

# Cabinet

## Minutes

### 10 February 2022

Record of decisions taken at the meeting held on Thursday 10 February 2022.

**Present:**

**Chair:** Councillor Graham Henson

**Councillors:** Varsha Parmar Natasha Proctor  
Councillor Richard Almond For Minute 603  
Councillor Marilyn Ashton For Minute 603

**Joined Virtually:** Councillor Sue Anderson  
Councillor Peymana Assad  
Councillor Simon Brown  
Councillor Keith Ferry  
Councillor Christine Robson  
Councillor Krishna Suresh  
Councillor Adam Swersky - Non-Executive Member  
Councillor Antonio Weiss – Non-Executive Member  
John Higgins – Voluntary Sector Representative

**In attendance  
(Councillors):** Christopher Baxter For Minute 603  
Stephen Greek For Minute 603  
James Lee For Minute 601  
Janet Mote For Minute 601  
Angela Murphy-Strachan For Minute 601  
Paul Osborn For Minute 599-613  
Nitin Parekh For Minute 601  
Anjana Patel For Minute 603

**Apologies  
received:**

Councillor Phillip O'Dell

## **Recommended Items**

### **608. Final Revenue Budget 2022/23 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2024/25**

**Resolved to RECOMMEND:** to Council

That

- (1) the 2022/23 budget be approved, being mindful of the results of the various consultations and equality impact assessments, to enable the Council Tax for 2022/23 to be set (Appendix 15 to the officer report refers);
- (2) the Model Council Tax Resolution 2022/23 as set out in Appendix 11 to the officer report, be approved;
- (3) in accordance with Section 38 (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Chief Executive be authorised to place a notice in the local press of the amounts set under recommendation 2 above within a period of 21 days following the Council's decision;
- (4) the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) as set out in Appendix 2 to the officer report, be approved;
- (5) the 2022/23 Members' Allowance Scheme, as set out in Appendix 12 to the officer report, be approved;
- (6) the 2022/23 Annual Pay Policy Statement, as set out in Appendix 13 to the officer report, be approved; and
- (7) the Capital Receipts Flexibility Strategy, as set out in Appendix 14 to the officer report, be approved.

*[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 2022/23 and 2024/25 and the budget gap of £16.593m for 2023/24 (Table 2a to the officer report);
- (9) the use of £14.7m Budget Planning Reserve MTFS to achieve the balanced budget position for 2022/23, which was reversed out in the following year (Table 2a, paragraph 1.49 to the officer report);

- (10) the intention to increase Council Tax by 1.99% in 2022/23 (paragraph 1.21 to the officer report);
- (11) the intention to increase Council Tax by a further 1% in 2022/23 in respect of the Adult Social Care Precept (paragraph 1.21 to the officer report);
- (12) the 2022/23 budgets for Schools and Public Health as set out in Appendices 6 & 7 to the officer report;
- (13) the assumed funding for the protection of social care 2022/23 through the Better Care Fund as set out in paragraphs 1.62 to 1.65 to the officer report; and
- (14) the requirement to develop a robust finance strategy to address the predicted MTFs shortfall of £16.593m ready for presentation to the incoming administration in May 2022 (Paragraphs 1.69 to 1.73 to the officer report).

**Reason for Recommendations:** To ensure that the Council set a balanced budget for 2022/23.

**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.