

CABINET

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday, 8 January 2015 at 1.00 pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Donna Jones (in the Chair)

Councillors Luke Stubbs
Ken Ellcome
Lee Mason
Robert New
Steve Wemyss
Neill Young

1. Apologies for Absence (AI 1)

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Linda Symes and Frank Jonas.

2. Declarations of Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of members' interests.

3. Record of Previous Decision Meeting - 4 December 2014 (AI 3)

DECISION: that the record of decisions of the previous Cabinet meeting held on 4 December 2014 were agreed as a correct record to be signed by the Leader.

4. Forward Plan Omission (AI 4)

DECISION: that the omission to the Forward Plan for January 2015 be noted and that the necessary public notice has been published.

5. Calculation of the tax base for 2014/15 and estimation of the Council tax collection fund balance at 31st March 2015 (AI 5)

Chris Ward, the Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer presented his report, which would link to the setting of the budget in February, estimating the number of council tax payers in Portsmouth. There was reference to the level of police precept that was out to consultation, which did not impact on the Portsmouth City Council part of the council tax.

DECISION:

(1) That in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by

Portsmouth City Council as its Council Tax Base for 2015/16 shall be 53,277.2

(2) That in accordance with The Local Authorities (Funds) (England) Regulations 1992 as amended, the amount calculated by Portsmouth City Council as the surplus on its Council Tax Collection Fund at 31 March 2015 shall be £2.19 million.

6. Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy (AI 6)

Ed Woodhouse, the Head of Revenues and Benefits, presented his report which outlined this government policy and confirmed that the expenditure would be covered by the government grant.

DECISIONS

The Cabinet:

- (1) Approved the Government policy amendment that will increase Retail Relief to a maximum of £1,500 for 2015/16**
- (2) Granted delegated authority to the Head of Revenues & Benefits to update the policy in the case of any further Government policy or legislated change**

The meeting concluded at 1.10 pm.

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Councillor Donna Jones
Leader of the Council