

TAUNTON DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the Taunton Deane Borough Council held in the Principal Committee Room, The Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton on Tuesday 24 February 2004 at 6.30 pm.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Govier)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs Allgrove)
Councillors Beaven, Bishop, Bone, Bowrah, Mrs Bradley, Mrs Bryant, N P Cavill, C Cluff, Mrs Cluff, Croad, Davies, Denington, Durdan, Edwards, Floyd, Garner, Gill, Hall, Henley, Hindley, House, Mrs Jones, Lees, Mrs Lewin-Harris, Lisgo, Meikle, Morrell, Mullins, Murphy, Paul, Ms Peppard, Phillips, Prior-Sankey, Ms Priscott, Slattery, Mrs Smith, Stone, Vail, Watson, Weston, Mrs Whitmarsh, Williams and Mrs Wilson

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16 December 2003, copies having been sent to each member, were signed by the Mayor.

2. Apologies

Councillors Mrs Biscoe, Miss Cavill, Guerrier, Hayward, Mrs Hill, Mrs Nixon, Stuart-Thorn, Trollope and Wedderkopp.

3. Public Question Time

- a) Michael Cull of Oake Close, Oake, drew attention to recent press and media coverage of activities being carried out by him. He asked:
- “Given the current situation in Oake Close, Oake, does the Council intend to exercise any form of control over the tenants of its properties there or the primary/secondary businesses which some of them appear to be operating from Council premises in possible breach of their tenancy agreements?”
 - “Having intimated that the ownership of Oake Close pond would be transferred to myself almost a year ago, Council Officers now appear to have reneged on this allusion. Upon what basis has this decision been made? Is there any possibility that the Council and/or its Officers would either reconsider its position in this matter or consider a leasehold/rental agreement? If the Council and/or its Officers does not see fit to adopt either course of action, are they prepared to reimburse me for the cost of the preparatory work already undertaken?”

Councillor Garner replied that it was the Council’s policy to act if problems of nuisance were being caused. Complaints would be investigated thoroughly. If Mr Cull felt that the enjoyment of his property was being affected, he should submit his complaint in writing and it would be investigated.

With regard to the issue of Oake Pond, Councillor Garner replied that he would shortly be meeting officers to discuss this matter.

- b) Paul Partington referred to the recent decision to change the dates on which Council Tax instalments should be paid. He asked what was the total cost of sending out letters to all those who paid by direct debit informing them of the change in payment dates.

Councillor Williams replied that without prior notification of the question, he was unable to provide the necessary figures. He did point out, however, that the change in payments dates had saved a substantial addition to the Council Tax by the extra revenue it would generate.

4. John Williams - Housing Manager (Operations)

The Mayor (Councillor Govier) drew attention to the recent achievement of John Williams, Housing Manager, in rowing across the Atlantic. The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, congratulated John on this magnificent achievement.

5. Members Allowances

Mr David Baker OBE, Chair of the independent Members' Allowances Panel, reported that the Panel had completed its annual review of members' allowances.

A copy of its report and recommendations had been circulated to all Councillors. It had also been considered by the Resources Review Panel at its meeting on 13 November 2003.

The Panel submitted the following recommendations for consideration by the Council:

- a) The existing Members' Allowance Scheme be discontinued and replaced with the following scheme with effect from 1 April 2004.

	£
Basic Allowance (payable to all members)	3,312
Leader	9,315
Executive Councillors (8)	3,623
Chair, Planning Committee	3,105
Chair, Review Board	3,105
Chairs, Review Panels (5)	1,035

- b) (i) Travelling and subsistence allowances shall be payable to Councillors incurred by them in the necessary carrying out of those official activities as a Councillor as appear on the list of "Approved Duties" set out in the Appendix to the report.
- (ii) A new mileage rate of 40p per mile be paid with effect from 1 April 2004. The rate for motor cycles to be 24p per mile and bicycles to be 20p per mile.

(iii) Subsistence rates be as set out below:

	£
Breakfast	4.48
Lunch	6.17
Tea	2.43
Evening Meal	7.64

c) Payment for the care of Councillors' Dependent be in accordance with the following conditions:

(i) Councillors shall be reimbursed, up to a specified maximum limit, for costs actually incurred in providing care for any of the following who are at the time part of the claimant's household living with him/her and who would normally be looked after by him/her, whilst the claimant is undertaking an "approved duty".

- Children under the age of 14
- Elderly person (aged 60 and over)
- People with disabilities
- People with learning difficulties

(ii) In addition to living as part of the claimant's household, the dependent must be unable to be left unsupervised by the carer.

(iii) The carer must not be someone who also ordinarily lives with the claimant as part of the household.

(iv) For the purposes of (a) above:

- "Approved duty" would be a duty under the Council's scheme.
- The maximum hourly rate repayable should be consistent with the statutory minimum wage.

(v) The claimant must produce a receipt for payments he/she has made to the carer and must sign a certificate which, amongst other things, will state that the costs were properly and necessarily incurred in the course of, or to permit him/her undertaking his/her duties as a Councillor.

(d) (i) No advice on a level of participation allowance for Parish Councillors be offered by the Panel until a formal request be received from a Parish Council.

(ii) Allowances for travelling and subsistence be identical to those payable to Borough Councillors and the same level of such allowances should apply for all Parishes throughout Taunton Deane.

- (iii) Parish Councillors be permitted to seek the reimbursement of the actual cost of items used for Parish Council business such as computer consumables, or a nominal sum, provided such payments were approved by the Parish Council.
- (e) (i) That all members of the Council be entitled to membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme.
- (ii) Both the basic and special responsibility allowance be treated as amounts in respect of which such pensions are payable.

These recommendations had been considered by the Council's own Resources Review Panel at its meeting on 13 November 2003. The Panel had recommended that the recommendations of the independent Members Allowances Panel be agreed.

Moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Hindley, that the recommended Members' Allowance Scheme be amended by removing the proposed entitlement of members to membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

The amendment was put and was agreed.

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Mrs Lewin-Harris, that the proposed Members' Allowance Scheme be implemented on a phased basis with 12% being paid in 2004/05 and the Panel's recommendations being implemented in full with effect from 1 April 2005.

The amendment was put and was lost.

The substantive motion (that the recommendations of independent Members' Allowances Panel be agreed subject to it being amended to delete membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme) was put and was agreed.

6. Car Parking Charges 2004/05

Submitted recommendations from Councillor Bishop, Executive Councillor, Planning and Transportation, following a meeting of the Traffic Regulation Order Panel held on 17 February 2004.

On the motion of Councillor Bishop, it was RESOLVED that the Taunton Deane Borough (Off street Parking Places) (No 24 Amendment) Order 2004 as set out in Appendix A to these minutes, be agreed.

7. Recommendations to Council from the Executive

(a) General Fund Revenue Estimates 2004/05

The Executive had considered its 2004/05 budget proposals. The report considered had contained details on:

- (i) the General Fund Revenue Budget proposals for 2004/05;
- (ii) the results of the public consultation exercises;
- (iii) draft figures on the expected financial position of the Council for the following two years;
- (iv) Prudential Indicators for 2004/05; and
- (v) an overview of the proposed increases in fees and charges for 2004/05.

The report had also been considered in detail by the Review Board.

Moved by Councillor Williams that the budget for General Fund services for 2004/05 be agreed and that:

- (i) the transfer for any under spend in 2003/04 back to General Fund Reserves be agreed;
- (ii) the use of £16,523 from General Fund Reserves to support the 2004/05 budget be agreed;
- (iii) the development bids outlined in the report submitted to the Executive be agreed;
- (iv) the increases to fees and charges set out in the report to the Executive be agreed;
- (v) the proposed 2004/05 budget being Authority expenditure of £10,975,203 and Special Expenses of £25,750 to be agreed in accordance with the Local Government Act 1992.
- (vi) the predicted General Fund Reserve balance at 31 March 21005 of £1,310.466 be noted; and
- (vii) the Prudential Indicators for 2004/05 as set out in the report to the Executive be agreed.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Henley, seconded by Councillor Prior-Sankey that the General Fund Revenue Estimates 2004/05 be amended in accordance with the alternative budget proposal, details of which were submitted and had been circulated to each member.

The amendment was put and was lost.

The original motion was put and was carried.

(b) General Fund Capital Programme 2004/05 to 2006/07

The proposed capital programme of the Council amounted to £6,383,046, leaving £1,381,056 of unallocated capital resources available for future schemes.

All capital expenditure had to be financed from borrowing, capital receipts or other revenue funds. After taking into account the current programme which had already been approved and financed, the anticipated available surplus resources for the period 2003/04 to 2006/07 were £175,000 of Capital Receipts and £1,813,356 of unallocated Capital Reserve, making a total of £1,988,356.

In previous years, the Council's resources took into consideration the use of Credit Approvals. With effect from 1 April 2004, a new system called the Prudential Code would come into effect which would give Local Authorities the freedom to borrow.

It is not anticipated that the Council would take advantage of its new freedom to borrow.

The Capital Receipts of £175,000 represented income that was expected to be generated from the sale of assets. This income could be wholly reinvested in funding capital schemes.

The current approved capital programme was £5,483,621. This included any slippage in schemes that had been rolled forward from 2002/03 and any subsequent Supplementary Estimates that have been approved by the Council.

The Review Board had considered the capital Programme and had made no suggestions for changes.

Since the consideration of the programme by the Review Board, Executive Councillors had revisited the proposed programme and suggested one further addition. The scheme for continued financial support in 2004/05 for improvements to the Taunton Canal/River Corridor (£10,000) was now included in the draft programme.

On the motion of Councillor Williams, it was RESOLVED that the General Fund Capital Programme, as set out in the report to the Executive, be agreed.

(c) Council Tax Setting 2004/05

The Council was required to make an annual determination which set its gross expenditure (including the Housing Revenue Account and balances brought forward) and gross income (also included in the Housing Revenue Account and balances brought forward) with the difference as its budget requirement.

The estimated expenses chargeable to the non-parished area of Taunton in 2004/05 was £25,750 and this formed part of the total net expenditure of the Council. Details of the Parish Precepts levied and the appropriate Council Tax at Band 'D' were submitted.

On the motion of Councillor Williams it was RESOLVED that, subject to final determination including the Council Tax for Somerset County Council and the Police Authority:

(i) That it be noted that at its meeting on 14 January 2004 the Executive calculated the following amounts for the year 2004/05 in accordance with the regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended):

- 38,675.69 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its Council Tax base for the year.

-	Ash Priors	66.24	Neroche	241.01
	Ashbrittle	86.72	North Curry	684.85
	Bathealton	84.19	Norton Fitzwarren	657.25
	Bishops Hull	1,070.16	Nynehead	147.57
	Bishops Lydeard/ Cothelstone	1,822.78	Oake	317.62
	Bradford on Tone	276.96	Otterford	163.25
	Burrowbridge	203.81	Pitminster	444.97
	Cheddon Fitzpaine	626.00	Ruishton/ Thornfalcon	606.84
	Chipstable	113.17	Sampford Arundel	128.78
	Churchstanton	307.45	Staplegrove	715.61
	Combe Florey	110.46	Stawley	116.69
	Comeytrowe	2,066.03	Stoke St Gregory	374.36
	Corfe	131.93	Stoke St Mary	192.98
	Creech St Michael	934.29	Taunton	15,417.20
	Durston	57.56	Trull	938.40
	Fitzhead	118.96	Wellington	4,509.10
	Halse	145.65	Wellington (Without)	292.30
	Hatch Beauchamp	244.08	West Bagborough	153.99
	Kingston St Mary	432.85	West Buckland	398.46
	Langford Budville	213.97	West Hatch	139.68
	Lydeard St Lawrence/ Tolland	193.38	West Monkton	1,073.39
	Milverton	573.00	Wiveliscombe	1,081.75

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.

(ii) That the following amounts now be calculated by the Council for the year 2004/05 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- £50,521,900 being the aggregate of the amount which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) of the Act. (*Gross expenditure including amount required for working balance*).
- £39,215,734 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act. (*Gross income including reserves to be used to meet Gross Expenditure*).
- £11,306,166 being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
- £6,464,458 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant, additional grant or SSA reduction grant (increased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its Collection Fund to its General Fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (*Council Tax Surplus*) and increased by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its Collection Fund (Community Charge) directions under Section 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 made on 7 February 1994 (*Community Charge Surplus*).

- £125.19 $\frac{(c) - (d)}{1(a)} = \frac{11,306,166 - 6,464,458}{38,675.69}$

being the amount calculated at (c) above less the amount at (d) above, all divided by the amount at 1(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year. *(Average Council Tax at Band D for Borough Including Parish Precepts and Special Expenses)*.

- £330,963 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act. *(Parish Precepts and Special Expenses)*.

- £116.63 $\frac{(e) - (f)}{1(a)} = \frac{125.19 - 330,963}{38,675.69}$

being the amount at (e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (f) above by the amount at 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 special items relate. *(Council Tax at Band D for Borough Excluding Parish Precepts and Special Expenses)*.

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Ash Priors	120.40	Neroche	131.15
Ashbrittle	122.40	North Curry	133.42
Bathealton	123.76	Norton Fitzwarren	136.65
Bishops Hull	129.30	Nynehead	130.18
Bishops Lydeard/ Cothelstone	129.80	Oake	126.70
Bradford on Tone	131.07	Otterford	116.63
Burrowbridge	138.37	Pitminster	125.39
Cheddon Fitzpaine	124.62	Ruishton/ Thornfalcon	132.86
Chipstable	132.54	Sampford Arundel	151.11
Churchstanton	139.02	Staplegrove	127.39
Combe Florey	127.04	Stawley	125.20
Comeytrowe	123.89	Stoke St Gregory	132.66
Corfe	126.10	Stoke St Mary	125.96
Creech St Michael	131.52	Taunton	118.30
Durstun	117.32	Trull	124.09

Fitzhead	130.92	Wellington	133.13
Halse	128.65	Wellington (Without)	128.60
Hatch Beauchamp	128.10	West Bagborough	129.62
Kingston St Mary	130.49	West Buckland	135.45
Langford Budville	124.34	West Hatch	130.50
Lydeard St Lawrence/ Tolland	124.65	West Monkton	126.88
Milverton	127.10	Wiveliscombe	131.42

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (g) above, the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate. (*Council Taxes at Band D for Borough, Parish and Special Expenses*).

- See attached.

Note: Since the meeting of the Executive, notification of the level of the Police Authority precept had been received. Somerset County Council met on 18 February and an indication of its level of Council Tax had also been received. Attached as Appendix 1 and 2 are tables which indicated the revised figures.

(d) Annual Investments Strategy

Recent legislation required each Local Authority to produce an annual Investments Strategy.

In summary, the strategy required that:

- all Council investments must be made with prime consideration being given to security of capital and liquidity of those investments; and
- security was enhanced by use of all credit ratings;
- Investments were limited on amounts and time to ensure that the Council could honour cash commitments and benefit from positive interest rate movements;
- Advantage of favourable moves in the interest rates should be taken by conducting forward deals supported by advice from specialist advisers;
- External fund management was deemed not appropriate at this time; and

- The Executive would be updated on any proposed changes/ amendments to the strategy at future meetings and be presented with an end of year assessment included in the annual Treasury Management Outturn Report.

On the motion of Councillor Williams, it was RESOLVED that the Investments Strategy, as submitted to the Executive, be agreed.

(e) Third Quarter Budget Monitoring

The forecast outturn figures for General Fund Revenue predicted a net underspend of 0.21% or £32,217 against the current approved budget.

The Executive had considered this under spend and allocated areas where it would be used.

On the motion of Councillor Williams, it was RESOLVED that the variations to the budget be agreed and the fiancé available be allocated as follows:

	£	
	5,000	Golf course flooding
	2,000	Golf course tree pruning
	10,000	Car park signs
	4,000	Hunts Court - pump priming
	5,000	Chewing Gum Clearing Initiatives
	6,217	Pay on foot - feasibility study
Total	32,217	

(i)

Valuation Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Ash Priors	80.26	92.64	107.02	120.40	147.16	173.92	200.68	240.80
Ashtritle	81.50	95.20	106.80	122.40	149.60	176.80	204.00	244.00
Bachelton	82.00	96.24	110.91	123.78	151.26	178.77	206.28	247.52
Bishops Hall	86.20	100.56	114.64	129.80	158.94	190.77	218.58	264.60
Bishops Lydeard/Cathelstone	86.91	100.95	115.38	130.80	159.38	191.19	219.57	265.60
Bradford On Teme	87.38	101.94	116.91	131.07	160.20	192.33	221.44	267.14
Microbridge	87.24	101.62	116.99	130.87	159.12	192.87	221.61	267.84
Cheddon Fitzpaine	85.08	96.72	110.77	124.62	152.32	180.03	207.70	249.24
Chiptable	84.34	100.08	117.81	130.04	157.00	185.45	210.90	250.08
Churchstanton	82.68	100.12	113.17	130.48	155.92	184.83	211.70	249.04
Cowbe Finney	80.87	98.81	112.92	127.04	156.27	183.91	211.71	254.08
Coweytree	82.59	96.36	110.12	123.89	151.42	178.94	206.48	247.78
Corfe	84.01	98.80	112.09	126.10	156.37	182.15	210.18	252.20
Crook St Michael	87.68	102.79	116.92	131.52	160.95	189.99	219.20	262.04
Durston	70.21	81.28	104.28	117.52	143.38	169.47	196.47	232.04
Fitzhead	87.28	101.42	114.37	130.92	158.07	187.11	216.20	261.84
Halze	86.78	100.09	114.35	128.45	157.34	186.84	214.91	257.30
Hatch Beauchamp	85.40	99.41	113.87	128.10	156.37	185.04	213.50	256.20
Kington St Mary	86.95	101.49	115.89	130.48	158.89	186.49	217.48	260.14
Langford Budville	82.48	98.73	110.52	124.34	151.97	179.81	207.51	246.08
Lydeard St Lawrence/Tolland	83.10	96.90	110.80	124.65	152.35	180.05	207.75	249.50
Milwinton	83.73	98.85	112.98	127.10	155.26	182.99	211.87	254.20
Neroche	82.68	100.12	113.98	131.15	160.30	188.44	218.88	260.30
North Curry	88.94	103.77	118.59	133.42	163.07	197.72	232.38	280.84
North Fitzwarren	91.10	106.28	121.87	136.05	167.02	197.19	237.75	273.30
Hythehead	86.78	101.25	114.71	130.18	159.11	189.04	216.94	260.36
Oske	88.48	99.54	112.82	126.30	154.86	181.42	211.18	252.40
Otterford	77.35	80.71	103.67	114.63	142.35	168.47	194.48	230.24
Fitzwater	83.59	97.52	111.46	126.39	154.28	187.12	208.98	250.78
Radinton/Townfelem	89.87	103.73	118.10	132.86	162.39	194.91	231.48	280.72
Sampford Arundel	100.74	117.53	134.32	151.11	184.69	218.37	251.85	302.22
Staplegrove	84.82	99.08	111.75	127.30	156.10	184.71	212.91	254.78
Stawley	83.46	97.38	111.29	126.20	153.82	180.85	209.24	250.40
Stoke St Gregory	88.44	103.18	117.92	132.64	162.14	191.82	221.10	265.32
Stoke St Mary	83.87	98.97	111.74	125.90	153.95	180.94	209.91	251.92
Taunton	78.84	85.01	105.15	118.35	145.88	175.88	197.18	235.60
Trull	80.72	90.31	105.30	124.09	151.47	178.36	204.81	248.18
Wellington	88.75	100.64	114.71	133.13	163.72	192.30	221.84	268.24
Wellington W/out	89.71	100.22	114.21	128.40	160.18	189.76	218.23	257.20
West Baborough	82.68	100.12	113.52	130.42	158.42	186.44	214.03	254.34
West Buckland	90.30	105.36	120.40	136.65	167.85	199.25	230.75	270.30
West Hatch	87.00	101.50	116.50	130.50	159.50	188.50	217.50	261.00
West Monkton	84.68	98.68	112.78	129.48	155.98	183.28	211.44	253.74
Wiveliscombe	87.63	102.21	116.82	131.42	160.43	190.83	219.03	262.84

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (i) 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 valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 5(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 (Council Tax for Individual Parishes and the Borough).

10.2.3 That it be noted that for the year 2004/05 the Somerset County Council and the Avon & Somerset Police Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Somerset County Council	604.86	705.67	856.44	907.29	1108.81	1310.51	1512.15	1824.58
Avon & Somerset Police Authority	87.37	87.37	111.10	121.00	152.48	180.89	208.48	260.18

(ii)

Valuation Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Ash Priors	80.26	92.64	107.02	120.40	147.16	173.92	200.68	240.80
Ashtritle	81.50	95.20	106.80	122.40	149.60	176.80	204.00	244.00
Bachelton	82.00	96.24	110.91	123.78	151.26	178.77	206.28	247.52
Bishops Hall	86.20	100.56	114.64	129.80	158.94	190.77	218.58	264.60
Bishops Lydeard/Cathelstone	86.91	100.95	115.38	130.80	159.38	191.19	219.57	265.60
Bradford On Teme	87.38	101.94	116.91	131.07	160.20	192.33	221.44	267.14
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North Fitzwarren	91.10	106.28	121.87	136.05	167.02	197.19	237.75	273.30
Hythehead	86.78	101.25	114.71	130.18	159.11	189.04	216.94	260.36
Oske	88.48	99.54	112.82	126.30	154.86	181.42	211.18	252.40
Otterford	77.35	80.71	103.67	114.63	142.35	168.47	194.48	230.24
Fitzwater	83.59	97.52	111.46	126.39	154.28	187.12	208.98	250.78
Radinton/Townfelem	89.87	103.73	118.10	132.86	162.39	194.91	231.48	280.72
Sampford Arundel	100.74	117.53	134.32	151.11	184.69	218.37	251.85	302.22
Staplegrove	84.82	99.08	111.75	127.30	156.10	184.71	212.91	254.78
Stawley	83.46	97.38	111.29	126.20	153.82	180.85	209.24	250.40
Stoke St Gregory	88.44	103.18	117.92	132.64	162.14	191.82	221.10	265.32
Stoke St Mary	83.87	98.97	111.74	125.90	153.95	180.94	209.91	251.92
Taunton	78.84	85.01	105.15	118.35	145.88	175.88	197.18	235.60
Trull	80.72	90.31	105.30	124.09	151.47	178.36	204.81	248.18
Wellington	88.75	100.64	114.71	133.13	163.72	192.30	221.84	268.24
Wellington W/out	89.71	100.22	114.21	128.40	160.18	189.76	218.23	257.20
West Baborough	82.68	100.12	113.52	130.42	158.42	186.44	214.03	254.34
West Buckland	90.30	105.36	120.40	136.65	167.85	199.25	230.75	270.30
West Hatch	87.00	101.50	116.50	130.50	159.50	188.50	217.50	261.00
West Monkton	84.68	98.68	112.78	129.48	155.98	183.28	211.44	253.74
Wiveliscombe	87.63	102.21	116.82	131.42	160.43	190.83	219.03	262.84

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (ii) 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 valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 5(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 (Council Tax for Individual Parishes and the Borough).

That it be noted that for the year 2004/05 the Somerset County Council and the Avon & Somerset Police Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Somerset County Council	0.08	0.00	0.60	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Avon & Somerset Police Authority	0.04	0.00	0.60	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

102.4 That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 10.2.2 (i) and 10.2.3 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 36(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2004/05 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Valuation Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Ash Priory	769.21	896.80	1024.49	1152.78	1408.96	1665.14	1921.29	2185.54
Ashurstree	769.45	896.16	1026.47	1154.79	1411.40	1668.00	1924.83	2195.58
Bathampton	775.73	899.25	1027.64	1184.19	1411.06	1669.89	1926.89	2197.28
Bishops Cleeve	774.45	902.52	1028.62	1181.68	1419.84	1677.69	1936.13	2207.28
Bishopscote Lydeard/Dothelstone	774.78	903.91	1033.05	1162.18	1420.45	1678.71	1936.94	2204.98
Braford On Tern	772.82	904.90	1034.18	1163.45	1422.00	1680.55	1939.08	2206.90
Burrowbridge	980.49	910.58	1040.66	1170.75	1430.92	1691.09	1951.24	2241.50
Chedoke Fitzpaine	771.13	899.88	1026.44	1137.09	1414.12	1671.23	1928.33	2184.00
Clipston	776.41	906.04	1029.44	1184.92	1423.80	1682.07	1941.53	2209.84
Churchstanton	780.93	911.09	1041.24	1171.49	1441.72	1692.03	1952.33	2242.80
Coabe Flurwy	772.94	911.77	1020.59	1159.42	1417.07	1674.72	1932.44	2199.84
Compton	770.64	899.32	1027.75	1156.27	1411.22	1670.18	1927.11	2192.84
Corle	792.11	921.04	1029.78	1158.48	1415.92	1673.37	1930.75	2194.84
Creech St Michael	775.93	918.28	1034.98	1183.98	1422.84	1681.28	1939.83	2207.80
Durston	766.44	894.21	1021.95	1149.70	1405.18	1680.69	1926.18	2199.40
Fitzhead	775.53	894.78	1024.04	1163.38	1421.62	1680.32	1938.89	2206.80
Hales	774.01	912.02	1032.02	1161.03	1419.04	1677.03	1935.04	2202.86
H&O Bewdley	773.83	912.98	1031.34	1160.48	1428.37	1676.28	1934.13	2200.86
Kingston St Mary	776.23	906.45	1033.84	1156.87	1421.88	1679.73	1938.13	2205.74
Langford Bagville	771.14	899.67	1028.19	1166.72	1412.01	1670.81	1927.88	2193.44
Lydeard St Lawrence/Tollard	771.25	899.21	1028.47	1157.03	1424.12	1671.27	1928.36	2194.86
Milverton	772.89	911.81	1030.85	1159.48	1427.12	1674.87	1932.46	2194.86
Newcote	776.64	904.94	1034.25	1163.23	1422.16	1680.68	1939.21	2207.86
North Curry	777.18	906.71	1034.24	1160.80	1424.87	1683.94	1942.98	2211.80
Norton Fitzwarren	779.35	909.24	1039.14	1169.03	1429.82	1688.61	1948.38	2218.88
Pyebush	775.03	904.21	1033.38	1162.36	1420.91	1679.24	1937.59	2202.12
Gene	772.77	901.90	1028.29	1159.98	1426.68	1674.24	1931.79	2194.16
Utterford	748.06	891.87	1021.34	1148.07	1406.35	1659.69	1913.01	2188.02
Pickminster	771.04	900.46	1028.11	1157.77	1425.08	1672.84	1929.61	2194.84
Salisbury/Thornfalcon	776.82	906.29	1035.77	1165.24	1424.19	1682.13	1942.04	2200.48
Sampford Arundel	780.59	920.49	1031.39	1161.49	1446.49	1708.49	1972.49	2264.98
Slapcote	773.17	901.94	1028.90	1159.77	1427.90	1675.23	1932.94	2194.54
Staley	911.71	904.34	1028.96	1157.88	1422.82	1672.07	1929.29	2191.16
Stoke St Gregory	776.09	904.14	1028.50	1164.24	1423.94	1682.84	1941.73	2200.08
Stoke St Mary	772.22	908.93	1029.42	1159.34	1415.75	1672.17	1935.56	2194.64
Tewkes	767.11	894.87	1022.82	1158.40	1406.38	1662.10	1917.79	2191.16
Trill	770.39	898.47	1027.87	1158.47	1413.47	1675.47	1927.44	2192.94
Wellington	777.00	898.80	1024.81	1158.81	1424.32	1683.32	1942.31	2203.02
Wellington M/out	773.96	902.96	1031.96	1162.96	1424.96	1674.96	1934.96	2202.96
West Bagborough	774.66	903.77	1032.89	1162.80	1423.23	1678.45	1934.66	2204.04
West Backland	778.55	908.11	1038.07	1167.85	1427.35	1686.87	1944.70	2210.64
West Bath	778.25	904.49	1031.67	1162.88	1421.30	1675.72	1938.15	2205.78
West Monkton	772.43	901.44	1028.45	1158.36	1418.46	1672.30	1932.29	2194.52
Wivelacote	775.46	902.17	1034.49	1163.40	1422.41	1681.89	1939.48	2207.60

(f) Housing Revenue Account - Revenue Estimates and Rent Levels

The Executive had considered the proposed Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for the 2004/05 financial year.

In addition to the Executive, both the Housing Review Panel and the Review Board had considered the matter. The recommendations submitted reflected the views raised at those meetings.

On the motion of Councillor Garner, it was RESOLVED that the Housing Revenue Account budget be agreed.

(g) Housing Capital Programme 2004/05 to 2006/07

The Executive had also considered, together with a draft programme for 2005/06 and 2006/07, the proposed Housing Capital Programme for 2004/05.

In addition to the Executive, both the Housing Review Panel and the Review Board had considered the matter. The recommendations submitted reflected the views raised at those meetings.

On the motion of Councillor Garner, it was RESOLVED that the Housing Capital Programme be agreed.

8. Questions to and Reports of the Leader of the Council and Executive Councillors

(a) The following question was asked:

Councillor Paul asked Councillor Mrs Lewin-Harris, Executive Councillor, Community Leadership:

“Since both Taunton Deane Borough Council and Somerset County Council have agreed to place the proceeds of the increased Council Tax on second homes at the disposal of the Local Strategic Partnership:

Will Councillor Lewin-Harris undertake to work closely with Somerset County Councillors to ensure that the LSP use this money to pursue the Corporate Priorities of the Council and the priorities of the residents who took part in the Council Tax consultation?”

Councillor Mrs Lewin-Harris replied that it had always been intended that the extra funding would be spent on the priorities within the Community Strategy

(Councillor Paul, as a member of Somerset County Council, declared a personal interest in this matter).

(b) Reports

The following reports were made to the Council on the main items of current and future business.

(i) Leader of the Council (Councillor Williams)

Councillor Williams submitted a report which highlighted the successful conclusion of the following three main projects:

- Completion of Wellsprings Leisure Centre.
- Alterations to Priory Bridge/Station Road junction.
- Setting of a sound and balanced prudent budget with under a 14p per week Band D Council Tax increase.

His report also referred to the Vision for Taunton, CPA and ongoing initiatives in Wellington. The budget setting process was now complete and was the subject of separate reports. Also covered was Town Centre Retail Redevelopment, relocation of Taunton Livestock Market and dualling of the A358.

(Councillor Prior-Sankey declared a personal interest in the Vision as a County Councillor. Councillor Meikle declared a prejudicial interest in relation to the Inner Relief Road).

(ii) Planning Policy and Transportation (Councillor Bishop)

Councillor Bishop's report drew attention to the current progress with the Taunton Deane Local Plan, the Green Apple Award for St Margaret's Leper Hospital, the Cornhill, Wellington and the quality of presentations at Planning Committee meetings. The Building Control Service had been awarded the building control contract for the new Oncology Unit at Musgrove Park Hospital. He also reported further upon Taunton Transport Strategy Review, Station Road/Priory Bridge Road and SWARMMS.

(Councillor Prior-Sankey declared a personal interest as a County Councillor).

(iii) Leisure, Art and Culture (Councillor Mrs Bradley)

Councillor Mrs Bradley submitted an update on Wellsprings, the Leisure Services Strategic Review and the Green Spaces Strategy. She also referred to Vivary Park, leisure grants, culture and the Taunton 1100 project.

(iv) Communications (Councillor Mrs Bryant)

In the absence of Councillor Mrs Bryant, Councillor Mrs Lewin-Harris submitted the report on Communications. It featured the Communications Strategy, media coverage and the Council's web site and Intranet.

(v) Economic Development and Tourism (Councillor N Cavill)

The report from Councillor Cavill referred to Asset Management, The Vision for Taunton, Broadband, TICs and the 2004 Visitor Guide.

(vi) Environmental Services (Councillor Edwards)

Councillor Edwards reported upon Kerbside Recycling, Environmental Health and litter and the street scene. He also referred to the review of public toilets and a review of the out of hours noise service.

(vii) Housing Services (Councillor Garner)

Councillor Garner's report covered the following topics:

- Housing Stock options (update).
- Housing best value review (update).
- Houses imported from Canada.
- Deane helpline.

(viii) Resources (Councillor Hall)

The report submitted by Councillor Hall referred to the Electoral Registration Service, instalment dates for Council Tax and the services to be covered by Somerset Direct. The report also covered Benefits, Personnel, Financial Services, IT and certain areas covered by Service Support.

(ix) Community Leadership (Councillor Mrs Lewin-Harris)

Councillor Mrs Lewin-Harris drew attention to the Corporate Strategy 2004 - 07, the Local Strategic Partnership, Crime and Disorder and Community Planning.

9. Freeman of the Borough

The Community Leadership Review Panel had considered recommending the Council to admit Councillor J R G Meikle MBE as an honorary Freeman of the Borough.

The appropriate legislation allowed a Borough Council to admit “persons of distinction and persons who have in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the City, Borough or Royal Borough” as Honorary Freeman.

Examples of the many initiatives that Councillor Meikle had been involved in during his 46 years as a Councillor were submitted.

RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Community Leadership Panel be agreed and that Councillor J R G Meikle be made an Honorary Freeman of the Borough in recognition of the eminent service rendered by him to the Taunton Deane community.

10. Old Market Centre Multi-Storey Car Park

Reported that the Leader of the Council, together with the Chair of the Review Board had agreed:

To suspend Contract Standing Order 13 (b) - seeking of three written quotations - in respect of permanent security fencing at the Old Market Centre car park under the urgency provisions of Contract Standing Order 14(f).

This decision was taken in accordance with the provisions of Rule 15.9 of the Procedure Rules for Review Board and Panels. It was, therefore, not subject to the Call-in procedure.

The Council’s Constitution required that decisions of this nature, taken under the “Urgency” procedure, be included for information on the next full Council agenda.

11. A Combined Management Plan and Community Strategy for the Blackdown Hill Area of Natural Beauty - Final Draft Document

The Community Leadership Review Panel had considered the combined Management Plan and Community Strategy for the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Plan had been widely consulted upon and resources to it carefully considered by the Blackdown Hills Rural Partnership. The final draft which had been circulated to all Councillor with the papers for the Community Leadership Review Panel meeting on 10 February 2004 had been amended to incorporate the resources of this Council.

RESOLVED that the final draft of the management Plan and Community Strategy for the Blackdown Hills AOMB be adopted.

(The following Councillors left the meeting at the times indicated: Councillors Ms Priscott and Bone at 8.00 pm, Councillor C Cluff at 8.25 pm, Councillor Mrs Cluff 9.25 pm, Councillor Mrs Bryant 9.30 pm, Councillor Morrell 10.15 pm, Councillor Gill 10.28 pm, Councillor Edwards 10.30 pm, Councillor Prior-Sankey 10.45 pm, Councillors Mullins, Stone and Slattery at 10.52 pm and Councillor Weston at 11.10 pm).

(The meeting ended at 11.15 pm).

PUBLIC NOTICE AFFECTING ALL PUBLIC CAR PARKS IN TAUNTON DEANE

**THE TAUNTON DEANE BOROUGH (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES)
(NO. 24 AMENDMENT) ORDER 2004**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 3 March 2004 the Taunton Deane Borough Council, acting in accordance with powers delegated by the Somerset County Council, made an Order under Section 35 (1), (3) and (6) and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, the effects of which will be:-

TAUNTON

1. To increase the car parking tariff in the Castle Green and Whirligig 'Limited Stay Car Parks' as follows:-

<u>Car Park</u>	Up to	1 Hr	2 Hrs
Castle Green and Whirligig	Current	90p	£1.60
	Proposed	£1.00	£2.00

2. To increase the car parking tariff in the Fons George 'Limited Stay Car Park' as follows:-

<u>Car Park</u>	Up to	1 Hr	5 Hrs	6 Hrs
Fons George	Current	20p	£2.30	£2.50
	Proposed	40p	£2.50	£3.00

3. To increase the car parking tariff in the 'Shopper Group 1 Car Parks' as follows:-

<u>Car Parks</u>	Up to	1 Hr	2 Hrs	3 Hrs	4 Hrs	5 Hrs	6 Hrs	7 Hrs	10 Hrs
Canon Street, Coal Orchard, High Street, Levels 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 3 & 3A Old Market Shoppers (Paul Street) and Crescent Car Park (maximum stay 4 hours)	Current	60p	80p	£1.20	£1.60	£2.50	£3.00	£3.50	£4.00
	Proposed	60p	£1.00	£1.40	£1.80	£3.00	£3.50	£4.00	£4.50

4. To increase the car parking tariff in the 'Shopper Group 2 Car Parks' as follows:-

<u>Car Parks</u>	Up to	1 Hr	2 Hrs	3 Hrs	4 Hrs	5 Hrs	6 Hrs	7 Hrs	10 Hrs
Belvedere Road, Castle Street, Duke Street, Elm's Parade, Greenbrook Terrace, Wood Street, Levels 4, 4A, 5 and 5A Old Market Shoppers (Paul Street), Shire Hall/The Well/County Hall Car Park at the rear of Block A and 31 spaces at the front of Block A (Saturdays only)	Current	50p	70p	90p	£1.10	£1.40	£1.60	£1.80	£2.10
	Proposed	50p	80p	£1.00	£1.20	£1.50	£1.80	£2.00	£2.50

5. To increase the car parking tariff in the 'Commuter Car Parks' as follows:-

<u>Car Parks</u>	Up to	1 Hr	2 Hrs	3 Hrs	4 Hrs	5 Hrs	6 Hrs	All Day
Enfield, Kilkenny, Tangier, Priory Bridge Road and Victoria Gate	Current	40p	70p	80p	90p	£1.00	£1.10	£1.50
	Proposed	40p	80p	£1.00	£1.20	£1.50	£1.70	£2.00

6. To increase the parking tariff in the Castle Street Coach Park from £3.00 (up to 10 hours) to £5.00 (up to 10 hours).
7. To increase the Season Ticket charges in the Taunton 'Shopper Group 1' Car Parks (namely Canon Street, Coal Orchard, High Street, Levels 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 3 & 3A Old Market Shoppers (Paul Street) and Crescent Car Park (maximum stay 4 hours) from £520 to **£555**.
8. To increase the Season Ticket charges in the Taunton 'Shopper Group 2 Car Parks' (namely Belvedere Road, Castle Street, Duke Street, Elms Parade, Greenbrook Terrace, Levels 4, 4A, 5 and 5A Old Market Shoppers (Paul Street), Shire Hall/The Well/County Hall Car Park at the rear of Block A and 31 spaces at the front of Block A (Saturdays only) from £280 to **£295**.

9. To increase the Season Ticket charges in the Taunton 'Commuter Car Parks' (namely Enfield, Kilkenny, Tangier, Priory Bridge Road and Victoria Gate) from £195 to **£260**.

WELLINGTON

10. To increase the parking tariff in the South Street 'Shopper Car Park' as follows:-

<u>Car Park</u>	Up to	1 Hr	2 Hrs	3 Hrs
South Street (maximum stay 3 hours)	Current	30p	40p	50p
	Proposed	30p	60p	80p

11. To increase the parking tariff in the 'Commuter Car Parks' as follows:-

<u>Car Parks</u>	Up to	2 Hrs	3 Hrs	4 Hrs	All Day
Longforth Road and North Street	Current	30p	40p	50p	70p
	Proposed	30p	50p	80p	£1.00

12. To increase the Season Ticket charges in the Wellington 'Commuter Car Parks' from £91 to **£130**.

The Order will come into operation on **Monday 29 March 2004**. A copy of the Order may be inspected at The Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton, during normal office hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein, on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may, within six weeks from 19 March 2004 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

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19 March 2004