

# Resources Scrutiny Commission Extraordinary Budget Meeting Part 1 Agenda



**Date:** Tuesday, 22 November 2022

**Time:** 2.45 pm

**Venue:** The Council Chamber - City Hall, College Green, Bristol, BS1 5TR

## **Distribution:**

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# Agenda

- 1. Welcome, Introductions and Safety Information** **2.45 pm**  
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- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Declarations of Interest**

To note any declarations of interest from the Councillors. They are asked to indicate the relevant agenda item, the nature of the interest and in particular whether it is a **disclosable pecuniary interest**.

Any declarations of interest made at the meeting which is not on the register of interests should be notified to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion.

## **4. Chair's Business**

To note any announcements from the Chair

## **5. Public Forum**

Please note:

Up to 45 minutes will be allowed for this item. This session will cover both Part 1 and Part 2 of this Extraordinary meeting of the Resources Scrutiny Commission, i.e. there will not be a separate public forum session for Part 2 of this meeting which is being held on 23 November.

As this is an Extraordinary meeting, any questions, petitions or statements must relate to the business for which this Extraordinary meeting has been arranged.

Any member of the public or councillor may participate in Public Forum. The detailed arrangements for so doing are set out in the Public Information Sheet at the back of this agenda. Public Forum items should be emailed to [scrutiny@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny@bristol.gov.uk) and please note that the following deadlines will apply in relation to this meeting:

**Questions** - Written questions must be received at least 3 clear working days prior to the meeting. For this meeting, this means that questions must be received in this office at the latest by **5.00 pm on Wednesday 16 November 2022**

**Petitions and Statements** - Petitions and statements must be received at latest



by 12 noon on the working day prior to the meeting. For this meeting, this means that petitions and statements must be received in this office at the latest by

**12.00 noon on Monday 21 November 2022**

**6. Budget Consultation 23/24 - Growth and Regeneration Directorate**

**3.30 pm**

A hard copy of the budget consultation survey is 'to follow'.

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# Public Information Sheet

## Inspection of Papers - Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

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## Public meetings

Public meetings including Cabinet, Full Council, regulatory meetings (where planning and licensing decisions are made) and scrutiny will now be held at City Hall.

Members of the press and public who plan to attend City Hall are advised that you may be asked to watch the meeting on a screen in another room should the numbers attending exceed the maximum occupancy of the meeting venue.

## COVID-19 Prevention Measures at City Hall (from March 2022)

When attending a meeting at City Hall, the following COVID-19 prevention guidance is advised:

- promotion of good hand hygiene: washing and disinfecting hands frequently
- while face coverings are no longer mandatory, we will continue to recommend their use in venues and workplaces with limited ventilation or large groups of people.
- although legal restrictions have been removed, we should continue to be mindful of others as we navigate this next phase of the pandemic.

## COVID-19 Safety Measures for Attendance at Council Meetings (from March 2022)

Government advice remains that anyone testing positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate for 10 days (unless they receive two negative lateral flow tests on consecutive days from day five).

We therefore request that no one attends a Council Meeting if they:

- are suffering from symptoms of COVID-19 or
- have tested positive for COVID-19

## Other formats and languages and assistance for those with hearing impairment

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Committee rooms are fitted with induction loops to assist people with hearing impairment. If you require any assistance with this please speak to the Democratic Services Officer.



## Public Forum

Members of the public may make a written statement ask a question or present a petition to most meetings. Your statement or question will be sent to the Committee Members and will be published on the Council's website before the meeting. Please send it to [scrutiny@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny@bristol.gov.uk).

The following requirements apply:

- The statement is received no later than **12.00 noon on the working day before the meeting** and is about a matter which is the responsibility of the committee concerned.
- The question is received no later than **5pm three clear working days before the meeting**.

Any statement submitted should be no longer than one side of A4 paper. If the statement is longer than this, then for reasons of cost, it may be that only the first sheet will be copied and made available at the meeting. For copyright reasons, we are unable to reproduce or publish newspaper or magazine articles that may be attached to statements.

By participating in public forum business, we will assume that you have consented to your name and the details of your submission being recorded and circulated to the Committee and published within the minutes. Your statement or question will also be made available to the public via publication on the Council's website and may be provided upon request in response to Freedom of Information Act requests in the future.

We will try to remove personal and identifiable information. However, because of time constraints we cannot guarantee this, and you may therefore wish to consider if your statement contains information that you would prefer not to be in the public domain. Other committee papers may be placed on the council's website and information within them may be searchable on the internet.

### During the meeting:

- Public Forum is normally one of the first items on the agenda, although statements and petitions that relate to specific items on the agenda may be taken just before the item concerned.
- There will be no debate on statements or petitions.
- The Chair will call each submission in turn. When you are invited to speak, please make sure that your presentation focuses on the key issues that you would like Members to consider. This will have the greatest impact.
- Your time allocation may have to be strictly limited if there are a lot of submissions. **This may be as short as one minute.**
- If there are a large number of submissions on one matter a representative may be requested to speak on the groups behalf.
- If you do not attend or speak at the meeting at which your public forum submission is being taken your statement will be noted by Members.
- Under our security arrangements, please note that members of the public (and bags) may be searched. This may apply in the interests of helping to ensure a safe meeting environment for all attending.



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# Budget Scrutiny Meeting

## 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022



<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>Scrutiny Review of Budget Consultation</b>
<b>Ward:</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Director:</b>	<b>Director of Finance (s151 Officer): Denise Murray</b>

### **Recommendations:**

That Members note the consultation on budget savings proposals and provide comments and feedback.

### **Purpose of the report:**

To present the budget consultation document and invite comments and feedback.

### **The significant issues in the report are:**

The Medium Term Financial Plan for Bristol outlines a cumulative peak funding gap of £37.5 million to £87.6 million during the 2023/24 – 2027/28 period.

This reflects the information available at the time of preparation. There continues to be significant external uncertainty around the economic environment that could impact the assumptions made, including inflationary levels being at the highest level in decades, increasing demand on services and consistent reductions and changes to local government funding. The options available to balance budgets are therefore increasingly difficult.

The requirement to bridge-the-gap to ensure that the Council sets a balanced budget has led to savings proposal options amounting to £45.7 million over the next five years being presented in the consultation.

The budget consultation was launched on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022, providing details of these savings proposals, and is annexed below.

Consultation Link: [Budget consultation 2023/24 \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk/Budget%20consultation%202023%2F24)

