

Bristol City Council

Minutes of the Full Council

2 March 2022 at 2.00 pm



Members Present:- Mayor Marvin Rees

Councillors: Deputy Mayor Andrew Varney, Mayor Marvin Rees, Donald Alexander, Lesley Alexander, Jenny Bartle, Nicola Beech, Marley Bennett, Mark Bradshaw, Fabian Breckels, Andrew Brown, Craig Cheney, Jos Clark, Sarah Classick, Amirah Cole, Asher Craig, Chris Davies, Carla Denyer, Tony Dyer, Richard Eddy, Emma Edwards, Lily Fitzgibbon, Tessa Fitzjohn, Martin Fodor, Lorraine Francis, John Geater, Paul Goggin, Geoff Gollop, Zoe Goodman, John Goulandris, Katy Grant, Fi Hance, Tom Hathway, Helen Holland, Gary Hopkins, Katja Hornchen, Jonathan Hucker, Philippa Hulme, Farah Hussain, Chris Jackson, Ellie King, Tim Kent, Heather Mack, Mohamed Makawi, Brenda Massey, Henry Michallat, Yassin Mohamud, Barry Parsons, Steve Pearce, Ed Plowden, Guy Poultney, Kevin Quartley, Tom Renhard, Tim Rippington, James Scott, Sharon Scott, Ani Stafford-Townsend, Lisa Stone, Christine Townsend, Andrew Varney, Mark Weston, David Wilcox, Tim Wye and Kye Dudd

1 Welcome and Safety Information

The Deputy Lord Mayor welcomed all attendees to the meeting and outlined the emergency evacuation process.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were heard from Councillors Ali, Bailes, English, Hartley, Jama, Morris, O'Rourke, Windows and the Lord Mayor Councillor Smith.

3 Declarations of Interest

None received.

4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On the motion of the Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded by Councillor Goulandris, it was

RESOLVED:



That the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on the 15 February 2022 be confirmed as correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

5 Lord Mayor's Business

The Deputy Lord Mayor called for a moment of reflection following the tragic situation unfolding in Ukraine.

6 Public Forum (Petitions and Statements)

There were no items of public forum received.

Members of Council were reminded that the public forum submitted to the first budget meeting held on the 15th February 2022 had been published on the website.

7 2022- 2023 Budget Report

The Deputy Lord Mayor informed Full Council that following the close of the first budget meeting held on the 15 February the Mayor had exercised his right to take five days to consider the Amended Budget. On the 22 February, the Mayor had then indicated that he did not wish to accept the Amended Budget and subsequently proposed an 'Alternative Budget' for the consideration of Full Council.

The Lord Mayor drew Member's attention to the published budget procedure to be followed during the meeting.

The Section 151 Officer confirmed that amendments 1, 3, 4, 8 and 9 had been carried at the meeting of the 15 February 2022 leading to an Amended Budget for the consideration of Full Council.

On behalf of Full Council, the Deputy Lord Mayor moved the Amended Budget and it was seconded by Councillor Goulandris.

Councillors Massey, Stone, Gollop, Brown and Hopkins spoke in the debate, following which, the Mayor responded.

Full Council NOTED:

- a) The report from the Scrutiny Budget Task and Finish Group.**
- b) The budget consultation process that was followed and feedback as outlined in Section 18 and Appendix 6.**
- c) The categorisation of earmarked reserves and provisions set out in Section 15.**
- d) That the consultation feedback and equality impact assessments have been taken into consideration and have informed the final budget proposals.**



- e) **The feedback provided by Bristol Schools Forum for Cabinet and Council, consideration in making final decisions on the Dedicated Schools Budget for 2022/23.**
- f) **The comments of the Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) on the robustness of the budget and adequacy of reserves as set out in Section 16.**

The Amended Budget recommendations G, H, I, J and K were put to the vote and FELL (27 voting members voting for, 33 against with 1 abstention).

The Mayor moved his Alternative Budget and it was seconded by Councillor Cheney.

Councillors Pearce, Mack, Weston, Clark, Hopkins, Renhard, Fodor, Geater and Kent spoke in the debate, following which, the Mayor responded.

The Alternative Budget recommendations G, H, I, J and K were put to the vote and were CARRIED (34 voting members voting in favour, 18 against with 8 abstentions).

It was RESOLVED that the Mayor's Alternative Budget proposals in respect of 2022/23 be approved as set out in the report:

- g) **The Bristol City Council levels of Council Tax increase of 2.99%; which includes 1% precept to support Adult Social Care, noting the precepts of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset and the Avon Fire Authority.**
- h) **The Council's General Fund net revenue budget for the year 2022/23 as £431.1 million and expenditure allocations as set out in Appendix 1; subject to any budget amendments properly notified to and approved by the Council in line with the Constitution.**
- i) **The Council's capital budget and programme for the years 2022/23 – 2031/32, totalling £1,906.1 million (including the incorporation of £32 million of Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy funding), as set out in paragraph 13 and detailed in Appendix 2; subject to any budget amendments properly notified to and approved by the Council in line with the Constitution.**
- j) **The proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2022/23 in Appendix 4, incorporating the Minimum Revenue Provision policy and the prudential indicators and limits.**
- k) **To approve the Strategy for the Flexible use of Capital Receipts as set out in Appendix 5.**

It was RESOLVED that Full Council AGREED: (with 58 members voting in favour, 0 against with 3 abstentions)

- l) **The distribution of the 2022/23 Dedicated Schools Grant of £421.5 million as recommended by Cabinet and the Schools Forum, summarised below, and set out in Section 9.**



- i. The Schools Block budget set at £304.661 million, after transferring £1.531million of the overall Schools Block to the High Needs Block to support the Education Transformation programme.
- ii. The Growth Fund for established schools expanding in September 2022 be set at £2.0 million (a component of the total Schools Block budget).
- iii. The basis for distributing the funding to mainstream schools be as set out and agreed by Schools Forum.
- iv. The High Needs Block budget be set at £79.745 million, after receiving transfers of £1.531million from Schools Block.
- v. The Early Years Block budget be set at £34.388 million and distributed in line with the arrangements agreed with the Schools Forum, noting income will fluctuate, Page 30 5 according to participation levels.

It was **RESOLVED** that Full Council **AGREED** (with 54 members voting in favour, 1 against with 4 abstentions)

- m) A rent increase of 4.1% (CPI plus 1%) with effect from 4 April 2022, applicable to Housing Revenue Account (HRA) dwelling and non-dwelling rent.
- n) The HRA Revenue budget of £127.1million for 2022/23 as set out in Section 11.
- o) Authorise the Executive Director of Growth and Regeneration, in consultation with the Deputy Mayor, Cabinet member for Finance, Governance, Property and Culture, to set service charges in line with the anticipated and actual cost of running each service. p) The 30 year outline business plan and finance model established within the affordability principles in the capital strategy, noting that this will be subject to annual review and indepth review on a rolling 5-year basis. summarised in Section 11

It was **RESOLVED**:

- q) The delegation of authority to the Director of Finance after consultation with Deputy Mayor, Cabinet Member for Finance, Governance, Property and Culture and the Mayor, to make any necessary technical adjustments that may be required to the budget with transfers to and or from reserves as appropriate.
- r) The delegation of authority to Director of Finance after consultation with Deputy Mayor, Cabinet Member for Finance, Governance, Property and Culture and the Mayor to adjust the budget on receipt of the Energy Bill and Council Tax Rebate funding for Bristol and develop and implement the discretionary policy to facilitate the administration of this scheme.

Meeting ended at 3.20 pm

CHAIR _____



Amended Budget - Recommendations G, H, I, J and K (Resolution)	
Marvin Rees	Against
Councillor Donald Alexander	Against
Councillor Lesley Alexander	Against
Councillor Jenny Bartle	For
Councillor Nicola Beech	Against
Councillor Marley Bennett	Against
Councillor Mark Bradshaw	Against
Councillor Fabian Breckels	Against
Councillor Andrew Brown	For
Councillor Craig Cheney	Against
Councillor Jos Clark	For
Councillor Sarah Classick	For
Councillor Amirah Cole	Against
Councillor Asher Craig	Against
Councillor Christopher Davies	For
Councillor Carla Denyer	For
Councillor Tony Dyer	For
Councillor Richard Eddy	Against
Councillor Emma Edwards	For
Councillor Lily Fitzgibbon	For
Councillor Tessa Fitzjohn	For
Councillor Martin Fodor	For
Councillor Lorraine Francis	For
Councillor John Geater	Against
Councillor Paul Goggin	Against
Councillor Geoff Gollop	Against
Councillor Zoe Goodman	Against
Councillor John Goulandris	Against
Councillor Katy Grant	Abstain
Councillor Fi Hance	For
Councillor Tom Hathway	For
Councillor Helen Holland	Against
Councillor Gary Hopkins	For
Councillor Katja Hornchen	Against
Councillor Jonathan Hucker	Against
Councillor Philippa Hulme	Against



Councillor Farah Hussain	Against
Councillor Christopher Jackson	Against
Councillor Ellie King	Against
Councillor Tim Kent	For
Councillor Heather Mack	For
Councillor Mohamed Makawi	For
Councillor Brenda Massey	Against
Councillor Henry Michallat	Against
Councillor Yassin Mohamud	For
Councillor Barry Parsons	For
Councillor Steve Pearce	Against
Councillor Ed Plowden	For
Councillor Guy Poultney	For
Councillor Kevin Quartley	Against
Councillor Tom Renhard	Against
Councillor Tim Ripington	Against
Councillor James Scott	Against
Councillor Sharon Scott	Against
Councillor Ani Stafford-Townsend	For
Councillor Lisa Stone	For
Councillor Christine Townsend	For
Councillor Mark Weston	Against
Councillor David Wilcox	For
Councillor Tim Wye	For
Councillor Kye Dudd	Against
Rejected	
Alternative Budget - Recommendations G, H, I, J and K (Resolution)	
Marvin Rees	For
Councillor Donald Alexander	For
Councillor Lesley Alexander	For
Councillor Jenny Bartle	Abstain
Councillor Nicola Beech	For
Councillor Marley Bennett	For
Councillor Mark Bradshaw	For
Councillor Fabian Breckels	For
Councillor Andrew Brown	Abstain
Councillor Craig Cheney	For
Councillor Jos Clark	Abstain
Councillor Sarah Classick	Abstain



Councillor Amirah Cole	For
Councillor Asher Craig	For
Councillor Christopher Davies	Against
Councillor Carla Denyer	Abstain
Councillor Tony Dyer	Abstain
Councillor Richard Eddy	For
Councillor Emma Edwards	Abstain
Councillor Lily Fitzgibbon	Abstain
Councillor Tessa Fitzjohn	Abstain
Councillor Martin Fodor	Abstain
Councillor Lorraine Francis	Abstain
Councillor John Geater	For
Councillor Paul Goggin	For
Councillor Geoff Gollop	For
Councillor Zoe Goodman	For
Councillor John Goulandris	For
Councillor Katy Grant	Abstain
Councillor Fi Hance	Abstain
Councillor Tom Hathway	Abstain
Councillor Helen Holland	For
Councillor Gary Hopkins	Against
Councillor Katja Hornchen	For
Councillor Jonathan Hucker	For
Councillor Philippa Hulme	For
Councillor Farah Hussain	For
Councillor Christopher Jackson	For
Councillor Ellie King	For
Councillor Tim Kent	Abstain
Councillor Heather Mack	Against
Councillor Mohamed Makawi	Against
Councillor Brenda Massey	For
Councillor Henry Michallat	For
Councillor Yassin Mohamud	For
Councillor Barry Parsons	Against
Councillor Steve Pearce	For
Councillor Ed Plowden	Abstain
Councillor Guy Poultney	Against
Councillor Kevin Quartley	For
Councillor Tom Renhard	For



Councillor Tim Rippington	For
Councillor James Scott	For
Councillor Sharon Scott	For
Councillor Lisa Stone	Against
Councillor Christine Townsend	Against
Councillor Mark Weston	For
Councillor David Wilcox	Abstain
Councillor Tim Wye	Abstain
Councillor Kye Dudd	For
Carried	
Alternative Budget - Recommendation L (Resolution)	
Marvin Rees	For
Councillor Donald Alexander	For
Councillor Lesley Alexander	For
Councillor Jenny Bartle	For
Councillor Nicola Beech	For
Councillor Marley Bennett	For
Councillor Mark Bradshaw	For
Councillor Fabian Breckels	For
Councillor Andrew Brown	For
Councillor Craig Cheney	For
Councillor Jos Clark	For
Councillor Sarah Classick	For
Councillor Amirah Cole	For
Councillor Asher Craig	For
Councillor Christopher Davies	Abstain
Councillor Carla Denyer	For
Councillor Tony Dyer	For
Councillor Richard Eddy	For
Councillor Emma Edwards	For
Councillor Lily Fitzgibbon	For
Councillor Tessa Fitzjohn	For
Councillor Martin Fodor	For
Councillor Lorraine Francis	For
Councillor John Geater	For
Councillor Paul Goggin	For
Councillor Geoff Gollop	For
Councillor Zoe Goodman	For
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Councillor Jonathan Hucker	For
Councillor Philippa Hulme	For
Councillor Farah Hussain	For
Councillor Christopher Jackson	For
Councillor Ellie King	For
Councillor Tim Kent	For
Councillor Heather Mack	For
Councillor Mohamed Makawi	For
Councillor Brenda Massey	For
Councillor Henry Michallat	For
Councillor Yassin Mohamud	For
Councillor Barry Parsons	For
Councillor Steve Pearce	For
Councillor Ed Plowden	For
Councillor Guy Poultney	For
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Councillor Christine Townsend	For
Councillor Mark Weston	For
Councillor David Wilcox	For
Councillor Tim Wye	For
Councillor Kye Dudd	For
Carried	
Alternative Budget - Recommendations M, N, O and P (Resolution)	
Marvin Rees	For
Councillor Donald Alexander	For
Councillor Lesley Alexander	For
Councillor Jenny Bartle	For



Councillor Nicola Beech	For
Councillor Marley Bennett	For
Councillor Mark Bradshaw	For
Councillor Fabian Breckels	For
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