

MEETING:	Full Council
DATE:	Thursday, 27 February 2020
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

AGENDA

1. Declarations of Interests

To receive any declarations of interest of a pecuniary or non-pecuniary nature from Members in respect of the items on this agenda.

2. Suspension of Standing Orders

To consider suspending Standing Order No 13(5) in respect of the consideration of the Budget insofar as it relates to restrictions on Members speaking more than once.

Cabinet Recommendations to Council

Note: In accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, a recorded vote will be required to be taken in relation to items 3(A) and (B) below.

To consider the following recommendations of the Cabinet meeting held on the 5th February, 2020. The Cabinet Spokesperson with the Portfolio for the services in question will respond to any comments or amendments concerning these minutes.

3. The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 - 2022/23 (Cab.5.2.2020/6) (Pages 5 - 238)

(A) 2020/21 BUDGET PROPOSALS

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:-

- (i) that the report of the Service Director Finance (S151 Officer), under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 at Section 1 be noted, that the 2020/21 budget proposals be agreed and that the Chief Executive and Senior Management Team (SMT), in consultation with Cabinet Spokespersons, submit, for early consideration, detailed plans that ensure the Council's ongoing financial sustainability for 2021/22 and beyond;
- (ii) that the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and Forecast for 2020/21 to 2022/23 contained at Section 2a (supported by the suite of background papers in Sections 2b – 2g) be noted and monitored as part of the arrangements for the delivery of the MTFS;
- (iii) that the proposed efficiency savings in 2020/21 at Section 4a be approved for implementation and that the 2021/22 efficiency savings proposals at Section 4b be noted subject to further consideration in future budget processes taking account of any further Equality Impact Assessments;

- (iv) that the cash limited budgets for each service with overall net expenditure for 2020/21 of £172.577M be approved;
- (v) that total additional one-off investments (capital and revenue) of £19.4M, including 2019/20 investments, as outlined at Section 5 be approved subject to further detailed reports on the proposals for its use;
- (vi) that provision be made to reflect a market supplement in the Council's care contracts to help address the pay and condition issues in the local care market;
- (vii) that the 2020/21 – 2022/23 budget proposals presented at Sections 6a – 6c be approved subject to Cabinet receiving detailed implementation reports where appropriate;
- (viii) that the changes to the schools funding formula including the transfer of funding from the schools block to the high needs block and the proposed 2020/21 schools block budget as set out at Section 6d be approved;
- (ix) that the new General Fund capital investment of £10.4M (Section 7 Appendix A) and specifically funded schemes of £13.5M (Section 7 Table 7) be included within the capital programme and released subject to further detailed reports on the proposals for their use;
- (x) that the Aggregated Equality Impact Assessment (Section 9) of the proposals be noted and the proposed mitigation actions in the report be approved;
- (xi) that the Chief Executive and SMT, in consultation with Cabinet Spokespersons, be required to submit reports into Cabinet, as a matter of urgency, in relation to the detailed General Fund Revenue Budget for 2020/21 on any further action required to achieve an appropriately balanced budget in addition to those proposals set out above;
- (xii) that the Chief Executive and SMT be responsible for managing their respective budgets including ensuring the implementation of savings proposals;
- (xiii) that the Authority's SMT be charged with ensuring that the budget remains in balance and report regularly into Cabinet on budget/savings monitoring including any action required;
- (xiv) that Cabinet and the Section 151 Officer be authorised to make any necessary technical adjustments to form the 2020/21 budget; and
- (xv) that appropriate consultation on the budget proposals takes place with the Trade Unions and representatives of Non Domestic Ratepayers and that the views of consultees be considered by Cabinet and the Council.

(B) COUNCIL TAX 2020/21

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:-

- (i) that the Council Tax Collection Fund net surplus as at 31st March 2020 relating to BMBC of £3.200M be used to reduce the 2020/21 Council Tax requirement, in line with statute;
- (ii) that the 2020/21 Band D Council Tax increase for Barnsley MBC's services be set at 3.90% (1.90% for Barnsley MBC services and an additional 2.0% for the Chancellor's Adult Social Care levy);
- (iii) that the Band D Council Tax for Barnsley MBC's areas be determined following confirmation of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and South Yorkshire Fire Authority precepts for 2020/21; and
- (iv) that the Band D Council Tax for areas of the Borough with Parish/Town Councils be determined following confirmation of individual parish precepts for 2020/21.

Note: with regard to recommendations (iii) and (iv) of item 3(B) above, the precepts for the Police and Crime Commissioner for the South Yorkshire Police area, the South Yorkshire Fire Authority and for Parish/Town Councils will be circulated as soon as they are received

(C) TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND POLICY STATEMENT 2020/21

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:-

- (i) that the 2020/21 Treasury Management Policy Statement at Section 2e Appendix A be noted;
- (ii) that the 2020/21 Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement detailed at Section 2e Appendix B be approved;
- (iii) that the 2020/21 Borrowing Strategy at Section 2e including the full suite of Prudential and Treasury Indicators (Section 2e Appendix C) be approved; and
- (iv) that the 2020/21 Annual Investment Strategy at Section 2e be approved.

4. Proposed options to replace the existing Council Tax Support Scheme for Working Age Claimants (Cab.5.2.2020/7) (Pages 239 - 390)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: that the proposed new Local Council Tax Support Scheme, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

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Sarah Norman
Chief Executive

Wednesday, 19 February 2020