

Decision Recording Form

**Decision determined at Cabinet meeting
on 12 January 2016**

Decision will come into effect on 20 January 2016
(subject to any call-in referral before that date)

- (a) **Subject:** 2016/17 Budget
(agenda item 5)
- (b) **Ward:** Citywide
- (c) **Decision taker:** George Ferguson, Mayor

Cabinet members present:

Cllr Geoff Gollop, Deputy Mayor

Cllr Simon Cook, Assistant Mayor for Place

Cllr Daniella Radice, Assistant Mayor for Neighbourhoods

Cllr Brenda Massey, Assistant Mayor for People

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

None.

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

- i. That the following statement from the Council's Deputy Chief Finance Officer (section 114(6) Local Government Finance Act 1988) be noted:-

The Deputy Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 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 2016/17 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
- Contain proposals for increased income or reduced expenditure that are achievable over the medium term.

The Council's Deputy 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.

ii. Mayor's budget Recommendations

That the Mayor's budget proposals in respect of 2016/17 be approved as set out in the report to be submitted to Council for approval at its meeting on 16 February to :-

- a. Agree the Council's net revenue budget (before the use of Council reserves) for the year 2016/17 as £342.0m.**
- b. Agree the Council's capital budget (including the Housing Programme) for the year 2016/17 is agreed as £190.1m (see paragraph 70) and set the capital budget for each of the Council's directorates for 2016/17;**
- c. Agree the Council's provisional capital budget (including the Housing Programme) for the year 2017/18 is agreed as £113.7m and for the year 2018/19 is agreed as £65.1m;**
- d. Agree the Council's Housing Revenue budget surplus for the year 2016/17 as £1.6m and for planning purposes, the budget deficit for the year 2017/18 is agreed as £1.8m and for the year 2018/19 is agreed as £5.2m (see paragraph 64 of the report).**

iii. Council House Rents and Service Charges

That the proposed changes in Council house rents and Service Charges (see paragraphs 64 – 67), in respect of the years 2016/17, be approved as set out in the report to be submitted to Full Council for approval at its meeting on 16 February :-

- a. Council house dwelling rents for 2016/17 decrease of 1% resulting in an average 52 week rent of £80.88 (equivalent 48 week rent £87.62) effective from Monday 4 April 2016.**
- b. Tenant & leaseholder Service Charges (except heating – no change) increase to reflect staffing costs therefore for 2016/17 would be 2.2% effective from Monday 4 April 2016.**

iv. 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 5% and 6% 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.**

v. 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 C of the report) be agreed and submitted to Full Council for approval

vi. Calculation of the Council's Tax Base

That it be noted that at its meeting on 15 December 2015 the Council agreed Bristol City Council's Tax Base for the year 2016/17 as 120,946 (2015/16 119,116)

vii. Council Tax by Band

That the following amounts be submitted for agreement by Full Council for the year 2016/17:-

- a. £174,970,159 (2015/16 £169,026,228) being the sum to be met from council tax in 2016/17 for services provided by the Council;**
- b. Bristol City's Council's share of the council tax for the year 2016/17 for the services it provides for each category of dwelling shown as follows:-**

2016/17 Council Tax	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2016/17 Council Tax	964.46	1,125.19	1,285.94	1,446.68	1,768.17	2,089.65	2,411.14	2,893.36
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
Percentage increase	1.95%	1.95%	1.95%	1.95%	1.95%	1.95%	1.95%	1.95%
Annual Increase	18.45	21.52	24.60	27.67	33.82	39.97	46.12	55.34
Weekly Increase	0.35	0.41	0.47	0.53	0.65	0.77	0.89	1.06

viii. Council Tax for services provided by the Council

That Cabinet delegate to the Deputy Chief Finance Officer the authority 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 2016/17, following agreement of the Local Government Settlement and the precepts for the fire and police authorities when received.

ix. Business Rates

That it is noted that data for calculating business rates will be available in late January. For the purpose of this report we have assumed limited growth of 2% (RPI), consistent with the assumptions already built into the existing financial framework.

x. Social Care Precept

That it is noted that in the Autumn Statement, the Government introduced a proposal to allow local authorities with responsibility for Adult Social Care to levy a 2% precept on its Council Tax, in response to growing spending pressures in Adult Social Care (see paragraphs 20-25 of the report). Applying this levy would increase the Council's

funding by up to £3.5m in 2016/17, increasing to an estimated £14.3m per annum by 2019/20, to be spent in support of Adult Social Care spending.

(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:

1. One public statement
2. Six Councillor questions (replies given by the Mayor at the meeting).

Budget Consultation 2016/17 Final report circulated on 8th January 2016 and published. This replaced Appendix D of the report which was the Interim Budget Consultation Feedback Report published with the Cabinet papers on 31st December 2015.

(j) Reason for decision:

As set out in the report.

Signed : **Date :**
(Mayor)

**Information item reported to Cabinet meeting
on 12 January 2016**

- (a) **Subject: Mayoral Commissions Update**
(agenda item 6)
- (b) **Ward:** Citywide
- (c) **Decision taker:** George Ferguson, Mayor

Cabinet members present:

Cllr Geoff Gollop, Deputy Mayor

Cllr Simon Cook, Assistant Mayor for Place

Cllr Daniella Radice, Assistant Mayor for Neighbourhoods

Cllr Brenda Massey, Assistant Mayor for People

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

None.

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

N/A

Cabinet noted the progress on recommendations of the Mayoral Commissions, and the impact that they have had on the council and city as the recommendations have become embedded within the council and partner organisations.

Cabinet noted that the time limited Mayoral Commissions have made a significant contribution to a number of key areas in the city, and that Boards and partnerships across the city have been established and influenced from the work of the commissions.

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

N/A (item for information only)

- (g) **Exempt information?**

None.

(h) Decision made in exempt session?

No

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

1. One public statement
2. One public question
3. One Councillor question

(j) Reason for decision:

N/A (item for information only)

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

**Information item reported to Cabinet meeting
on 12 January 2016**

(a) **Subject:** **Business Planning Update on companies which the Council wholly own, and governance of managing those companies**
(agenda item 7)

(b) **Ward:** Citywide

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

Cabinet members present:

Cllr Geoff Gollop, Deputy Mayor

Cllr Simon Cook, Assistant Mayor for Place

Cllr Daniella Radice, Assistant Mayor for Neighbourhoods

Cllr Brenda Massey, Assistant Mayor for People

(d) **Declarations of interest:**

None.

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

N/A – Cabinet noted that the report has been released into the public domain and where information of necessity remains exempt an explanation has been provided.

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

N/A (item for information only)

(g) **Exempt information?**

Yes - Appendix C, Appendices 1,2 and 3 of the report were not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the authority holding that information) and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the document.

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

N/A (item for information only)

(i) Additional information at the meeting
None

(j) Reason for decision:
N/A (item for information only)

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