

AGENDA

for

the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the
Council to be held at

**THE COUNCIL HOUSE
ATHERSTONE**

on

14 MAY 2014

at

6.30pm



North Warwickshire
Borough Council

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Date : 6 May 2014

To: All Members of the Council

Dear Sir / Madam

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, the Council House, South Street, Atherstone, on Wednesday 14 May 2014 at 6.30pm. Members are invited to join the Mayor for prayers led by the Reverend Roger Chamberlain, Vicar of Baddesley Ensor, prior to the commencement of business.

After prayer, the following business will be transacted:

- 1 Evacuation Procedure.
- 2 To elect the Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year. (The Mayor will then make a declaration of acceptance of office and the Mayor and Mayoress/Consort will be invested with the Chain and Badge of Office by the retiring Mayor. The retiring Mayor and Consort will then be presented by the Mayor with Past Mayor's and Consort's Badges).
- 3 Apologies for absence / Members away on official Council business.
- 4 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests
- 5 To receive the Mayor's Announcements.
- 6 The Mayor to move, in accordance with Standing Order No 6(1):
"That the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 26 February 2014 be approved as a correct record".
- 7 To appoint the Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year. (The Deputy Mayor will then make a declaration of acceptance of office and the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress/Consort will be invested with their Badges of Office by the Mayor).

- 8 (a) To decide, in accordance with Standing Order No 23(2), the number of Members on each of the following for the ensuing year (current numbers in brackets):-
- Executive Board (9)
 - Special Sub-Group (5)
 - Safer Communities Sub-Committee (7)
 - Local Development Framework Sub-Committee (7)
 - Community and Environment Board (9)
 - Resources Board (9)
 - Housing Sub-Committee (7)
 - Planning and Development Board (15)
 - Scrutiny Board (15)
 - Standards Committee (5)
 - Licensing Committee (15)
 - Area Forums
 - Spokespersons
- (b) After considering recommendations from the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the other political group on the Council (to be circulated at the meeting), to appoint Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen and other Members to the bodies referred to in (a) above;
- (c) After consideration of the recommendations of the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the other political group on the Council, to appoint representatives of the Council to serve on outside bodies, in accordance with Standing Order No 41.
- 9 To authorise the Chief Executive, in accordance with Article 13.05 of the Articles of the Constitution, to Sign and Seal, on behalf of the Council, any Orders, Deeds and Documents necessary to give effect to any resolution of the Council.

Yours faithfully



Chief Executive

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT ATHERSTONE
COLLEGE, RATCLIFFE ROAD, ATHERSTONE ON
WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2014**

Present: Councillor Ferro in the Chair.

Councillors Butcher, L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks, Forwood, Fowler, Fox, Freer, Humphreys, Johnston, Lea, Lewis, May, Moore, Morson, B Moss, M Moss, Phillips, Pickard, Sherratt, Simpson, Smith, A Stanley, M Stanley, Y Stanley, Sweet, Turley, Watkins, Winter and Wykes.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barber, Davis, Hayfield, Holland and Payne.

Before the commencement of business Jonathan Ferro led the Council in Prayer.

33 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Watkins declared a pecuniary interest in any reference in the minutes to the development of the new indoor leisure facilities in Coleshill.

34 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 December 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

35 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor made the following announcements

- that his Bavarian Oompah night would be held at Coleshill Town Hall on Friday 28 March 2014; and
- that he would be taking part in a virtual charity bike ride on Saturday 29 March 2014.

36 Questions Pursuant to Standing Order No. 7

There were no questions received pursuant to Standing Order No 7.

37 Minutes of Boards/Committees

a) Area Forum (East) – 3 December 2013 and 4 February 2014

It was proposed by Councillor Forwood, seconded by Councillor N Dirveiks and

Resolved:

That the notes of the meetings of Area Forum (East) held on 3 December 2013 and 4 February 2014 be approved and adopted.

b) Area Forum (South) – 5 December 2013

It was proposed by Councillor Sherratt, seconded by Councillor Turley and

Resolved:

That the notes of the meeting of Area Forum (South) held on 5 December 2013 be approved and adopted.

c) Planning and Development Board – 16 December 2013, 13 January and 10 February 2014

It was proposed by Councillor Sweet, seconded by Councillor Winter and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning and Development Board held on 16 December 2013, 13 January and 10 February 2014, together with the recommendation contained therein, be approved and adopted.

d) Scrutiny Board – 7 January 2014

It was proposed by Councillor Pickard, seconded by Councillor Lewis and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Board held on 7 January 2014, be approved and adopted.

e) Community and Environment Board – 20 January 2014

It was proposed by Councillor Phillips, seconded by Councillor Lewis and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Board held on 20 January 2014, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

f) Resources Board – 27 January 2014

It was proposed by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor N Dirveiks and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Resources Board held on 27 January 2014, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

g) Licensing Committee – 27 January 2014

It was proposed by Councillor Morson, seconded by Councillor Forwood and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Licensing Committee held on 27 January 2014, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

h) Executive Board – 27 January and 11 February 2014

(i) Minute No 62 – Local Government Structures

It was proposed by Councillor M Stanley seconded by Councillor Smith by way of amendment

“b That in the light of the decision of the County Council to explore the opportunities of unitary local government in Warwickshire, this Council reconvenes the Democratic Structures Task and Finish Group and asks it to consider options for alternative ways of working including structural changes and to make recommendations to a future Meeting of the Council on the way forward, including public engagement within the Borough on proposals for future working.”

Upon being put to the meeting the Mayor declared that the amendment to be approved.

(ii) Minute No 64 – HS2

It was proposed by Councillor M Stanley seconded by Councillor Smith by way of amendment

“d That no representations having been received this Council becomes a petitioning authority to oppose the HS2 Bill in Parliament.”

Upon being put to the meeting the Mayor declared that the amendment to be approved.

(iii) Minute No 74 - General Fund Revenue Estimates 2014 – 2015 and Setting the Council Tax 2014 – 2015

It was proposed by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Humphreys by way of amendment

“That recommendations a, b and d are replaced by the following

- a That the savings of £633,650, are increased by the additional savings of £40,000 set out in the table below;**
- b That the revised estimate for the year 2013/14 and the revenue estimates for 2014/15, as amended by the additional savings, be approved;**
- d That the preferred Council Tax option for 2013/14 be a reduction of 1%;**

recommendations c, e and f remain as set out.

Additional Savings Proposals

Additional Savings	£
The Mayoral budget	15,000
Training budget	15,000
Revenue Contributions to Capital Spending	10,000
Total	40,000

In accordance with Standing Order No11(3) the recorded vote was as follows

For – Councillors Fowler, Fox, Freer, Humphreys, Johnston, Lea, May, Sherratt, Smith, Watkins and Wykes (11)

Against – Councillors Butcher, L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks, Ferro, Forwood, Lewis, Moore, Morson, M Moss, Phillips, Pickard, A Stanley, M Stanley, Y Stanley, Sweet, Turley and Winter (17)

The Mayor declared the amendment to be lost.

The substantive motion as follows was then put to the meeting as follows

- “a That the savings of £633,650 shown in Appendix D to the report be approved;**

- b** That the revised revenue estimate for 2013/14 and the revenue estimate for 2014/15 shown in Appendix E to the report be approved;
- c** That the preferred Council Tax option for 2014/15 be a 0% increase on Band D;
- d** That the Deputy Chief Executive's comments on the minimum acceptable level of general reserves as shown in Appendix F to the report be noted; and
- e** That the manpower estimate for the year 2014/15 as shown in Appendix G to the report be noted."

In accordance with Standing Order No11(3) the recorded vote was as follows

For – Councillors Butcher, L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks, Ferro, Forwood, Fox, Lewis, Moore, Morson, M Moss, Phillips, Pickard, A Stanley, M Stanley, Y Stanley, Sweet, Turley and Winter (18)

Against – Councillors Fowler, Freer, Humphreys, Johnston, Lea, May, Sherratt, Smith, Watkins and Wykes (10)

The Mayor declared that the substantive motion to be approved.

It was then proposed by Councillor M Stanley, seconded by Councillor Sweet and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of Executive Board held on 27 January and 11 February 2014, together with the recommendations contained therein as amended and agreed at (i), (ii) and (iii) above and as set out in Appendix 1 hereto, be approved and adopted.

i) Area Forum (North) – 6 February 2014

It was proposed by Councillor Morson, seconded by Councillor Winter and

Resolved:

That, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Winter in the list of those present, the notes of the meeting of Area Forum (North) held on 6 February 2014 be approved and adopted.

j) Area Forum (West) – 13 February 2014

It was proposed by Councillor M Moss, seconded by Councillor Lea and

Resolved:

That the notes of the meeting of Area Forum (West) held on 13 February 2014 be approved and adopted.

38 Notice of Motion under Standing Order No. 10

There were no Notices of Motion received under Standing Order No. 10.

39 The Common Seal

It was proposed by Councillor Ferro, seconded by Councillor Winter and

Resolved:

That the Chief Executive be authorised to affix the Common Seal to any document as necessary to give effect to the decisions of the Council, in accordance with Article 13.05 of the Articles of the Constitution.

Chairman of the next ensuing meeting of the Council

GENERAL FUND REVENUE ESTIMATES 2014/15 AND SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX 2014/15

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

- a That the savings of £633,650 be approved (Appendix D);
- b That the revised revenue estimate for 2013/14 and the revenue estimate for 2014/15 be approved (Appendix E);
- c That the preferred Council Tax option for 2014/15 be a 0% increase on Band D;
- d That the Deputy Chief Executive's comments on the minimum acceptable level of general reserves be noted (Appendix F);
- e That the manpower estimate for the year 2014/15 be approved (Appendix G);

- h1 That it be noted that in January 2014, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base for 2014/15:**
 - a for the whole Council area as £19,336.17 (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 as in the attached Appendix B.

- h2 That the Council Tax Requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2014/15 (excluding Parish precepts) is £4,008,390;**

- h3 That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2014/15, in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:-**
 - a £55,802,950.98 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,
 - b £50,926,000.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act,
 - c £4,876,950.98 being the amount by which the aggregate at h3(a) above exceeds the aggregate of h3(b) 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),
 - d £252.22 being the amount at h3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (h1(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 Councils),
 - e £868,560.98 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix B).
 - f £207.30 being the amount of h3(d) above, less the result given by dividing the amount at h3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with

Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

- h4 To note that for 2014/15, Warwickshire County Council and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire have issued precepts to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.**
- h5 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 table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.**

Precepting Authority	Valuation Bands							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
North Warwickshire BC	138.20	161.23	184.27	207.30	253.37	299.43	345.50	414.60
Warwickshire CC	785.46	916.37	1,047.28	1,178.19	1,440.01	1,701.83	1,963.65	2,356.38
Warwickshire Police Auth.	123.04	143.55	164.05	184.56	225.57	266.59	307.60	369.12
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,046.70	1,221.15	1,395.60	1,570.05	1,918.95	2,267.85	2,616.75	3,140.10

- h6 The Council has determined that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2014/15 is not excessive, in accordance with the principles approved under section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.**

COUNCIL TAX AMOUNTS 2014/2015

APPENDIX B

Area Name	A	B	C	A	B	C
	Precept £	2013/14 Taxbase*	Band D £	Precept £	2014/15 Taxbase*	Band D £
<u>Parishes</u>						
Ansley	19,000.00	572.76	33.17	19,000.00	577.32	32.91
Arley	23,723.00	806.83	29.40	24,291.00	818.96	29.66
Astley	1,067.00	62.00	17.21	1,300.00	64.07	20.29
Atherstone	186,160.00	2,421.77	76.87	149,270.00	2,440.33	61.17
Austrey	10,400.00	378.88	27.45	10,400.00	382.75	27.17
Baddesley Ensor	39,000.00	476.48	81.85	41,000.00	486.70	84.24
Baxterley	10,794.00	121.79	88.63	10,889.00	120.37	90.46
Bentley/ Merevale	700.00	45.72	15.31	700.00	47.97	14.59
Caldecote	0.00	76.88	-	0.00	76.93	-
Coleshill	217,089.00	2,218.12	97.87	217,838.00	2,225.78	97.87
Corley	14,170.00	288.04	49.19	15,000.00	287.57	52.16
Curdworth	18,636.00	467.74	39.84	18,636.00	471.40	39.53
Dordon	23,460.00	805.24	29.13	23,460.00	812.87	28.86
Fillongley	16,055.00	624.96	25.69	16,210.00	627.43	25.84
Great Packington	0.00	53.03	-	0.00	54.58	-
Grendon	16,776.00	507.90	33.03	16,941.00	516.16	32.82
Hartshill	82,731.60	1,010.26	81.89	86,290.98	1,015.79	84.95
Kingsbury	26,517.00	2,266.47	11.70	26,517.00	2,308.23	11.49
Lea Marston	4,138.11	138.11	29.96	4,721.00	138.75	34.03
Little Packington	0.00	17.10	-	0.00	19.91	-
Mancetter	19,686.00	613.26	32.10	20,736.00	624.51	33.20
Maxstoke	4,763.00	110.59	43.07	4,795.00	109.05	43.97
Middleton	11,481.00	292.08	39.31	11,619.00	297.83	39.01
Nether Whitacre	9,418.00	433.59	21.72	9,497.00	430.59	22.06
Newton Regis/ Seckington	9,052.00	213.50	42.40	9,180.00	219.24	41.87
Over Whitacre	2,127.00	180.24	11.80	2,000.00	183.03	10.93
Polesworth	58,775.00	2,348.19	25.03	59,196.00	2,365.01	25.03
Shustoke	8,311.00	190.09	43.72	9,840.00	193.81	50.77
Shuttington	4,308.00	148.72	28.97	4,435.00	150.05	29.56
Water Orton	51,031.00	1,169.79	43.62	53,299.00	1,207.03	44.16
Wishaw	1,500.00	61.27	24.48	1,500.00	62.15	24.14
Total Precept	890,868.71	19,121.40		868,560.98	19,336.17	

COUNCIL TAX CHARGES BY PRECEPTING AUTHORITY

Area Name	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	6/9 £	7/9 £	8/9 £	9/9 £	11/9 £	13/9 £	15/9 £	18/9 £
North Warwickshire Borough Council (including average Parish charge)	168.15	196.17	224.19	252.22	308.27	364.32	420.37	504.44
North Warwickshire Borough Council (excluding Parishes)	138.20	161.23	184.27	207.30	253.37	299.43	345.50	414.60
Warwickshire County Council	785.46	916.37	1,047.28	1,178.19	1,440.01	1,701.83	1,963.65	2,356.38
Warwickshire Police Authority	123.04	143.55	164.05	184.56	225.57	266.59	307.60	369.12
<u>Parishes</u>								
Ansley	21.94	25.60	29.25	32.91	40.22	47.54	54.85	65.82
Arley	19.77	23.07	26.36	29.66	36.25	42.84	49.43	59.32
Astley	13.53	15.78	18.04	20.29	24.80	29.31	33.82	40.58
Atherstone	40.78	47.58	54.37	61.17	74.76	88.36	101.95	122.34
Austrey	18.11	21.13	24.15	27.17	33.21	39.25	45.28	54.34
Baddesley Ensor	56.16	65.52	74.88	84.24	102.96	121.68	140.40	168.48
Baxterley	60.31	70.36	80.41	90.46	110.56	130.66	150.77	180.92
Bentley/ Merevale	9.73	11.35	12.97	14.59	17.83	21.07	24.32	29.18
Caldecote	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coleshill	65.25	76.12	87.00	97.87	119.62	141.37	163.12	195.74
Corley	34.77	40.57	46.36	52.16	63.75	75.34	86.93	104.32
Curdworth	26.35	30.75	35.14	39.53	48.31	57.10	65.88	79.06
Dordon	19.24	22.45	25.65	28.86	35.27	41.69	48.10	57.72
Fillongley	17.23	20.10	22.97	25.84	31.58	37.32	43.07	51.68
Great Packington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grendon	21.88	25.53	29.17	32.82	40.11	47.41	54.70	65.64
Hartshill	56.63	66.07	75.51	84.95	103.83	122.71	141.58	169.90
Kingsbury	7.66	8.94	10.21	11.49	14.04	16.60	19.15	22.98
Lea Marston	22.69	26.47	30.25	34.03	41.59	49.15	56.72	68.06
Little Packington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mancetter	22.13	25.82	29.51	33.20	40.58	47.96	55.33	66.40
Maxstoke	29.31	34.20	39.08	43.97	53.74	63.51	73.28	87.94
Middleton	26.01	30.34	34.68	39.01	47.68	56.35	65.02	78.02
Nether Whitacre	14.71	17.16	19.61	22.06	26.96	31.86	36.77	44.12
Newton Regis/ Seckington	27.91	32.57	37.22	41.87	51.17	60.48	69.78	83.74
Over Whitacre	7.29	8.50	9.72	10.93	13.36	15.79	18.22	21.86
Polesworth	16.69	19.47	22.25	25.03	30.59	36.15	41.72	50.06
Shustoke	33.85	39.49	45.13	50.77	62.05	73.33	84.62	101.54
Shuttington	19.71	22.99	26.28	29.56	36.13	42.70	49.27	59.12
Water Orton	29.44	34.35	39.25	44.16	53.97	63.79	73.60	88.32
Wishaw	16.09	18.78	21.46	24.14	29.50	34.87	40.23	48.28

APPENDIX D

Savings/Additional Income included in 2014/15 figures

Board	Description	2014/15 £
All	CSS and Service budgets pay award	(70,310)
C & E	Move to alternate weekly domestic refuse collection and new recycling collections	(111,770)
C & E	Reduce size of Area Forum	(17,500)
C & E	Restrict Weed treatments	(6,360)
C & E	Cancel membership of Coventry Solihull Warwickshire Sport	(3,400)
C & E	Review Carriageway sweeping & weekend cleaning contract	(30,000)
C & E	Reduction in Corporate Subscriptions in Public Health (Commercial Pollution Control) Service	(850)
C & E	Additional income on Public Health (Commercial Pollution Control) Export Health Certs	(6,790)
C & E	Recharge from the Coleshill School at new Coleshill Leisure Centre	(7,050)
C & E	Additional Leisure Centre income above inflation	(6,300)
C & E	Reduction in Play Area wages	(450)
C & E	Reduction in Cesspool disposal costs	(7,500)
Exec	Reduce costs of printing North Talk	(4,630)
Exec	Sale of Advertising space in North Talk	(1,420)
Licence	Additional Street Traders licence income	(380)
P & D	Additional Planning Fee income	(75,000)
Resources	Change Contact Centre Software	(28,040)
Resources	Salary Savings (DCE reduced hours and Management Team & Civic Support Officer post)	(39,140)
Resources	Salary Savings (Restructure Hsg Lettings)	(4,460)
Resources	Reduce telephone costs	(1,070)
Resources	Salary Saving (Senior Policy Support Officer post)	(35,950)
Resources	Staff Lease cars	(24,780)
Resources	Reduction in BMF arising from the sale of The Arcade	(6,560)
Resources	Travel cost relating to mileage	(6,010)
Resources	Computer audit fees	(3,080)
Resources	Chief Executive appraisal	(2,140)
Resources	Reduction in level of CIPFA Statistics subscription	(1,650)
Resources	Cancelled APSE subscription within Leisure Centres	(1,440)
Resources	Private mileage contributions	(840)
Resources	Electronic record storage	(520)
Resources	Mobile phones	(450)
Resources	Potential savings on disaster recovery when renewed	(2,000)
Resources	Legal fee income related to business rate and benefits	(29,330)
Resources	Customer Contact overtime	(2,990)
Resources	Recovery of rent allowance overpayments	(25,000)
Resources	Recovery of rent rebates overpayments	(20,000)
Resources	Travel tokens and taxi vouchers	(2,740)

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Board	Description	2014/15 £
Resources	Corporate subscription(s) within Cost of Democratic Process	(4,510)
Resources	Past employee pension payments	(2,170)
Resources	Corporate subscriptions within Corporate and Democratic Core	(1,620)
Resources	Carlyon Road business rates	(4,390)
Resources	Carlyon Road rental income	(11,950)
Resources	Innage Park utilities	(5,840)
Resources	Innage Park rental income	(12,590)
Resources	Parking penalties (net of any increase in warden fees)	(2,680)
	OVERALL TOTAL	(633,650)

SUMMARY OF REVENUE REQUIREMENTS

Revised 2013/2014 Gross Expenditure	Revised 2013/2014 Gross Income	Revised 2013/2014 Net Expenditure		2014/2015 Gross Expenditure	2014/2015 Gross Income	2014/2015 Net Expenditure
£	£	£		£	£	£
7,395,680	2,150,250	5,245,430	Community and Environment	7,127,030.00	2,137,420.00	4,989,610.00
880,170	600,610	279,560	Planning and Development	916,440.00	462,710.00	453,730.00
136,200	129,980	6,220	Licensing	130,290.00	127,850.00	2,440.00
19,117,670	16,071,570	3,046,100	Resources	19,382,700.00	15,969,150.00	3,413,550.00
681,860	64,410	617,450	Executive	633,170.00	9,160.00	624,010.00
11,556,440	11,556,440	-	Council Housing	12,152,400.00	12,152,400.00	-
28,000	-	28,000	Contingencies	119,320.00	-	119,320.00
-	90,000	(90,000)	Interest on balances	-	100,000.00	(100,000.00)
-	876,260	(876,260)	Financing adjustment	-	742,810.00	(742,810.00)
			RCCO (Revenue Contribution to Capital Outlay)	119,000.00	-	119,000.00
119,000	-	119,000	Grant payments to Parish Councils (CTS)	98,210.00	-	98,210.00
112,240	-	112,240	Revenue Support Grant	-	1,963,180.00	(1,963,180.00)
-	2,523,370	(2,523,370)	Business Rates	-	15,967,260.00	(15,967,260.00)
-	15,677,040	(15,677,040)	Business Rates - Tariffs	14,255,830.00	-	14,255,830.00
13,983,420	-	13,983,420	Levy Payment	-	-	-
14,950	-	14,950	New Homes Bonus	-	514,490.00	(514,490.00)
-	401,290	(401,290)	Council Tax Support Transitional Grant	-	-	-
-	17,770	(17,770)	Council Tax Special Grant	-	44,850.00	(44,850.00)
-	45,000	(45,000)	Surplus / Deficit on Collection Fund	-	139,260.00	(139,260.00)
-	-	-		-	-	-
54,025,630	50,203,990	3,821,640		54,934,390.00	50,330,540.00	4,603,850.00
142,230	-	142,230	Use of balances	-	595,460.00	(595,460.00)
54,167,860	50,203,990	3,963,870	3,963,870	54,934,390.00	50,926,000.00	4,008,390.00
890,869	-	890,869	Special items - Parish precepts	868,560.98	-	868,560.98
55,058,729	50,203,990	4,854,739	Council Tax	55,802,950.98	50,926,000.00	4,876,950.98

STATEMENT FROM THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Local Government Act 2003 requires the Chief Financial Officer to report on the robustness of the revenue estimates made for the budget calculations and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves.

The information used in the preparation of the budget put forward for Members' approval tonight within the revenue budget resolution has undergone extensive and detailed analysis by;

- The Council's Management Team
- Assistant Directors and Budget holders within their areas of responsibility
- The Boards of the Council
- The Deputy Chief Executive, the Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) and staff within Management Accounts

The revenue estimates have been prepared within the guidelines established by the 2014 - 2018 Budget Strategy, approved by the Executive Board at its meeting in September 2013.

I am therefore convinced that the revenue estimates that are put forward for approval have been prepared upon realistic assumptions of Council service requirements and represent a robust budget.

Only identified savings have been included within the 2014/15 budget proposal being considered, with around 70% certain to be achieved. In the event that some are not achieved, due to unexpected circumstances, the Council has sufficient reserves to cover any immediate budget shortfall and manage its financial position. A robust approach will need to be taken to achieve the savings targets over the remainder of the Medium Term Financial Strategy, to enable the Council to continue to manage its financial position. Where possible, the savings should be found and included in the budget as early as possible, as this has a beneficial impact on the level of balances available.

As part of the overall process, a comprehensive risk assessment has been undertaken of the Council's financial position and it has been determined that the Council's minimum general reserve provision of £1.3 million is appropriate for the Council and that the budgetary requirement set out for 2014/15 and the forecasts for the subsequent three years, will keep the level of reserves at this minimum level.

Therefore, I am of the view that the budget proposed for 2014/15 does provide for an adequate level of reserves, and this will be maintained over the Medium Term, provided the Council adheres to its approved Medium Term Financial Strategy and deliver the required savings.

MANPOWER BUDGET

The Board estimates contain the effect of the following changes in employee numbers.

	2013/14 Estimate (original) FTE	2014/15 Estimate FTE
Monthly Paid	351	349
Total	351	349