

Cabinet

Minutes

11 February 2021

Record of decisions taken at the meeting held on Thursday 11 February 2021.

Present:

Chair: Councillor Graham Henson

Councillors: Sue Anderson
Simon Brown
Keith Ferry
Phillip O'Dell
Varsha Parmar
Christine Robson
Krishna Suresh
Adam Swersky

**Non-Executive
Cabinet
Member:** Antonio Weiss

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

In attendance (Councillors):	Richard Almond	For Minute 420
	Marilyn Ashton	For Minute 420
	Stephen Greek	For Minute 418
	John Hinkley	For Minute 420
	Paul Osborn	For Minute 416-429
	Anjana Patel	For Minute 420
	Pritesh Patel	For Minute 420

Recommended Items

416. Final Revenue Budget 2021/22 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 - 2023/24

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That

- (1) the 2021/22 budget, taking into account the results of the various consultations and equality impact assessments, be approved to enable the Council Tax for 2021/22 to be set (Appendix 2 to the report refers);
- (2) the Model Council Tax Resolution 2021/22, as set out in Appendix 11 to the report, be approved;
- (3) the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), as set out in Appendix 2 to the officer report, be approved;
- (4) the 2021/22 Members' Allowance Scheme, as set out in Appendix 12 to the officer report, be approved;
- (5) the 2021/22 Annual Pay Policy Statement, as set out in Appendix 13 to the officer report, be approved;
- (6) the Capital Receipts Flexibility Strategy, as set out in Appendix 14 to the report, be approved.

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

RESOLVED: That

- (7) 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;
- (8) the following be noted:
 - a) the balanced budget position for 2021/and the budget gaps of £24.651m and £5.098m for 2022/23 and 2023/24 respectively (Table 5 of the officer report refers)
 - b) the intention to increase Council Tax by 1.99% in 2021/22 (Paragraph 1.20 of the officer refers);

- c) the proposal to increase Council Tax by a further 3% in 2021/22 in respect of the Adult Social Care Precept (Paragraph 1.20 of the officer report refers;
- d) the 2021/22 budgets for Schools and Public Health as set out in Appendices 6 & 7 to the officer report;
- e) the assumed funding for the protection of social care 2021/22 through the Better Care Fund as set out in paragraphs 1.74 to 1.78 of the officer report;
- f) the requirement to develop a fully costed budget and implementation plan, to the value of a minimum £10m, to bring to Cabinet on preparation to feed into the budget setting round for 2022/23 (Paragraph 1.83 of the officer report refers;

Reason for Recommendation: To ensure that the Council set a balanced budget for 2021/22.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member/Dispensation Granted: None.