

At a meeting of the Full Council held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth, on Tuesday, 8 October 2024 from 19:30

Present: Councillors:

Christopher Alley, Sara Bedford, Oliver Cooper, Stephen Cox, Steve Drury, Vicky Edwards, Andrea Fraser, Elinor Gazzard, Stephen Giles-Medhurst, Philip Hearn, Lisa Hudson, Khalid Hussain, Raj Khiroya, Joan King, Stephen King, Chris Lloyd, David Major, Chris Mitchell, Debbie Morris, Sarah Nelmes, Louise Price, Kevin Raeburn, Reena Ranger OBE, Ciaran Reed, Andrew Scarth, Narinder Sian, Mike Sims, Tom Smith, Jonathon Solomons, Cheryl Stungo, Jon Tankard, Chris Whately-Smith

Officers in Attendance:

Anita Hibbs, Committee Officer

Stephen Rix, Associate Director of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)

Alison Scott, Director of Finance

Emma Sheridan, Associate Director for Environment

Josh Sills, Head of Customer Experience

Matthew Stickley, Interim Group Manager – Electoral and Democratic Services

Joanne Wagstaffe, Chief Executive

14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tony Humphreys, Keith Martin, Harry Davies, Ian Morris, Anne Winter, Rue Grewal, and Abbas Merali.

15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

16 Minutes of Previous Meetings

Council debated whether the minutes should record the names of the proposers and seconders of amendments. In response to questions, the Monitoring Officer confirmed that the minute writing standard did not require the names of movers and seconders of proposals to be recorded, only any vote and decision thereof, and that the standard stated that the minutes would not name individual members or name who raised what point.

An amendment to the minutes was moved by Councillor Oliver Cooper and seconded by Councillor Narinder Sian such that the minutes of the July meeting

would record the names of members who moved and seconded amendments. This was put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED: To confirm as being a correct record the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on 9 July 2024, subject to the names of movers and seconders being recorded, and the extraordinary meeting held on 9 September 2024, and for them to be signed by the Chair.

17 Chair's Announcements

The Chair invited Council to join him in a short silence marking that a year had passed since hostilities began in Israel.

The Chair announced that he had attended the following events since the last ordinary meeting of Council:

- Three Rivers Music Society AGM on 2nd September 2024
- Three Rivers 50th anniversary event on 3rd October 2024
- Cheese and Wine Jazz Evening at Broxbourne on 4th October 2024

18 Petitions

There were no petitions.

19 Questions from the Public

There was one question from the public. The questioner did not attend the meeting. Council noted the question and written response.

20 Policy and Resources Committee Recommendations

Councillor Jonathon Solomons moved, and Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst seconded, the recommendations as listed in the report, Budget Monitoring Report to 30 June 2024.

In debate, councillors discussed whether the budget was truly balanced, the possible impact on the council's budget with forecast interest rate cuts, and the overall state of the council's finances.

RESOLVED:

1. That the revenue budget virements as set out in appendices 1 to 3 be approved and incorporated into the three-year medium-term financial plan.
2. That the revenue budget supplementary estimates as set out in appendices 1 to 3 be approved and incorporated into the three-year medium-term financial plan.
3. That the revenue variances to be managed as set out in appendices 1 to 3 be noted.
4. That the capital variances as set out in appendices 1 to 3 be approved and incorporated into the three-year medium-term financial plan.

21 Lead Member Reports

Council received the reports of the Leader of the Council and Lead Members.

The Leader of the Council provided a verbal update to his report, outlining the introduction of the Beryl Bike scheme, a visit to the Colne Valley viaduct, restoration of wetlands, and the 50th anniversary of Three Rivers District event.

Supplementary questions were asked to the Leader of the Council and Lead Members, and answers provided, which are summarised at Appendix 1 to these minutes.

22 Questions to the Leader and Lead Members

Council noted the written questions and responses published with the agenda.

Supplementary questions were asked to the Leader of the Council and Lead Members, and answers provided, which are summarised at Appendix 2 to these minutes.

As the time limit for the meeting was reached during this item, the remaining items of business on the agenda were not reached.

23 Reports of, and Questions to, Committee Chairs

The item was not reached.

24 Motions

The item was not reached.

The meeting closed at 22:00.

CHAIRMAN