

Full Council Budget Meeting 15 Feb 2022

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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 and/or the Chair of Resources Scrutiny Commission 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 Mayor decides to accept the amended budget, then he will indicate to the meeting and the Monitoring Officer accordingly.
11. If the budget is amended, the Mayor has until **22 February 2022** 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

A reserve meeting date of **2 March 2022** is available should it be required.

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

12. 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 2022/23 be approved as set out in this report, subject to any amendments agreed at this meeting:

To note:

- 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.

To agree: (Vote 1)

- 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. (This is subject to the Avon Fire Authority precept being received or subject to recommendation (h)).
- h) In relation to determination of Council Tax, if Avon Fire Authority have not set their precept by 15 February, Full Council agrees to constitute a subcommittee of the Council, with Membership to be agreed and to delegate Authority to the Committee to note the precept subsequently set by Avon Fire Authority and approve the calculations for determining the Council Tax requirement for the year 2022/23 to be outlined in an updated Appendix 11 and in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- i) 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.
- j) 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.
- k) The proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2022/23 in Appendix 4, incorporating the Minimum Revenue Provision policy and the prudential indicators and limits.
- l) To approve the Strategy for the Flexible use of Capital Receipts as set out in Appendix 5.

To agree: (Vote 2)

- m) 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, according to participation levels.

To agree: (Vote 3)

- n) 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.
- o) The HRA Revenue budget of £127.1million for 2022/23 as set out in Section 11.
- p) 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.
- q) 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 in-depth review on a rolling 5-year basis. summarised in Section 11

Delegation of authority:

- r) 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 or adjustments to the figures upon receipt of the final Local Government Finance Settlement, Public Health and Department for Education funding clarifications, with transfers to and or from reserves as appropriate.
- s) 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.

