

Full Council Procedure for the Budget Meeting 2 March 2022

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Following the amendments made to the Budget on the 15th February, the Mayor had five days to consider the amended budget and decide whether to accept the amendments, propose an alternative budget or re-submit his original proposals. The Mayor has submitted alternative budget proposals. These, and the budget that was amended at the meeting last week, will be discussed, debated and voted on, using the following procedure.

Opening Session – Amended budget

The Lord Mayor will summarise the process for the meeting.

The S151 Finance Officer or Monitoring Officer will confirm the outcome regarding the amended budget from Full Council on 15th February which will be the first item to be voted on at this meeting.

The Lord Mayor/Deputy Lord Mayor to move and second the amended budget.

The Mayor will have the opportunity to comment on the amended budget or sum up after the debate.

General Debate on amended budget

The Lord Mayor will then invite general debate on the budget proposals (one speaker from each group)

Vote on amended budget (2/3 majority vote required to pass)

If vote one passes, then the remaining votes on the budget are considered and the meeting ends.

If vote one falls, then proceed to next section.

The Mayor's Alternative Budget

The Mayor will introduce the report, summarise, and move it.

The Cabinet Member - Finance, Governance and Performance will second the report.

General Debate on the Mayor's Alternative Budget

The Lord Mayor will invite general debate on the Mayor's Alternative budget proposals (two speakers from each group)

The Mayor will have the opportunity to sum up prior to the vote.

Vote on The Mayor's Alternative Budget (simple majority required to pass)

If vote one passes then the remaining votes will be considered and the meeting ends.

If vote one falls, a short adjournment will take place to agree next steps.



The Recommendations

That the Amended Budget from Full Council 15th February or the Mayor's Alternative Budget proposals in respect of 2022/23 be approved as set out in the report:

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.
- 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.

To agree: (Vote 2)

- 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.



To agree: (Vote 3)

- 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

Delegation of authority (Vote 4)

- 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.

