

Cabinet

Minutes

16 February 2023

Record of decisions taken at the meeting held on Thursday 16 February 2023.

Present:

Chair: Councillor Paul Osborn

Councillors: David Ashton Pritesh Patel
Marilyn Ashton Norman Stevenson
Hitesh Karia
Jean Lammiman

**Non-Executive
Cabinet
Member:** Thaya Idaikkadar
Kanti Rabadia

**Non-Executive
Voluntary
Sector
Representative:** John Higgins

**Joined Virtually
(Councillors)** Hitesh Karia Jean Lammiman

**In attendance
(Councillors):** Peymana Assad For Minute 100
Simon Brown For Minute 98
Stephen Hickman For Minute 100
Eden Kulig For Minute 100
David Perry For Minute 96-116
Natasha Proctor For Minute 100
Sasi Suresh For Minute 98

Recommended Items

105. Final Revenue Budget 2023/24 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 to 2025/26

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That

- (1) the 2023/24 budget be recommended for approval, being mindful of consultation results, to enable the Council Tax for 2023/24 to be set;
- (2) the Model Council Tax Resolution 2023/24 be recommended to Council for approval as set out in Appendix 11 to the officer report;
- (3) in accordance with Section 38 (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Chief Executive be instructed to place a notice in the local press of the amounts set under recommendation 2 above with a period of 21 days following the Council's decision.
- (4) the Medium-Term Financial Strategy, set out in Appendix 2 to the officer report, be recommended to Council for approval;
- (5) the 2023/24 Members Allowance Scheme, set out in Appendix 12 to the officer report, be recommended to Council for approval;
- (6) the 2023/24 Annual Pay Policy Statement, set out in Appendix 13 to the officer report, be recommended to Council for approval;
- (7) the Capital Receipts Flexibility Strategy, set out in Appendix 14, be recommended to Council for approval.

[Call-in does not apply to the decisions above as they are reserved to full Council.]

RESOLVED: To note

- (8) the balanced budget position for 2023/24 and 2024/25 and the estimated budget gap of £6.321m to £13.143m for 2025/26 largely due to the uncertainty of the Social Care Grant;
- (9) the intention to increase Council Tax by 2.99% in 2023/24;
- (10) the intention to increase Council Tax by a further 2% in 2023/24 in respect of the Adult Social Care Precept;
- (11) the 2023/24 budgets for Schools and Public Health as set out in Appendices 6 & 7 to the officer report;
- (12) the proposal to increase funding to Additionally Resourced Mainstream Units by 10% (within the High Needs Block);

- (13) the proposal to provide additional funding for pupils with Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) in mainstream schools of 3.4%.
- (14) the assumed funding for the protection of social care 2023/24 through the Better Care Fund.

Reason for Recommendation: To ensure that the Council set a balanced budget for 2023/24.