

COUNCIL MEETING, 25TH FEBRUARY, 2009 - ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. PRAYERS

2. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS (if any)

3. PETITIONS

None

4. PROCEEDINGS OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2008

MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN AND ITEMS UPON WHICH COMMENT WILL BE MADE

Date and Time 2007	Page and Item Number	Amendment Motion, Question Or Comment	In the name of	Subject	Motion, Amendment or Question
5.	<u>BUDGET 2009/2010: COUNCIL TAX 2009/2010: AND OTHER ASSOCIATED FINANCIAL MATTERS</u>				
18th Feb 10.00 a.m.	Council Summons	Motion	Councillor Morris	Budget 2009/2010: Council Tax 2009/2010: And Other Associated Financial Matters	See Council Summons for main motion. Addition of the following :- (xii) To accept the suggestions of the Conservative Group as follows:-

- (1) the consideration of appropriate events and initiatives in the future such as the recent economic summit to develop a partnership approach amongst relevant agencies to the global financial problems to support hard working families;
- (2) the use of the mobile library for mobile workshop debt advice targeted across the Borough and the consideration of other means the Council can help local people deal with the financial issues they may be facing;
- (3) the consideration of rent free / low rent access to industrial units;
- (4) support for local procurement and to hold further discussions on the proposed contractors framework at a suitable PDG;
- (5) the promotion of rate rebates to small businesses;
- (6) for the Leader of the Council to request, on behalf of the Council, that banks holding Council Loans and deposits confirm an ethical lending policy to support Bolton Businesses; and
- (7) to tackle town centre fly posting, grotspots and graffiti and to identify suitable funds.

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20th Feb. 9.30 am	Council Summons	Amendment 1	Councillor Hayes	Budget 2009/2010: Council Tax and Other Associated Financial Matters	See attachment A
25th Feb. 11.00 am	Council Summons	Amendment 2	Councillor J. Walsh	Budget 2009/2010: Council Tax and Other Associated Financial Matters	See attachment B

Budget Council

25th February 2009

Amendment 1

Amendment in the name of Councillor Hayes

“Council recognises the real concern of residents at the state of the Borough’s roads and pavements, particularly those in residential areas, and at the current inability to recycle many forms of plastic other than bottles. Council also reaffirms its desire to encourage decision making at a local level.

“Accordingly, Council resolves to amend the Budget as follows:

- a) a sum of £100,000 (funded from the ongoing contingency) to be added to Area Forum budgets (on the basis of £5,000 per ward). This is a partial move towards mainstreaming this money as resolved last year;
- b) a further one-off sum of £200,000 to be added to Area Forum budgets (on the basis of £10,000 per ward) to ensure that total budgets available are the same as for 2008/09;
- c) a one-off sum of £500,000 to improve roads and pavements in residential areas;
- d) a one-off sum of £30,000 to be set aside for a possible extension to plastics recycling (yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, and similar rigid plastics) possibly by establishment of ‘bring centres’ until such time as this is covered by the proposed GMWDA contract. The appropriate Policy Development Group be asked to urgently investigate how this might be done for one full year as a pilot, with further extension and funding dependent on the outcome of the pilot. If the PDG or Executive Member deems this not to be feasible, the one-off money set aside shall be added to that specified under paragraph c) above.

“It is intended that the one-off allocations referred to in b and d above will be funded from the one-off contingency. It is intended that the one-off allocation referred to in c above will be funded from the Manchester Airport dividend expected to be received later this year (approximately £950,000 is expected to be available from this source), with any residue being allocated to balances. Council recognises that the current international financial situation may mean that there are other urgent calls upon this money: if this becomes likely, or if receipts from the dividend are significantly lower than expected, discussions will be held with the mover and seconder of this Amendment at an early stage. Although this one-off allocation is intended for use during 2009/10 it is recognised that the date of receipt might inevitably mean some overrun into the following municipal year.

“Council reiterates its intention to mainstream Area Forum budgets and will attempt to incorporate all the £200,000 (item b above) – half in 2010/11 and half in 2011/12.

“At the time that the dividend from Manchester Airport is received, the appropriate Policy Development Group will be asked to consider how best the amount remaining after implementation of c) above can be used to stimulate the local economy, or whether it should be added to balances.

“Council recognises the extreme budget pressures on social care brought about by demographic changes, higher levels of expectations and government policy, and resolves in principle to establish a form of zero based budgeting or similar technique as a pilot in a selected part of the social care areas of Adult Services to help develop a way forward. The Director of Corporate Resources is hereby asked to present a report to the Executive within three months to determine how this will be done.”