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Agenda

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date	WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2019
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 16 January 2019 ([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, 25 February 2019. The [Procedure for asking oral questions](#) is set out below.

4. **Chairman's Official Announcements**

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



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5. **Leader's 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 & Council Tax Setting 2019 - 2020 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 2018/19 and the Revenue Budget for the financial year 2019/20 as set out in the General Fund Summary (Appendix A)
 - (b) Any further savings made in 2018/19 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
 - (c) The S.151 be given delegated authority to enter into the Solent¹ 75% Business Rates Retention Pilot agreement with the Department for Communities and Local Government
 - (d) That the level of Council Tax be increased by 2.99% for general purposes in accordance with the referendum threshold² for 2019/20 announced by Government (as calculated in Appendix B)
 - (e) That the amounts set out in Appendix B be now calculated by the Council for the financial year 2019/20 in accordance with Section 31 and Sections 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992
 - (f) 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
 - (g) The Council Tax Care Leavers Discount Scheme as set out in Appendix I be implemented by way of a write off under the delegated authority of the S.151 Officer and be incorporated into the Council's Financial Regulations
 - (h) The savings proposals for each Portfolio amounting, in total, to £5.5m for 2019/20 and continuing into future years as set out on the next page:

¹ Includes Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council

² Council Tax increases beyond the referendum threshold can only be implemented following a "Yes" vote in a local referendum

Portfolio / Service	Controllable Budget	Savings Proposal	
	£	£	%
Adult Social Care, Public Health & Housing Needs*	66,717,800	2,070,500	3.1%
Children's Services*	24,443,400	515,500	2.1%
Community Safety & Public Protection	10,993,000	275,000	2.5%
Environment & Heritage	11,244,000	274,400	2.4%
Infrastructure & Transport**	18,317,500	1,205,600	6.6%
Leader & Strategic Partnerships	457,300	0	0.0%
Planning & Housing Renewal	2,609,300	79,700	3.1%
Procurement, Projects, Forward Planning & Waste	5,793,300	130,000	2.2%
Regeneration & Business Development	1,394,200	33,000	2.4%
Resources	17,262,900	916,300	5.3%
Grand Total	159,232,700	5,500,000	3.5%

* 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 0.7%)

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

- (i) Directors be instructed to start planning how the Council will achieve the savings requirements of £13.5m for the 3 year period 2020/21 to 2022/23 and that this be incorporated into Service Business Plans
- (j) The minimum level of Revenue Balances as at 31 March 2020 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 as set out in paragraphs 134 to 153
- (l) The Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2023/24 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") - 2019/20 set out in Appendix D be reflected within the recommended Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2023/24 and be funded from the available Capital Resources
- (n) The allocation of £1,855,697 of Disabled Facilities Grants be made to the Better Care Fund, and reflected within the recommended Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2023/24
- (o) The following revenue contributions to capital be made in order to fund the proposed new Capital Investment Proposals ("New Starts") - 2019/20 set out in Appendix D:
 - (i) A £3m revenue contribution proposed as part of the proposals for the Revised Budget 2018/19

- (ii) The originally planned £1m contribution from the Revenue Budget 2019/20, which was built into the previous budget forecast
 - (iii) A further £1m revenue contribution as part of the proposals for the Budget 2019/20 and arising from the direct additional funding received from the 75% BRR pilot
- (p) That Prudential Borrowing of up to £25m for Regeneration schemes that prove themselves to be robust and viable be approved in principle; with final approval to borrow being delegated to the S.151 Officer following the completion of a satisfactory final business case and financial appraisal that demonstrates with good certainty that savings will accrue directly to the Council that at least cover the cost of borrowing on a sustained basis over the lifetime of any borrowing.
 - (q) 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
 - (r) 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)
 - (s) The Capital Strategy 2019/20 (attached at Appendix F)
 - (t) The Investment Strategy 2019/20 (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 2019/20 as set out in Appendix A has been prepared on the basis of a 2.99% increase in Council Tax, any reduction from the overall 2.99% Council Tax increase proposed will require additional savings of £830,800 for each 1% reduction in order for the Budget 2019/20 to be approved
 - (b) The Revenue Forecasts for 2020/21 onwards as set out in the section entitled "Revenue Forecasts 2020/21 to 2022/23" and Appendix A
 - (c) The estimated Savings Requirement of £13.5m for the three year period 2020/21 to 2022/23, for financial and service planning purposes, be phased as follows:

Financial Year	In Year Savings Requirement £m	Cumulative Saving £m
2020/21	4.5	4.5
2021/22	4.5	9.0
2022/23	4.5	13.5

- (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 £1.8m 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) The Council Tax base for the financial year 2019/20 will be 53,508.0 [item T in the formula in Section 31 B(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")].
- (f) The Council Tax element of the Collection Fund for 2018/19 is estimated to be a surplus of £333,000 which is shared between the Isle of Wight Council (90.2%) and the Police & Crime Commissioner (9.8%)
- (g) The Business Rate element of the Collection Fund for 2018/19 is estimated to be a deficit of £500,000
- (h) The Retained Business Rate income³ for 2019/20 based on the estimated Business Rate element of the Collection Fund deficit as at March 2019, the Non Domestic Rates poundage for 2019/20 and estimated rateable values for 2019/20 has been set at £41,480,492
- (i) The Equality Impact Assessment (attached at Appendix H)

7. Motions submitted under Procedure Rule 9 of the Council's Constitution

(i) By Councillor Chris Whitehouse

To Move that: this Council notes the impact upon the Island of the Local Government Act 2000

(ii) By Councillor Michael Lilley

IW Council resolves that in light of its January 2019 Full Council Meeting successful Motion on reducing child poverty and the recent OSTED good rating; that it asks the Cabinet and Cabinet Member for Children services consider ring-fencing Early Intervention services from any future budget cuts including the Disabled Children's Intervention Team. This request is supported by the fact that children and families with disabilities and special needs are often the poorest and most vulnerable to high risk of entering statutory services. Any cuts to Children's Services would undo all the hard work of gaining a good OFSTED rating and could lead to increased child poverty and high risk to Children coming into care and put the Council at high financial risk.

³ Includes transfer to the "Growth Pool" of £2.0m and transfer from the "Growth Pool" of £1.0m plus the "Top Up" of £7.7m, S.31 Grants of £6.0m and a collection fund deficit of £0.5m

8. 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, 21 February 2019.

HELEN MILES
Assistant Director of Corporate Services & Monitoring Officer
19 February 2019

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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.

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