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Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the Council Meeting to be held at the Town Hall on Monday 9 January 2017 at 7.30pm.

Yours sincerely

David J Martin
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. Public Question Time and Petitions.
3. Declarations of Interest.

To receive any Declaration(s) of Interest under Corsham Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 December 2016 – *attached*.
5. Matters Arising from the above Minutes – *for information only*.
6. Chairman's Announcements.
7. Correspondence –
 - i) As mentioned in Members Information Sheet No. 362 – *to note*.
 - ii) Late correspondence – *to note*.
8. Reports from Council representatives appointed to outside bodies.
9. Policing and Community Safety – To consider policing and community safety issues – *for information and comment*.

10. Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on 14 December 2016 – *attached*.
11. Matters Arising from the above Minutes – *for information only*.
12. Minutes of the Council (Planning) meeting held on 21 December 2016 – *attached*.
13. Matters Arising from the above Minutes – *for information only*.
14. Community Awards 2017 – The Community Awards Panel has reviewed the arrangements for the 2017 Awards Scheme. Posters and application forms are being produced and the Awards Scheme is officially open for nominations from Monday 16 January until Friday 10 March 2017. Presentation of the Awards will take place at the Annual Town Meeting on Thursday 6 April 2017. Members are strongly encouraged to promote the scheme within the Corsham area – *for information and comment*.
15. Budget 2017/18 (*Minute F&A 37/16 and others*) – With reference to the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on 14 December 2016 the draft budget is attached. Since the meeting, the Government has announced that it will not introduce referendum principles (effectively a cap) from 2017/18. In any case, the proposed budget is within the suggested ‘capping’ limit.

Wiltshire Council is no longer passing on any Council Tax Support Grants arising from the Localising Support for Council Tax regulations. The Grant for 2016/17 was £5,167.

The draft budget for 2017/18 shows an increase on a Band ‘D’ Equivalent property of £4.99 which equates to 3.45%. The charge would increase from £144.47 to £149.46 per year.

Should the Council approve the budget as detailed in the ‘DRAFT for 2017/18’ column in the Budget Detail Report, the precept for 2017/18 would be £667,717.

Recommendation

It is recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee that the draft budget proposals be approved by the Full Council, with a budget of £756,309 and a precept of £667,717 for 2017/18.

16. Authorisation of cheques and payments – A list will be available at the meeting.

A Meeting of the Accounts Sub-committee will take place at 7.10pm.

The Methuen (Town) Hall meeting will take place immediately after the Council meeting.