

# Full Council Budget Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

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## Opening Session

1. The Mayor will introduce the report, summarise and move it.
2. The Cabinet Member - Finance, Governance and Performance will second the report.
3. Each party group will be given the opportunity to respond to the budget proposals in order of size of group
4. The Chair of OSMB will then be given an opportunity to present comments on behalf of the Board.

## Amendments

*Amendments 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.
  6. As the amendments are voted on, the Lord Mayor will be advised as necessary if certain amendments effectively “fall by default” due to an earlier amendment(s) being carried.
  7. Once all amendments have been voted on, after consultation with the Section 151 officer (the Director: Finance) the Lord Mayor will confirm the position as necessary in terms of which budget amendments were carried. The Lord Mayor (seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor) will then move that Full Council note the Section 151 Officer’s statement as required under the Local Government Act 2003.



## General Debate on budget proposals

8. The Lord Mayor will then invite general debate on the budget proposals as they stand (i.e. the revenue and capital budget).
9. The Mayor to sum up at the end of the debate.

## Following the debate

*If budget amendments were carried, proceed to point '10' below.*

*In the event that no budget amendments were carried and the budget is proposed as set out in the agenda, proceed straight to point '11' below.*

10. If the budget is amended, the Mayor has until 4 March 2020 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

If the Mayor decides to accept the amended budget, then he will indicate to the meeting and the Monitoring Officer accordingly.

## When the budget recommendations (amended or not) are to be put to the vote

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

## The Mayor's Budget Proposals

That the Mayor's budget proposals in respect of 2020/21 be approved as set out in this report, subject to any amendments agreed at this meeting:

### **To note:**

- a) The report from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and Resources Scrutiny Commission.
- b) The budget consultation process that was followed and feedback as outlined in Section 17 and Appendix 6.
- c) The feedback provided by the Schools Forum to Council, for their consideration in making final decisions on the Schools Budget for 2020/21 as outlined in Section 9.



- d) That the consultation feedback and equality impact assessments and relevance checks as set out in Appendix 7 and within the full reports for the ring fenced accounts (Dedicated Schools Grant and Housing Revenue Account), have been taken into consideration and has informed the final budget proposals.
- e) The comments of the Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) on the robustness of the Budget and adequacy of reserves as set out in Section 15.
- f) The delegation of authority to the Director of Finance after consultation with the Deputy Mayor, Cabinet Member for Finance, Governance and Performance and the Mayor, to make any necessary technical adjustments or adjustments to the figures upon receipt of the final Local Government Finance Settlement, and West of England Combined Authority Levy; with transfers to and or from reserves as appropriate.

**To agree: (Vote 1)**

- g) The Bristol City Council levels of Council Tax increase of 3.99%; which includes 2% precept to support Adult Social Care and noting the precepts of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset and the Avon Fire Authority.
- h) The calculations for determining the Council Tax requirement for the year 2020/21 as outlined in Appendix 8 and in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- i) The Council's General Fund net revenue budget for the year 2020/21 as £395.7 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.
- j) The temporary movement in general reserves of up to £6.1 million (31%) to mitigate the forecasted 2019/20 year end emergent pressures in the People directorate as outlined in Section 5.
- k) The Council's capital budget (excluding the HRA) for the years 2020/21 - 2024/25, totalling £612.0 million as set out in paragraph 13 and detailed in Appendix 2.
- l) The proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2020/21 in Appendix 4, incorporating the Minimum Revenue Provision policy and the prudential indicators and limits.
- m) The Strategy for the Flexible use of Capital Receipts as set out in Appendix 5.

**To agree: (Vote 2)**

- n) The distribution of the 2020/21 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) of £374.2 million as recommended by Cabinet and the Schools Forum and summarised in Section 9.



**To agree: (Vote 3)**

- o) The Gross HRA revenue budget for the year 2020/21 as £119.1 million
- p) No increase in Housing Rents for 2020/21 for existing tenants.
- q) The use of flexibility in the rent standard with effect from April 2020, for new tenants:
  - up to 5% for Housing.
  - up to 10% for Supported Housing.
- r) Increase of 2.7% (CPI +1%) with effect from April 2020 for Garage Rents.
- s) Authorise the Executive Director of Growth and Regeneration to set Service Charge budgets in line with the anticipated cost of delivery.
- t) The HRA capital budget for the years 2020/21 – 2024/25 totalling £354.0 million as detailed in Appendix 2 and including the following for 2020/21:
  - £33.0 million capital expenditure on existing stock.
  - £40.8 million on the Development Programme.
  - £5.0 million on improvements to Sandy Park site subject to Business Case approval.
  - £0.9 million for other capital projects including the ICT project.

