

AMENDMENT 2

AGENDA ITEM 6 - BUDGET & COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2019/20 AND FUTURE YEARS FORECASTS

Amendment to Full Council recommendations attached.

Amendment proposed by Cllr Michael Lilley

BUDGET & COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2019/20 AND FUTURE YEARS FORECASTS

Recommendation 169(a) be amended to:

The revised Revenue Budget for the financial year 2018/19 and the Revenue Budget for the financial year 2019/20 as set out in the General Fund Summary (attached as Appendix A amended) which includes the changes listed in the tables below, but Members note that:

the responsibility of the Council is to approve the overall Budget and the associated cash limits of its Portfolios; it is not the responsibility of the Council to approve any individual savings or additions within those Portfolios, that responsibility is reserved for Cabinet Members. The budget savings and additions in the tables below are therefore indicative only.

i) Additional Costs - Additions to Budget Estimates

Saving No.	Increases to Portfolio Budgets	2019/20	2020/21 & Future Years
		£	£
<u>CHILDREN'S SERVICES</u>			
21	Re-instate - Re-organisation of Disabled Children's Intervention Team, Resilience Around the Family and Early Help Co-ordinators	150,000	150,000
Total		150,000	150,000

Recommendation 169(g) be amended to:-

The savings proposals for each Portfolio amounting, in total, to £5.35m for 2019/20 as set out below:

Portfolio	Savings Proposal	
	£	% Budget
Adult Social Care, Public Health & Housing Needs*	2,070,500	3.1%
Children's Services*	365,500	1.5%
Community Safety & Public Protection	275,000	2.5%
Environment & Heritage	274,400	2.4%
Infrastructure & Transport**	1,205,600	6.6%
Leader & Strategic Partnerships	0	0.0%
Planning & Housing	79,700	3.1%
Procurement, Projects, Forward Planning & Waste	130,000	2.2%
Regeneration & Business Development	33,000	2.4%
Resources	916,300	5.3%
Grand Total	5,350,000	3.4%

Excludes the additional funding passported through to Adult Social Care of £1.4m (which if included would result in an overall reduction of 1%) and the additional funding for Children's Services of £0.7m (which if included would result in an overall increase of 1.4%)

** Excludes £19.4m of PFI Grant funding, on a Gross expenditure basis the saving amounts to 3.2%

Recommendation 169(h) be amended to:-

Directors be instructed to start planning how the Council will achieve the savings requirements of £13.65m for the 3 year period 2020/21 to 2022/23 and that this be incorporated into Service Business Plans

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Under Recommendation 169(j), Members must have regard to the Statement of the Section 151 Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003. The Section 151 Officer advises as follows:-

The proposals contained within this amendment are legal and present a balanced budget for 2019/20.

In financial terms, the amendment is less prudent compared with the Administration's Budget proposal for the following reasons:

- (a) it reduces General Reserves by £0.15m resulting in a lower level of financial resilience which represents a 4% reduction in the current £4.2m "headroom" over the minimum level of General Reserves
- (b) due to the additional ongoing cost, it will increase the Council's future savings requirements by £50,000 per annum from £4.5m per annum to £4.55m per annum over the 3 year period 2020/21 to 2022/23

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Assistant Director of Corporate Services is satisfied that it is within the Council's powers to approve the amendment as set out, and supports the advice of the Section 151 Officer given above.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

The Assistant Director of Corporate Services is satisfied that the amendment does not alter the content or conclusions set out in the Equality Impact Statement at Appendix H

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY - 2018/19 to 2022/23

APPENDIX A Amended

NET REQUIREMENTS OF PORTFOLIOS	Revised budget 2018/19 £	Original budget 2019/20 £	Forecast 2020/21 £	Forecast 2021/22 £	Forecast 2022/23 £
Adult Social Care & Public Health	51,010,949	47,458,873	48,871,342	50,672,616	52,472,616
Children's Services	24,563,482	25,042,250	24,389,617	24,690,373	24,994,597
Community Safety & Public Protection	7,340,665	7,295,201	7,779,201	7,992,201	8,216,201
Environment & Heritage	2,732,459	2,951,878	2,951,878	2,951,878	2,951,878
Infrastructure & Transport	7,825,854	(6,034,071)	18,378,774	16,009,812	15,232,852
Leader & Strategic Partnerships	961,166	1,037,172	1,037,172	1,037,172	1,037,172
Planning & Housing	1,257,408	859,774	739,274	739,174	739,174
Procurement, Projects & Forward Planning	5,372,357	3,794,616	3,970,089	4,270,303	4,433,303
Regeneration & Business Development	1,399,499	1,192,537	1,192,537	1,192,537	1,192,537
Resources	46,632,315	66,883,979	47,723,516	54,327,494	59,805,887
Savings to be identified	0	0	(4,550,000)	(9,100,000)	(13,650,000)
Portfolio Expenditure	149,096,154	150,482,207	152,483,398	154,783,558	157,426,215
FUNDED BY:					
Contribution (to)/from Balances & Reserves	(3,231,536)	(916,476)	129,758	(47,325)	(54,554)
Revenue Support Grant	0	0	0	0	0
Business Rates Retention	45,546,838	41,480,492	42,823,804	43,340,432	43,909,551
Other General Grants	24,092,447	24,049,754	21,948,930	21,849,745	21,822,268
Collection Fund (Council tax)	82,688,405	85,868,437	87,580,906	89,640,706	91,748,950
Total Financing	149,096,154	150,482,207	152,483,398	154,783,558	157,426,215
BALANCES & RESERVES					
Balance brought forward at 1 April	7,931,502	11,163,038	12,079,514	11,449,756	11,497,081
Potential Transfer to Combined Fire Authority (Deficit)/Surplus for year	0	0	(500,000)	0	0
	3,231,536	916,476	(129,758)	47,325	54,554
Balance carried forward at 31 March	11,163,038	12,079,514	11,449,756	11,497,081	11,551,635
Minimum level of balances	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000
Underlying Budget Deficit/(Surplus) - assuming future savings are met	(3,231,536)	(916,476)	129,758	(47,325)	(54,554)