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Agenda

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date	WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2020
Time	5.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Members of the Committee	All Members of the Council

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PRAYERS led by Veronica Brown

1. **Minutes**

To approve as a correct record and to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15 January 2020 ([Paper A](#)).

2. **[Declarations of Interest](#)**

To invite Members to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.

3. **To deal with any questions from members of the public - a maximum of up to 15 minutes for written questions, with up to a further 15 minutes for oral questions.**

Questions may be asked without notice but to guarantee a full reply at the meeting, the question must be delivered in writing or by electronic mail to Democratic Services no later than 5.00 pm on Monday, 24 February 2020. The [Procedure for asking oral questions](#) is set out below.



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4. Chairman's Official Announcements

To receive the Chairman's official announcements ([Paper B](#)).

5. Leaders Update report (20 mins)

i) To receive the Leader's update report – (5 minutes maximum) ([Paper C](#))

ii) Members questions on Leader's update report (15 minutes maximum)

6. Budget and Council Tax setting 2020 - 2021 and Future Years Forecasts ([Paper D](#))

RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that the Council approve the following:

- (a) The revised Revenue Budget for the financial year 2019/20 and the Revenue Budget for the financial year 2020/21 as set out in the General Fund Summary (Appendix A)
- (b) Any variation to the Council's funding arising from the final Local Government Finance Settlement be accommodated by a transfer to or from General Reserves
- (c) Any further savings made in 2019/20 arising at the year-end (after allowing for specific carry forward requests) be transferred to the Transformation Reserve, Revenue Reserve for Capital (to increase the Capital Resources available) and General Reserves (to improve overall financial resilience) with the level of each transfer to be determined by the S.151 Officer
- (d) That the level of Council Tax be increased by 1.99% for general purposes in accordance with the referendum threshold¹ for 2020/21 announced by Government (as calculated in Appendix B)
- (e) That the level of Council Tax be increased by a further 2.0% beyond the referendum threshold (as calculated in Appendix B) to take advantage of the flexibility offered by Government to implement a "Social Care Precept"; and that in accordance with the conditions of that flexibility, the full amount of the associated sum generated of £1,721,900 is passported direct to Adult Social Care
- (f) That the amounts set out in Appendix B be now calculated by the Council for the financial year 2020/21 in accordance with Section 31 and Sections 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992
- (g) The S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to implement any variation to the overall level of Council Tax arising from the final notification of the Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner and Parish and Town Council precepts and amend the calculations set out in Appendix B accordingly
- (h) The savings proposals for each Portfolio amounting, in total, to £4.5m for 2020/21 and continuing into future years as set out on the next page:

¹ Council Tax increases beyond the referendum threshold can only be implemented following a "Yes" vote in a local referendum

Portfolio	Controllable Budget	Savings Proposal	
	£	£	%
Adult Social Care, Public Health & Housing Needs*	49,403,911	1,542,700	3.1%
Children's Services, Education & Skills	24,259,004	341,000	1.4%
Community Safety & Public Protection	10,046,454	170,300	1.7%
Environment & Heritage	8,629,007	270,600	3.1%
Infrastructure & Transport**	10,961,276	797,300	7.3%
Leader & Strategic Partnerships	791,816	0	0.0%
Planning & Housing Renewal	1,606,122	128,500	8.0%
Procurement, Waste Management, Projects & Forward Planning	4,109,329	250,100	6.1%
Regeneration & Business Development	1,296,345	93,500	7.2%
Resources	16,015,608	906,000	5.7%
Grand Total	127,118,872	4,500,000	3.5%

* Excludes the additional funding passported through to Adult Social Care of £4.5m (which if included would result in an overall increase of 6%) and the additional funding for Children's Services, Education & Skills of £1.7m (which if included would result in an overall increase of 5.8%)

**Excludes £19.4m of PFI grant funding, on a Gross expenditure basis the savings amounts to 2.6%

- (i) Directors be instructed to start planning how the Council will achieve the savings requirements of £10.5m for the 3 year period 2021/22 to 2023/24 and that this be incorporated into Service Business Plans
- (j) The minimum level of Revenue Balances as at 31 March 2021, predicated on the approval of £4.5m savings in 2020/21, be set at £7.0m to reflect the known and expected budget and financial risks to the Council
- (k) Members have regard for the "Statement of the Section 151 Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003"
- (l) The Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2024/25 set out in Appendix E which includes all additions, deletions and amendments for slippage and re-phasing
- (m) The new Capital Investment Proposals ("New Starts") - 2020/21 set out in Appendix D be reflected within the recommended Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2024/25 and be funded from the available Capital Resources
- (n) The allocation of Disabled Facilities Grants be made to the Better Care Fund, and reflected within the recommended Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2024/25
- (o) The S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to determine how each source of finance is used to fund the overall Capital Programme and to alter the overall mix of financing, as necessary, to maximise the flexibility of capital resources used and minimise the ongoing costs of borrowing to the Council
- (p) That the S.151 Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council be given delegated authority to release capital resources held back for any contingent items that might arise, and also for any match funding requirements that may be required of the Council in order to secure additional external capital funding

(e.g. bids for funding from Government or the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership)

(q) The Capital Strategy 2020/21, including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement contained therein (attached at Appendix F)

(r) The Investment Strategy 2020/21 (attached at Appendix G)

2. It is recommended that the Council note the following in respect of the Council's Budget:

(a) The Revenue Budget 2020/21 as set out in Appendix A has been prepared on the basis of a 3.99% increase in Council Tax, any reduction from the overall 3.99% Council Tax increase proposed will require additional savings of £861,000 for each 1% reduction in order for the Budget 2020/21 to be approved

(b) The Revenue Forecasts for 2021/22 onwards as set out in the section entitled "Revenue Forecasts 2021/22 to 2023/24" and Appendix A

(c) The estimated Savings Requirement of £10.5m for the three year period 2021/22 to 2023/24, for financial and service planning purposes, be phased as follows:

Financial Year	In Year Savings Requirement £m	Cumulative Saving £m
2021/22	3.5	3.5
2022/23	3.5	7.0
2023/24	3.5	10.5

(d) The Transformation Reserve held to fund the upfront costs associated with Spend to Save Schemes and Invest to Save Schemes holds a very modest uncommitted balance of £2.5m and will only be replenished from contributions from the Revenue Budget and an approval to the transfer of any further savings at year end

(e) Should the Council elect to reduce the level of savings below £3.5m in 2021/22 (and £3.5m p.a thereafter), the Council's financial risk will increase and therefore the minimum level of General Reserves held will also need to increase in order to maintain the Council's financial resilience

(f) The Council Tax base for the financial year 2020/21 will be **53,842.7** [item T in the formula in Section 31 B(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")].

(g) The Council Tax element of the Collection Fund for 2019/20 is estimated to be a surplus of £246,269 which is shared between the Isle of Wight Council (89.3%) and the Police & Crime Commissioner (10.7%)

(h) The Business Rate element of the Collection Fund for 2019/20 is estimated to be a surplus of £375,000

- (i) The Retained Business Rate income² for 2020/21 based on the estimated Business Rate element of the Collection Fund deficit as at March 2020, the Non Domestic Rates poundage for 2020/21 and estimated rateable values for 2020/21 has been set at £38,235,692

The Equality Impact Assessment (attached at Appendix H)

7. Reports of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources.

- (a) Appointment of Monitoring Officer ([Paper E](#))
- (b) Pay Policy ([Paper F](#))
- (c) Constitution Matters – Committee Allocation ([Paper G](#))

8. Report of the Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Partnership

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Services Safety Plan ([Paper J](#))

9. Report of the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services

Corporate Parenting Board Terms of Reference ([Paper H](#))

10. Motions Submitted under Procedure Rule 9 of the Council’s Constitution

- (i) By Councillor Michael Lilley

To recognise the continuing financial economic impact of the physical separation from the UK mainland on Isle of Wight public service delivery as stated by Portsmouth University and the resulting disadvantage to IW residents.

To pursue legislation that tackles this historic disadvantage through a comprehensive Island (IW) Act that gives Island residents parity with UK mainland counterparts by engaging with its IW MP and IW Representatives in the House of Lords to pursue a private members Bill.

11. Member Question time of the Leader (30 minutes)

Questions must be delivered in writing or by electronic mail to the proper officer no later than Thursday, 20 February 2020.

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Monitoring Officer
18 February 2020

² Includes Retained Business Rates of £19.5m, "Top Up" of £13.1m, S.31 Grants of £5.2m and a Collection Fund surplus of £0.4m

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These forms will be numbered in the order they are handed back.

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If time allows after dealing with any written questions, the Chairman will then ask those who have submitted a form to put their question. These will be in the order they were received. As the subject matter is known, the Chairman should be able to indicate which member will reply. If time permits the Chairman may accept further questions.

The option to ask a supplementary question will be at the Chairman’s discretion.

Once the defined period of time allowed for questions has passed (and assuming the Chairman has not extended this) then all remaining oral questions are left unanswered.

No oral question will receive a guaranteed written response, unless the member responding indicates as such.