer into General Reserves	3,347		13,250				
Transfer from General Reserves		49,000			2,900	4,700	5,650
Precept needed	317,681	403,837	428,787		442,091	455,775	490,251
Band D Tax Base	5,332	5,334	5,493		5,493	5,493	5,493
Cost per Band D	£ 59.58	£ 75.71	£ 78.06		£ 80.48	£ 82.97	£ 89.25
Increase	£ 11.38	£ 16.11	£ 2.35		£ 2.42	£ 2.49	£ 6.28
Increased cost per week	£ 0.22	£ 0.31	£ 0.05		£ 0.05	£ 0.05	£ 0.12
Percentage Increase	23.62%	27.04%	3.10%		3.10%	3.10%	7.56%
SCENARIO 4							
Transfer into General Reserves	3,347		350				
Transfer from General Reserves		49,000					
Precept needed	317,681	403,837	415,887		444,991	460,475	495,901
Band D Tax Base	5,332	5,334	5,493		5,493	5,493	5,493
Cost per Band D	£ 59.58	£ 75.71	£ 75.71		£ 81.01	£ 83.83	£ 90.28
Increase	£ 11.38	£ 16.11	£ 0.00		£ 5.30	£ 2.82	£ 6.45
Increased cost per week	£ 0.22	£ 0.31	£ 0.00		£ 0.10	£ 0.05	£ 0.12
Percentage Increase	23.62%	27.04%	0.00%		7.00%	3.48%	7.69%
RESERVES							
General Reserves	88,479						
Ear Marked Reserves							
Cemetery Extension	185,000						
Community Led Plan	21,792						
Legal Fee	10,500						
Sunshine Play Area	40,000						
ITC and Office Fund	8,471						

Public Property Replacement	48,000						
Civic Awards	2,900						
Investment Reserve	10,000						
War Memorial	2,000						
Total Ear Marked Reserves	328,663	-	-				
TOTAL RESERVES	417,142						