

**Decision Recording Form**

**Mayor's decision determined at Cabinet meeting  
on 13 January 2015**

(a) **Subject:** 2015/16 budget and 2015/16 – 2017/18 Medium Term Financial Strategy  
(agenda item 5)

(b) **Ward:** Citywide

(c) **Decision taker:** George Ferguson, Mayor

**Cabinet members present:**

Cllr Geoff Gollop, Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mark Bradshaw, Assistant Mayor for Place, including Transport & Regeneration

Cllr Simon Cook, Assistant Mayor for Business Change, Resources & the Arts

Cllr Daniella Radice, Assistant Mayor for Neighbourhoods, including Health, Sport & Leisure

Cllr Brenda Massey, Assistant Mayor for People, including Education & Social Services

(d) **Declarations of interest:**

None.

(e) **Decision taken by the Mayor:**

1. **That the following statement from the Council's Chief Finance Officer (section 151 officer) be noted:-**

The Service Director, Finance, as the Council's Chief Finance Officer, will confirm to Council (as required by the Local Government Act 2003) that the spending plans identified in this Medium Term Financial Strategy and the council tax calculation for 2015/16 are robust estimates that:

- Direct resources towards the Mayor's ambitions in a way that is achievable.
- Reflect the best estimate of pay and price increases available at this time.
- Consider and recognise the major financial risks facing the Council over the next three years.
- Contain proposals for increased income or reduced expenditure that are achievable over the medium term.

The Service Director, Finance, as the Council's Chief Finance Officer will also confirm that the level of Council reserves are sufficient to meet the known financial risks facing the Council over the medium term.

## **2. Mayor's budget recommendations**

That the budget proposals in respect of the years 2015/16 to 2017/18 be approved as set out in the report, subject to the following amendment:

In relation to the "one-off" allocations for 2015/16 (totalling £3.9m in total):

- Reduce the previously allocated allocation of £300,000 for joint working in the city region to £150,000;

and instead allocate:

- £50,000 for air quality monitoring around the key industrial areas of the city.
- £50,000 for a community transport transition fund.
- £50,000 to postpone savings in noise pollution services pending service redesign.

The proposals will be submitted to Council for approval at its meeting on 17 February to :-

- a. Agree the Council's net revenue budget (before the use of Council reserves) for the year 2015/16 as £360.1m and to set the cash-limited revenue budget for each of the Council's directorates for 2015/16.
- b. Agree the Council's provisional revenue spending limit (before the use of Council reserves), for planning purposes, for the year 2016/17 is agreed as £344.6m and for the year 2017/18 is agreed as £338.4m;
- c. Agree the Council's capital budget (including the Housing Programme) for the year 2015/16 is agreed as £208.8m and set the capital budget for each of the Council's directorates for 2015/16;
- d. Agree the Council's provisional capital budget (including the Housing Programme) for the year 2016/17 is agreed as £173.6m and for the year 2017/18 is agreed as £63.5m;
- e. Agree Council's Housing Revenue budget deficit for the year 2015/16 as £7.4m and for planning purposes, the budget deficit for the year 2016/17 is agreed as £2.5m and for the year 2017/18 is agreed as £1.2m.

## **3. Council House Rents and Service Charges**

That the proposed changes in Council house rents and Service Charges (paragraphs 25-27), in respect of the years 2015/16, be approved as set out in the report to be submitted to Council for approval at its meeting on 17 February :-

- a. Council house dwelling rents for 2015/16 increase by an average of £2.89 per week (3.74% average increase) with effect from Monday 6 April 2015.
- b. No increase in Service Charges for 2015/16 with the exception of heating cost pre-payments which increase by 9% in line with energy cost inflation. Increase to take effect from Monday 6 April 2015.

#### 4. Use of Council Reserves

That the use of Council reserves will be in accordance with the approved policy, i.e.

- a. The purpose of the Council's Strategic Reserve is to cover emergency events such as unforeseen financial liabilities or natural disasters. This reserve will be maintained at a minimum level of between 3% and 5% of the Council's net revenue budget.
- b. The purpose of the Council's general reserves is to support one-off and limited on-going revenue spending.
- c. The purpose of the Council's earmarked provisions and reserves is to meet identified spending commitments. These reserves will only be used for the purpose for which they were created and will be reviewed annually. If they are no longer required they will be transferred to the general reserve.
- d. The timing and use of earmarked reserves requires the approval of the Chief Finance Officer.

#### 5. Treasury Management

That the Council's Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, Investment Strategy and Prudential Indicators included in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (Appendix 1D) be agreed.

#### 6. Calculation of the Council's Tax Base

That it be noted that at its meeting on 16 December 2014 the Council agreed Bristol City Council's Tax Base for the year 2015/16 as **119,115.6**

#### 7. Council Tax by Band

That the following amounts be agreed by the Council for the year 2015/16:-

- a. **£169,022,000** being the sum to be met from council tax in 2015/16 for services provided by the Council;
- b. Bristol City's Council's share of the council tax for the year 2015/16 for the services it provides for each category of dwelling shown as follows:-

2015/16 Council Tax	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2015/16 Council Tax	946.01	1,103.67	1,261.34	1,419.01	1,734.35	2,049.68	2,365.02	2,838.02
2014/15 Council Tax	927.91	1,082.57	1,237.22	1,391.87	1,701.17	2,010.48	2,319.78	2,783.74
Percentage increase	1.95%	1.95%	1.95%	1.95%	1.95%	1.95%	1.95%	1.95%
Annual Increase	18.09	21.11	24.12	27.14	33.17	39.20	45.23	54.28
Weekly Increase	0.35	0.41	0.46	0.52	0.64	0.75	0.87	1.04

#### 8. Council Tax for services provided by the Council

That authority be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer to calculate (in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992) the Council Tax amounts to be formally calculated for agreement by the Council for the year 2015/16 following agreement of the Local Government

Settlement and the precepts for the fire and police authorities when received.

**(g) Exempt information?**

None.

**(h) Decision made in exempt session?**

No.

**(i) Additional information at the meeting /documents taken into account:**

1. One public question.
2. Three councillor statements.
3. Four councillor questions.
4. Comments from the Business Change and Resources Scrutiny Commission.

**(j) Reason for decision:**

As set out in the report.

**Signed** : ..... **Date** : .....  
(Mayor of Bristol)

**Decision Recording Form**

**Mayor's decision determined at Cabinet meeting  
on 13 JANUARY 2015**

**Decision will come into effect on 21 January 2015**  
(subject to any call-in referral before that date)

- (a) **Subject:** **Digital advertising**  
(agenda item 6)
- (b) **Ward:** Cabot
- (c) **Decision taker:** George Ferguson, Mayor

**Cabinet members present:**

Cllr Geoff Gollop, Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mark Bradshaw, Assistant Mayor for Place, including Transport & Regeneration

Cllr Simon Cook, Assistant Mayor for Business Change, Resources & the Arts

Cllr Daniella Radice, Assistant Mayor for Neighbourhoods, including Health, Sport & Leisure

Cllr Brenda Massey, Assistant Mayor for People, including Education & Social Services

- (d) **Declarations of interest:**

None.

- (e) **Decision taken by the Mayor:**

1. That approval be given to the appointment of JC Decaux as the preferred operating company to partner the Council in establishing digital advertising at Bond Street & Temple Way underpass plus a possible third option.
2. That authority be delegated to the Service Director – Property to agree appropriate terms and establish a suitable agreement between the Council and the operating company to govern the operation of any sites established.

**(f) Other options considered and rejected:**

As set out in the report.

**(g) Exempt information?**

An exempt appendix contained commercially sensitive information.

**(h) Decision made in exempt session?**

No.

**(i) Additional information at the meeting /documents taken into account:**

1. One public statement.
2. One councillor question.
3. The Mayor noted that Cllr Radice had indicated at this meeting that she did not support this proposal / decision.

**(j) Reason for decision:**

As set out in the report.

**Signed :** ..... **Date :** .....  
(Mayor of Bristol)

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on 13 January 2015**

**Decision will come into effect on 21 January 2015**  
(subject to any call-in referral before that date)

- (a) **Subject:** Procurement of professional consultancy services  
(agenda item 7)
- (b) **Ward :** Citywide
- (c) **Decision taker:** George Ferguson, Mayor

**Cabinet members present:**

Cllr Geoff Gollop, Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mark Bradshaw, Assistant Mayor for Place, including Transport & Regeneration

Cllr Simon Cook, Assistant Mayor for Business Change, Resources & the Arts

Cllr Daniella Radice, Assistant Mayor for Neighbourhoods, including Health, Sport & Leisure

Cllr Brenda Massey, Assistant Mayor for People, including Education & Social Services

(d) **Declarations of interest:**

Cllr Radice declared an interest in this item relating to the fact that her husband worked for an engineering consultancy. Cllr Radice took no part in the discussion of this item of business.

(e) **Decision taken by the Mayor:**

1. That, as per the report, approval be given to the procurement process for the appointment of consultants to support delivery of the Council's transport capital programme, for a period of 4 years from 1 October 2015.
2. That, as per the report, approval be given to the procurement process for the appointment of consultants to support the Council's duties as lead flood authority, for a period of 4 years from 1 April 2015.

**(f) Other options considered and rejected:**

As set out in the report.

**(g) Exempt information?**

None.

**(h) Decision made in exempt session?**

No.

**(i) Additional information at the meeting /documents taken into account:**

- One councillor question.

**(j) Reason for decision:**

As set out in the report.

**Signed :** ..... **Date :** .....  
(Mayor of Bristol)



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- (a) **Subject:** **Ashton Vale to Temple Meads (AVTM) and Bristol City Centre MetroBus scheme – contingency funding and risk management**  
(agenda item 8)
- (b) **Ward:** Cabot, Lawrence Hill, Southville and Bedminster
- (c) **Decision taker:** George Ferguson, Mayor

**Cabinet members present:**

Cllr Geoff Gollop, Deputy Mayor

Cllr Mark Bradshaw, Assistant Mayor for Place, including Transport & Regeneration

Cllr Simon Cook, Assistant Mayor for Business Change, Resources & the Arts

Cllr Daniella Radice, Assistant Mayor for Neighbourhoods, including Health, Sport & Leisure

Cllr Brenda Massey, Assistant Mayor for People, including Education & Social Services

- (d) **Declarations of interest:**

None.

- (e) **Decision taken by the Mayor:**

- 1. That approval be given to an additional £2.72m of contingency funding for the AVTM MetroBus project as Bristol City Council's contribution towards addressing potential future risks and pressures that could occur during the implementation of this project.**
- 2. That the additional resources put in place to ensure that risks and project change are thoroughly managed throughout the implementation of this project.**

**(f) Other options considered and rejected:**

As set out in the report.

**(g) Exempt information?**

An exempt appendix contained confidential legal / land related advice.

**(h) Decision made in exempt session?**

No.

**(i) Additional information at the meeting /documents taken into account:**

- \* One public statement.
- \* Two councillor statements.
- \* One councillor question.

**(j) Reason for decision:**

As set out in the report.

**Signed :** ..... **Date :** .....  
(Mayor of Bristol)