

AGENDA

for

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

**THE COUNCIL HOUSE
ATHERSTONE**

on

16 May 2012

at

6.30pm

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Our ref : DH/JB C7

Date : 8 May 2012

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 16 May 2012 at 6.30pm. Members are invited to join the Mayor for prayers led by the Venerable Alan Davis 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 Mayoress will then be presented by the Mayor with Past Mayor's and Mayoress's Badges).
- 3 Apologies for absence / Members away on official Council business.
- 4 Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest other than those declared in the minutes of the meetings of Boards/Committees and any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Fowler, Fox, Hayfield, Lea, May, B Moss and Sweet and membership of the various Town or Parish Councils of Councillors Barber (Ansley), Butcher (Polesworth), Davis (Atherstone), Fox (Shustoke), Freer (Atherstone), Lewis (Kingsbury), Moore (Baddesley Ensor), Morson (Dordon), B Moss (Kingsbury), M Moss (Kingsbury), Phillips (Kingsbury), Sherratt (Coleshill), M Stanley (Polesworth), Y Stanley (Polesworth) and Winter (Dordon) all of which interests are deemed to be declared at this meeting.
- 5 The Mayor to move, in accordance with Standing Order No 6(1):

“That the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22 February 2012 be approved as a correct record”.

- 6 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).
- 7 To receive the Mayor’s announcements and to present Long Service Pendants to the following:-

	COUNCILLOR <i>(alphabetically)</i>	LENGTH OF SERVICE
1)	Joan Lea	25 Years
2)	Peter Morson	25 Years
3)	John Winter	25 Years

- 8 (a) To decide, in accordance with Standing Order No 23(2), the number of Members and Substitutes on each of the following for the ensuing year (current numbers in brackets):-

Executive Board (9)
 Safer Communities Sub-Committee (5)
 Local Development Framework Sub-Committee (7)
 Community and Environment Board (9)
 Resources Board (9)
 Housing Sub-Committee (5)
 Planning and Development Board (15)
 Scrutiny Board (15)
 Standards Committee (5)
 Licensing Committee (15)
 Special Sub-Group (5)
 Area Forums
 together with the number of Portfolio Holders (2) and their areas of responsibility;

- (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 (with the exception of the Standards Committee) and Portfolio Holders, as appropriate, 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 THE
COUNCIL HOUSE, ATHERSTONE ON
WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2012**

Present: Councillor Butcher in the Chair.

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

Mr Stan Orton (Chairman of the Standards Committee) was also in attendance.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Davis.

Before the commencement of business, Father Philip Wells led the Council in Prayer.

34 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest other than those declared in the minutes of the meetings of Boards/Committees and any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Fowler, Fox, Hayfield, May, Lea, B Moss and Sweet and membership of the various Town or Parish Councils of Councillors Barber (Ansley), Butcher (Polesworth), Fox (Shustoke), Freer (Atherstone), Lewis (Kingsbury), Moore (Baddesley Ensor), Morson (Dordon), B Moss (Kingsbury), M Moss (Kingsbury), Phillips (Kingsbury), Pickard (Atherstone), M Stanley (Polesworth), Y Stanley (Polesworth) and Winter (Dordon) all of which interests were deemed to be declared at this meeting.

35 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 14 December 2011 and 17 January 2012 were approved as correct records and signed by the Mayor.

36 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor reported that

- **his Annual Dinner Dance was to be held on Friday 30 March 2012; and**
- **his Charity Golf Day was to be held at the Belfry on Tuesday 17 April 2012**

37 **Questions Pursuant to Standing Order No. 7**

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

38 **Minutes of Boards/Committees**

- a) **Planning and Development Board** – 19 December 2011, 16 January and 13 February 2012

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 19 December 2011, 16 January and 13 February 2012 be approved and adopted.

- b) **Community and Environment Board** – 23 January 2012

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 23 January 2012 be approved and adopted.

- c) **Licensing Committee** – 30 January 2012

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 30 January 2012, together with the recommendation contained therein, be approved and adopted.

- d) **Resources Board** – 30 January 2012

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Resources Board held on 30 January 2012, together with the recommendation contained therein, be approved and adopted.

- e) **Executive Board** – 4 January and 6 February 2012

- i) **Minute No 68 - Nominated Governor – George Eliot Hospital**

It was proposed by Councillor Hayfield and seconded by Councillor

Smith that Councillor Humphreys be nominated as the Council's representative.

It was then proposed by Councillor M Stanley and seconded by Councillor Sweet that Councillor Winter be nominated as the Council's representative.

Upon being put to the meeting the Mayor declared Councillor Winter as the Council's representative to sit on the Board of Governors for the George Eliot Hospital.

ii) Minute No 75 - Corporate Plan 2012/13

It was proposed by Councillor Hayfield and seconded by Councillor Simpson by way of amendment

“a That the Chief Executive be instructed to revise the draft Corporate Plan to:

(i) Strike out targets that have no identifiable means of resource to support them; that are in effect only an aspiration rather than deliverable; and

(ii) In relation to those targets ‘to be funded from existing budgets’ to clarify those where an identified budget provision exists and those that can only be funded from existing budgets by making further savings within that area and that a report on the revised Corporate Plan be considered at the next meeting of the Executive Board;

b That any targets which do not fall into categories (i) and (ii) above be approved, subject to any further amendments which may be needed as a result of the adoption of the 2012-13 budget; and

c That the Service Plan for the Assistant Chief Executive & Solicitor to the Council, as set out in Appendix B to the report, be agreed.”

In accordance with Standing Order No. 11 (1) the recorded vote on the amendment by Councillor Hayfield was as follows:-

For: Councillors Barber, Fowler, Fox, Freer, Hayfield, Holland, Humphreys, Johnston, Lea, May, Payne, Sherratt, Simpson, Smith, Watkins and Wykes (16)

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

The Mayor declared the amendment to be lost.

iii) Minute No 77 - The Proposed 3 Year Capital Programme

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

“Recommended:

- a That the Revised Capital Programme for 2011/12 as set out in Appendix A be adopted;**
- b That the 3 Year Capital Programme for the period 2012/13 to 2014/15 as set out in Appendix B be adopted save that:**
 - (i) all capital spending allocations on the Council’s commercial and industrial properties remain unconfirmed pending a review of their future within the authority;**
 - (ii) an external land agent be appointed to do a rapid review of our property portfolio and make recommendations to the July meeting of the Council as to the cost benefits of retaining or disposing of those properties and the Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to meet the costs of the appointment from reserves, following consultation with the Chairman of Resources Board;**
 - (iii) following consideration of those recommendations, that Council reviews the capital spending programme;**
 - (iv) the future management of that property portfolio then be placed into the hands of an external agent to let/dispose of that portfolio as per the recommendations agreed by Council; and**
- c That the prudential indicators set out in Appendix F, subject to any changes that may be required as a result of decisions taken during this evening’s meeting, be approved.”**

Upon being put to the meeting the Mayor declared the amendment to be lost.

iv) Minute No 80 - General Fund Revenue Estimates 2012 -2013 and

Setting the Council Tax 2012-13

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

“That the Council adds recommendations:

- a2 That a sum of £5,000 for each Area Forum be made available from balances as a one-off additional allocation to help fund local community and parish celebrations on the occasion of Her Majesty’s Diamond Jubilee, and that parish councils and community groups be notified immediately of the revised availability of funds; and**
- b2 That the additional savings set out on the sheet provided by the Leader of the Opposition be approved and taken out of the 2012/13 budget;**

and amends recommendation e to

- e That the preferred Council Tax option for 2012/13 be a 1% decrease on Band D with an increase in the required savings for 2013/14 to £532,000 included in the Financial Strategy.”**

In accordance with Standing Order No. 11 (1) the recorded vote on the amendment by Councillor Hayfield was as follows:-

For: Councillors Barber, Fowler, Fox, Freer, Hayfield, Holland, Humphreys, Johnston, Lea, May, Payne, Sherratt, Simpson, Smith, Watkins and Wykes (16)

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

The Mayor declared the amendment to be lost.

It was then proposed by Councillor Simpson and seconded by Councillor Phillips by way of further amendment

“That a sum of £20,000 for Area Forums (£5,000 per Forum) be made available from balances as a one-off additional allocation to help fund local community and parish celebrations on the occasion of Her Majesty’s Diamond Jubilee, and that parish councils and community groups be notified immediately of the revised availability of funds.”

Upon being put to the meeting the Mayor declared the amendment to be carried.

The substantive motion was then put to the meeting

- “a That the total amount of growth to be included within the 2012/13 budget estimates be noted;**
- b That the reduction in support for Live and Local be amended from £1,500 to £500 and the reduced savings of £558,550 be approved;**
- c That Area Forums are required to set aside £500 per Forum for applications relating to the Arts;**
- d That a sum of £20,000 for Area Forums (£5,000 per Forum) be made available from balances as a one-off additional allocation to help fund local community and parish celebrations on the occasion of Her Majesty’s Diamond Jubilee, and that parish councils and community groups be notified immediately of the revised availability of funds;**
- e That the revised estimate for the year 2011/12, including the supplementary estimate, and the revenue estimates for 2012/13 be approved;**
- f That the preferred Council Tax option for 2012/13 be 0%;**
- g That the Deputy Chief Executive’s comments on the minimum acceptable level of general reserves be noted;**
- h That the manpower estimates for the year 2012/13 be approved; and**
- i That the Council Tax resolution be amended to reflect the revised savings, the 0% Council Tax increase and any change in format required under the Localism Act, and be forwarded to the Council for consideration.”**

Upon being put to the meeting the Mayor declared the substantive motion to be carried.

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 4 January and 6 February 2012, together with the recommendations contained therein as amended at i) and iv) above and as set out in Appendix 1 hereto, be approved and adopted.

- f) Area Forum (East) – 7 February 2012**

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

Resolved:

That the notes of the meeting of Area Forum (East) held on 7 February 2012 be approved and adopted.

g) Area Forum (North) – 9 February 2012

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

Resolved:

That the notes of the meeting of Area Forum (North) held on 9 February 2012 be approved and adopted.

h) Scrutiny Board – 14 February 2012

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Board held on 14 February 2012 be approved and adopted.

39 Notice of Motion Under Standing Order No. 10

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

40 The Common Seal

It was proposed by Councillor Butcher, 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

COUNCIL MEETING – 22 FEBRUARY 2012

General Fund Revenue Estimates 2012/13 and Setting the Council Tax 2012/13

Item 80 – Executive Board

RECOMMENDATION

- a1 That the growth item of £ 50,000 per annum for faster broadband for 2012/13 and the three following years be approved;
- a2 That a sum of £ 20,000 for Area Forums (£5,000 per Forum) be made available from balances as a one-off additional allocation to help fund local community and parish celebrations on the occasion of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, and that parish councils and community groups be notified immediately of the revised availability of funds;
- b That the reduction in support for Live and Local be amended from £ 1,500 to £ 500 and the reduced savings of £ 558,950 taken out of the 2012/13 budget be approved;
- c That the requirement for Area Forums to set aside £ 500 per Forum for applications relating to the Arts be approved;
- d That the revised revenue estimate for 2011/12, including the supplementary estimate, and the revenue estimate for 2012/13 be approved (Appendix D);
- e That the preferred Council Tax option for 2012/13 be a 0 % increase on Band D, with an increase in the required savings for 2013/14 to £532,000 included in the Financial Strategy;
- f That the Deputy Chief Executive's comments on the minimum acceptable level of general reserves be noted (Appendix E);
- g That the manpower estimate for the year 2012/13 be approved (Appendix F);
- h1 That it be noted that in January 2012, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base for 2012/13:
 - a for the whole Council area as £21,664.07 (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 C.
- h2 That the Council Tax Requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2012/13 (excluding Parish precepts) is £4,490,961;
- h3 That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2012/13, in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:-
 - a £ 44,655,947 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 £ 39,230,369 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act,

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- c £ 5,425,578 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 £ 250.44 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 £ 934,617 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 2012/13, Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police Authority 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 2012/13 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	770.16	898.52	1,026.89	1,155.25	1,411.97	1,668.69	1,925.41	2,310.49
Warwickshire Police Auth.	120.64	140.75	160.85	180.96	221.17	261.39	301.60	361.92
Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements	1,029.00	1,200.50	1,372.01	1,543.51	1,886.51	2,229.51	2,572.51	3,087.01

h6 The Council has determined that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2012/13 is not excessive, in accordance with the principles approved under section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

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)	166.96	194.79	222.61	250.44	306.09	361.75	417.40	500.88
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	770.16	898.52	1,026.89	1,155.25	1,411.97	1,668.69	1,925.41	2,310.49
Warwickshire Police Authority	120.64	140.75	160.85	180.96	221.17	261.39	301.60	361.92
<u>Parishes</u>								
Ansley	18.43	21.50	24.57	27.64	33.78	39.92	46.07	55.28
Arley	20.17	23.54	26.90	30.26	36.98	43.71	50.43	60.52
Astley	10.24	11.95	13.65	15.36	18.77	22.19	25.60	30.72
Atherstone	42.38	49.44	56.51	63.57	77.70	91.82	105.95	127.14
Austrey	13.88	16.19	18.51	20.82	25.45	30.07	34.70	41.64
Baddesley Ensor	34.78	40.58	46.37	52.17	63.76	75.36	86.95	104.34
Baxterley	59.21	69.08	78.95	88.82	108.56	128.30	148.03	177.64
Bentley/ Merevale	12.05	14.05	16.06	18.07	22.09	26.10	30.12	36.14
Caldecote	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coleshill	65.24	76.11	86.99	97.86	119.61	141.35	163.10	195.72
Corley	30.88	36.03	41.17	46.32	56.61	66.91	77.20	92.64
Curdworth	26.97	31.46	35.96	40.45	49.44	58.43	67.42	80.90
Dordon	16.55	19.30	22.06	24.82	30.34	35.85	41.37	49.64
Fillongley	17.12	19.97	22.83	25.68	31.39	37.09	42.80	51.36
Great Packington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grendon	18.26	21.30	24.35	27.39	33.48	39.56	45.65	54.78
Hartshill	51.98	60.64	69.31	77.97	95.30	112.62	129.95	155.94
Kingsbury	7.87	9.18	10.49	11.80	14.42	17.04	19.67	23.60
Lea Marston	18.27	21.32	24.36	27.41	33.50	39.59	45.68	54.82
Little Packington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mancetter	20.96	24.45	27.95	31.44	38.43	45.41	52.40	62.88
Maxstoke	28.36	33.09	37.81	42.54	51.99	61.45	70.90	85.08
Middleton	26.75	31.20	35.66	40.12	49.04	57.95	66.87	80.24
Nether Whitacre	14.48	16.89	19.31	21.72	26.55	31.37	36.20	43.44
Newton Regis/ Seckington	23.73	27.69	31.64	35.60	43.51	51.42	59.33	71.20
Over Whitacre	6.95	8.10	9.26	10.42	12.74	15.05	17.37	20.84
Polesworth	16.69	19.47	22.25	25.03	30.59	36.15	41.72	50.06
Shustoke	28.78	33.58	38.37	43.17	52.76	62.36	71.95	86.34
Shuttington	19.59	22.85	26.12	29.38	35.91	42.44	48.97	58.76
Water Orton	27.51	32.09	36.68	41.26	50.43	59.60	68.77	82.52
Wishaw	4.79	5.59	6.39	7.19	8.79	10.39	11.98	14.38

COUNCIL TAX AMOUNTS 2012/2013

APPENDIX C

Area Name	A	B	C	A	B	C
	Precept £	2011/12 Taxbase*	Band D £	Precept £	2012/13 Taxbase*	Band D £
<u>Parishes</u>						
Ansley	18,000	680.49	26.45	19,000	687.42	27.64
Arley	27,930	894.71	31.22	27,930	922.97	30.26
Astley	1,000	72.07	13.88	1,100	71.61	15.36
Atherstone	182,510	2,827.63	64.55	182,510	2,871.06	63.57
Austrey	8,200	401.55	20.42	8,400	403.41	20.82
Baddesley Ensor	23,000	571.11	40.27	30,000	575.01	52.17
Baxterley	11,000	129.68	84.82	11,500	129.47	88.82
Bentley/ Merevale	1,000	48.98	20.42	1,000	55.33	18.07
Caldecote	-	70.12	-	-	76.55	-
Coleshill	235,766	2,408.05	97.91	240,791	2,460.55	97.86
Corley	15,000	303.37	49.44	14,350	309.82	46.32
Curdworth	20,000	495.92	40.33	20,000	494.45	40.45
Dordon	23,460	932.85	25.15	23,460	945.30	24.82
Fillongley	16,691	657.12	25.40	17,206	669.95	25.68
Great Packington	-	57.52	-	-	56.97	-
Grendon	5,500	544.78	10.10	15,000	547.72	27.39
Hartshill	88,000	1,146.84	76.73	91,080	1,168.21	77.97
Kingsbury	30,000	2,516.86	11.92	30,000	2,543.37	11.80
Lea Marston	3,350	139.78	23.97	4,000	145.91	27.41
Little Packington	-	22.77	-	-	22.77	-
Mancetter	24,100	753.95	31.96	24,100	766.47	31.44
Maxstoke	4,500	117.22	38.39	5,000	117.54	42.54
Middleton	12,000	305.87	39.23	12,500	311.54	40.12
Nether Whitacre	10,000	450.40	22.20	10,000	460.48	21.72
Newton Regis/ Seckington	7,500	237.56	31.57	8,500	238.76	35.60
Over Whitacre	2,000	186.00	10.75	2,000	191.99	10.42
Polesworth	66,034	2,638.21	25.03	66,440	2,654.43	25.03
Shustoke	9,200	218.04	42.19	9,500	220.07	43.17
Shuttington	5,250	176.50	29.75	5,250	178.67	29.38
Water Orton	51,500	1,275.71	40.37	53,500	1,296.74	41.26
Wishaw	2,000	65.29	30.63	500	69.53	7.19
Total Precept	904,491	21,346.95		934,617	21,664.07	

SUMMARY OF REVENUE REQUIREMENTS

Revised 2011/2012 Gross Expenditure £	Revised 2011/2012 Gross Income £	Revised 2011/2012 Net Expenditure £		2012/2013 Gross Expenditure £	2012/2013 Gross Income £	2012/2013 Net Expenditure £
7,342,580	1,997,990	5,344,590	Community and Environment	7,231,810	1,962,280	5,269,530
972,650	302,710	669,940	Planning and Development	950,860	342,030	608,830
132,740	129,790	2,950	Licensing	132,440	132,380	60
23,441,060	19,755,620	3,685,440	Resources	23,658,010	20,265,830	3,392,180
526,720	26,350	500,370	Executive	508,500	4,790	503,710
10,208,900	10,208,900	0	Council Housing	11,033,460	11,033,460	0
69,890	0	69,890	Contingencies	37,250	0	37,250
108,500	0	108,500	Growth	50,000	0	50,000
0	110,000	-110,000	Interest on balances	0	150,000	-150,000
0	1,158,200	-1,158,200	Financing adjustment	0	872,280	-872,280
130,000	0	130,000	RCCO (Revenue Contribution to Capital Outlay)	119,000	0	119,000
0	1,133,222	-1,133,222	Revenue Support Grant	0	73,151	-73,151
0	0	0	Special Grant -one off	0	112,220	-112,220
0	3,304,977	-3,304,977	NDR Distribution	0	3,773,630	-3,773,630
0	72,880	-72,880	Surplus / Deficit on Collection Fund	0	54,910	-54,910
42,933,040	38,200,639	4,732,401	Net Expenditure	43,721,330	38,776,961	4,944,369
0	307,178	-307,178	Use of balances	0	453,408	-453,408
42,933,040	38,507,817	4,425,223	Council Tax Requirement (NWBC)	43,721,330	39,230,369	4,490,961
904,491	0	904,491	Special items - Parish precepts	934,617	0	934,617
43,837,531	38,507,817	5,329,714	Council Tax Requirement (NWBC and Parishes)	44,655,947	39,230,369	5,425,578

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 2012 - 2016 Budget Strategy, approved by the Executive Board at its meeting in September 2011.

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 2012/13 budget proposal being considered, giving some assurance over their achievement. 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 £1.009 million is appropriate for the Council and that the budgetary requirement set out for 2012/13 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 2012/13 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.

	2011/12 Estimate (original) FTE	2012/13 Estimate FTE
Monthly Paid	360	356
Total	<hr/> 360 <hr/>	<hr/> 356 <hr/>