

FULL COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING – 20 February 2018

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED

OPENING SESSION

1. The Mayor will introduce the report, summarise and move it. **20 mins max**
2. The Cabinet Member - Finance, Governance and Performance will second the report. **10 mins max**
3. Each party group will be given the opportunity to respond to the budget proposals in order of size of group
☐ Labour Group; ☐ Conservative Group; ☐ Green Group; and ☐ Liberal Democrat Group
10 mins max per group
4. The Chair of OSMB will then be given an opportunity to present comments on behalf of the Board. **10 mins max**

BREAK TO BE TAKEN AT THIS POINT

AMENDMENTS

Note – the S151 Officer has advised:

Amendments included in the agenda papers have been accepted on the following basis:

- The amendment is technically possible.
- The net financial impact of the amendment on the budget in any financial year must be zero.
- The amendment cannot use capital budgets in place of revenue.
- All amendments have been subject to an overview of the potential impact with the assessment outlined alongside the specific amendment.

5. Each amendment will be moved, seconded, debated and voted on in the order shown in the agenda papers. Reasons for the proposed amendment will be clearly stated. The Mayor or relevant Cabinet member will respond to each amendment and sum up, before it is voted on.

The vote on each amendment is carried on a simple majority of those voting.

As the amendments are voted on, the S151 Officer will advise as necessary if certain amendments effectively “fall by default” due to an earlier amendment(s) being carried.

ONCE ALL AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN VOTED ON:

6. At this point, the Lord Mayor, after consultation with the S151 Officer, will confirm the position as necessary in terms of which budget amendments were carried under Section 5 above. The Lord Mayor (seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor) will then move that Full Council note the S151 Officer's statement as required under the Local Government Act 2003.

BREAK TO BE TAKEN AT THIS POINT IF REQUIRED

7. The Lord Mayor will then invite general debate on the budget proposals – as amended or not - (i.e. the revenue and capital budget). Maximum of 2 speakers per group.

The Mayor to sum up at the end of the debate.

Members are asked to note in particular that during this debate (*i.e. at this stage of the meeting*), they should make any comments they may wish to raise in relation to any part of the budget recommendations.

FOLLOWING THE DEBATE UNDER SECTION 7:

(If budget amendments were carried, proceed to Section 8 below. In the event that no budget amendments were carried, proceed straight to Section 9 below).

8. If the budget is amended, the Mayor has until the end of 27 February 2018 to consider any amendments and his response. He may

- a. accept the budget as now amended; or
- b. he may resubmit his original (unchanged) proposals, stating his reasons; or
- c. he may submit alternative proposals, stating his reasons

Please note that if the Full Council meeting needs to reconvene it will do so on **6 March at 12 noon**. If the Mayor decides to resubmit his original budget or alternative proposals, then Full Council will be reconvened.

If the Mayor decides to accept the amended budget, then he will indicate to the meeting and the Monitoring Officer accordingly. In these circumstances it will not be necessary to reconvene the Council meeting.

IF THE MEETING REACHES THE POINT WHERE THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS (AMENDED OR NOT) ARE TO BE PUT TO THE VOTE:

9. The Lord Mayor will then propose the recommendations (as amended or not) and these will be seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor.

The recommendations, as per the report are:

To note:

- a) The report from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.
- b) The budget consultation process that was followed and feedback as outlined in Section 18 and Appendix 7.
- c) That the consultation feedback and equality impact assessments have been taken into consideration and has informed the final budget proposals.
- d) The comments of the Acting Executive Director of Resources (s151 Officer) on the robustness of the Budget and adequacy of reserves as set out at paragraph 16.

To agree:

- e) The Bristol City Council levels of Council Tax increase of 4.99%; which includes 2% to support Adult Social Care and noting the precepts of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset and the Avon Fire Authority.
- f) The Council's General Fund net revenue budget for the year 2018/19 as £355.8 million and Directorate expenditure allocations as set out in Appendix 1 and savings proposals identified in Appendix 6 (£76.4 million); subject to any budget amendments properly notified to and approved by Council in line with the Constitution.
- g) The Council's capital budget (including the HRA) for the year 2018/19 as £244.4 million (see paragraph 14) and set the capital budget for each of the Council's directorates.
- h) Agree the Council's provisional capital budget (including the HRA) for the years 2019/20 - 2022/23 totalling £700.5 million as set out in paragraph 14 and detailed in Appendix 2.
- i) The proposed total Schools budget of £341.3 million for 2018/19 as set out in paragraph 10, which will be funded by the Dedicated Schools Grant.
- j) The proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19 in Appendix 4, incorporating the Minimum Revenue Provision policy and the prudential indicators and limits.
- k) The calculations for determining the Council Tax requirement for the year 2018/19 in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as set out in Appendix 9.
- l) To approve the Strategy for the Flexible use of Capital Receipts as set out in Appendix 5.

Delegation of authority

- m) The delegation of authority to the Acting Executive Director of Resources & S151 Officer after consultation with the Deputy Mayor, Cabinet Member for Finance, Governance and Performance and the Mayor, to make any necessary technical adjustments to the figures upon receipt of any further details associated to the final Local Government Finance Settlement.

(In the event of a reconvened meeting on 6 March, the Council must take into account the reasoning put forward by the Mayor in considering his re-submitted budget and consider whether it wishes to approve an alternative budget to that now proposed. If an alternative budget is proposed it must be approved by a 2/3rds majority in order to be adopted.)

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