

Minutes of:	THE BUDGET MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
Date of Meeting:	21 February 2018
Present:	The Worshipful the Mayor (D L Gunther) in the Chair; Councillors P Adams, N Bayley, I Bevan, J Black, S Briggs, R Cathcart, A Cummings, M D'Albert, J Daly, E FitzGerald, I B Gartside, J Grimshaw, M Hankey, J Harris, R Hodgkinson, T Holt, D Jones, K Hussain, M A James, G Keeley, J Kelly, S Kerrison, O Kersh, K Leach, J Lewis, A McKay, J Mallon, S Nuttall, E O'Brien, O Kersh, T D Pickstone, C Preston, I Schofield, R Shori, D Silbiger, A Simpson, R Skillen, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, J Walker, R E Walker, S Walmsley, M Whitby and Y Wright
Apologies for absence:	Councillors M Connolly, R A Caserta, S Haroon, A Quinn, S Smith and S Wright
Public attendance:	12 members of the public attended the meeting.

C.410 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Councillor Shori declared an interest in any item which related to Health as his partner works for the NHS.
2. Councillor Bevan declared a personal interest in any item which related to staffing in schools as his wife is employed by a school in the Borough.
3. Councillor Mallon declared a personal interest in any item relating to staffing as his partner is an employee within a Bury High school.
4. Councillor Jones declared a personal interest in any item relating to staffing as his partner is an employee within a Bury school.
5. Councillor Simpson declared an interest in any item which related to Health as she works for the NHS
6. Councillor J Walker declared a personal interest in Minute C.414(i) Housing Revenue Account 2018/19 as he lives in a property managed by Six Town Housing.
7. Councillors P Adams, N Bayley, J Black, S Briggs, R Cathcart, A Cummings, E Fitzgerald, J Grimshaw, T Holt, M A James, D Jones, J Kelly, S Kerrison, K Leach, J Lewis, A McKay, J Mallon, E O'Brien, C Preston, A Simpson, R Shori, R Skillen, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, J Walker, S Walmsley and M Whitby declared personal interests in respect of the amendment set out in (B) of Minute C.xxx (ii) Budget 2018/19 to 2019/20, as Trade Union Members.

C.411 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17 January 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C.412 MAYORAL AND LEADER COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor paid tribute to the Lady Mayoress of Manchester, Sheila Newman, who passed away suddenly over the weekend.

C.413 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Mayor reported the receipt of three written questions as set out below:

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered By
1.	Flooding in Unsworth	Mr C Wroe	Written response
2.	Residents Parking	Ms J Talbot	Councillor Kelly
3.	Residents Parking	Ms J Torley	Councillor Kelly

On inviting questions from members of the public present, the following issues were raised:-

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered By
1.	Withdrawal of Tottington-Fairfield Bus	Ms C Preece	Councillor Bayley
2.	Planning Consent former Mercedes Garage	Mr J Josco	Councillor Shori
3.	Road Repairs in Ramsbottom	Mr D Hoyle	Councillor Shori
4.	Radcliffe High School	Mr P Redstone	Councillor Shori

C.414 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

(i) Housing Revenue Account 2018/2019

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor O'Brien, Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing, made a statement on the Housing Revenue Account 2018/2019.

It was moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Shori and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations contained in Minute CA.407 of the Cabinet meeting held on 21 February 2018 be approved.

(ii) Budget 2018/2019 to 2019/20

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor O'Brien, Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing, made a statement on the Budget for 2018/2019 to 2019/20.

(A) It was moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Shori that the recommendations contained in Minute CA.408 of the Cabinet meeting held on 21 February 2018 be approved subject to the following amendments:

DELETE

That the report is noted and the Council be requested to consider and determine all matters relating to the Budget, the Capital Programme and the level of Council Tax for 2018/19 at its meeting on 21st February 2018.

ADD

Section A – Capital Programme

1. Approve the Capital Programme for 2018/19 and future years, as shown in Appendix 1; as amended by table below.
2. Approve the proposed financing of the Capital Programme;

Section B – Revenue Budget

3. Note the details of the Settlement Funding Allocation (SFA) for 2018/19 to 2019/20.
4. Note the repayment of principal on General Fund debt at the minimum of 2% in line with the current Minimum Revenue Provision policy;
5. Note that under delegated powers the Interim Executive Director of Resources & Regulation calculated the amount of **52,850** as the Council Tax base for the year 2018/19 in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 and with regulations made under section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Local Authority (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012;
6. Note the forecast outturn position for 2017/18;

7. Approve that the actual minimum level of balances for 2018/19 be retained at £4,250,000 in view of the current risk profile;
8. Reaffirm the programme of cuts set out in Appendix 4 for the period 2018/19 to 2019/20;
9. Note the recommendations of the Schools' Forum around education funding issues;
10. Endorse the statements by the Interim Executive Director of Resources & Regulation on the robustness of budget assumptions and on the minimum level of balances;
11. Raise the Bury element of the 2018/19 Council Tax; by **2.94%**;
12. Apply a further **3%** increase to the Bury element of the Council Tax in respect of the Social Care Precept.
13. Note the proposals of the major preceptors;
14. Approve the net Revenue Budget for 2018/19 of **£124.580m** as set out in section 4.7 of the report; subject to the following amendments:

	£m
Add:	
<u>Revenue</u>	
Contribution to demand led Childrens Social Care pressures and to secure the future of the Borough's Childrens Centres	0.500
Additional resources to support homelessness prevention, and other welfare / hardship relief initiatives	0.200
Additional resources to develop "work readiness" initiatives e.g. pre-apprenticeship placements	0.050
Funded by: Additional 1% Basic Rate Council Tax	(0.750)
<u>Capital</u>	
Creation of a Social Capital Fund for investment in neighbourhood working and regeneration.	0.600
Funded by: Release of available Capital Receipts	(0.600)
Reprofiling:	
Reprofiling of Highways Capital Programme – bring forward £250,000 of works undertaken in-house to address immediate highways issues	-

15. Approve the following recommendations in relation to the Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2018/19:

- i) It be noted that on 22nd January 2018 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2018/19 for the whole Council area as **52,850** [item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")].
- ii) The Council calculates the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2018/19 (excluding precepts) as **£79,625,729**.
- iii) That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2018/19 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act;
 - a) **£435,469,429** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
 - b) **£355,843,700** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - c) **£79,625,729** being the amount by which the aggregate at iii(a) above exceeds the aggregate at iii(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - d) **£1,506.64** being the amount at iii(c) above (Item R), divided by Item T (item i above) calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the relevant basic amount of its Council Tax for the year, and;

e) **Bury Council**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Council Tax	931.48	1,086.74	1,241.98	1,397.24	1,707.72	2,018.21	2,328.72	2,794.45
Social Care Precept	72.94	85.09	97.25	109.40	133.72	158.03	182.34	218.81
TOTAL	1,004.42	1,171.83	1,339.23	1,506.64	1,841.44	2,176.24	2,511.06	3,013.26

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount set at iii(e) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- iv) To note that the Mayor and Police and Crime Commissioner and Mayoral General Precepts have been issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

Police & Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
116.20	135.57	154.93	174.30	213.03	251.77	290.50	348.60

Mayoral General Precept (including Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Authority)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
45.29	52.84	60.39	67.95	83.05	98.15	113.24	135.90

- v) That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2018/19 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1,165.91	1,360.24	1,554.55	1,748.89	2,137.52	2,526.16	2,914.80	3,497.76

- vi) To determine whether the Council's relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2018/19 is excessive in accordance with the principles approved under the Local Accountability and Audit Act 2014.

	2017/18	2018/19	%
Council Tax Base	52,350.00	52,850.00	5.94%
Council Tax Requirement	£74,449,939	£79,625,729	
Basic Amount of Council Tax Social Care Precept	£1,355.42 £66.74	£1,397.24 £109.40	
Relevant Amount of Council Tax	£1,422.16	£1,506.64	

- vii) The calculation in 14 vi) above is undertaken to assess the extent to which the Council has increased its relevant level of Council Tax.

The total increase of **5.94%** is not excessive as it is within the increased referendum threshold for Authorities with responsibility of Adult Social Care (3% Council Tax + 3% Social Care Precept).

Resources generated from the Social Care Precept will be spent exclusively on Adult Social Care.

The Authority is therefore not subject to a referendum.

(B) An amendment was moved by Councillor Daly and seconded by Councillor Hankey that:

The revenue and capital budgets submitted to the Council should be approved, with the following amendments:

	2018/19 £'000	Future Years £'000
REVENUE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commence establishment of a Community Interest Company incorporating leisure facilities, civics, libraries, museums and art gallery. Target revenue saving £600k (ongoing) in first year of operation. 	0	(600)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing investment in highways infrastructure (equates to 20 additional operatives) 	0	600
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate / undertake development of 1,000 new properties on brownfield sites. New Homes Bonus (est £1.4m pa for 4 years); plus further Council Tax receipts 	0	(5,600)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment in priority services e.g. Highways / Infrastructure 	0	5,600
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce funding for Trade Union Posts 	(70)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cap Chief Executive salary at £130,000 (plus oncosts) 	(60)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cap other senior officer pay to £99,999 (plus oncosts) 	(70)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of Deputy Cabinet Member Allowances 	(10)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in use of agency staff 	(300)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative service delivery of back office 	(950)	

services, e.g. outsourcing / shared service model	(1,460)	
• Freeze basic rate of Council Tax (3% Social Care Precept still applies)	1,460	
CAPITAL		
• Initial capital investment of £4m in leisure facilities	0	4,000
• Financed through prudential borrowing (funded by further revenue savings created from Community Interest Company model)	0	(4,000)
• Capital investment into Highways	0	2,000
• Generation of Capital Receipts from brownfield development	0	(2,000)
• Investment in Highways Infrastructure (one off)	600	0
• Financed through use of available capital receipts (one off)	(600)	0

On being put the result of the vote was as follows:

For the Amendment:-

Councillors I Bevan, J Daly, I Gartside, M Hankey, J Harris, R Hodgkinson, K Hussain, G Keeley, O Kersh S Nuttall, I Schofield, D Silbiger, R Walker, and Y Wright.

Against the Amendment:-

Councillors P Adams, N Bayley, J Black, S Briggs, R Cathcart, A Cummings, E Fitzgerald, J Grimshaw, T Holt, M James, D Jones, J Kelly, S Kerrison, K Leach, J Lewis, A McKay, J Mallon, E O'Brien, C Preston, R Shori, A Simpson, R Skillen, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, J Walker, S Walmsley, and M Whitby.

Abstaining from the Vote:-

**The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillors D'Albert and Pickstone.
The Mayor declared the amendment lost.**

(C) An amendment was moved by Councillor Pickstone and seconded by Councillor D'Albert that:

That the budget contained in the Council report should be approved subject to the following changes;

	£'000
CAPITAL	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding to kickstart the Prestwich Town Centre Challenge regeneration 	500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional monies for street bins, dog bins, and other dog fouling initiatives 	100
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funded from available Capital Receipts (one-off) 	(600)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prudentially borrow for additional expenditure on road repairs (3 year programme of works) 	10,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost of borrowing to be funded initially from reserves, but ultimately from savings from compensation claims 	(10,000)

On being put the result of the vote was as follows:

For the Amendment:-

Councillors D'Albert and Pickstone

Against the Amendment:-

Councillors P Adams, N Bayley, I Bevan ,J Black, S Briggs, R Cathcart, A Cummings, J Daly, E Fitzgerald, I Gartside, Grimshaw, M Hankey, J Harris, R Hodgkinson, T Holt, K Hussain, M James, D Jones, G Keeley, J Kelly, S Kerrison, O Kersh, K Leach, J Lewis, A McKay, J Mallon, S Nuttall, E O'Brien, C Preston, I Schofield, R Shori, D Silbiger, A Simpson, R Skillen, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, J Walker, R E Walker, S Walmsley, M Whitby and Y Wright.

Abstaining from the Vote:-

The Worshipful the Mayor.

The Mayor declared the amendment lost.

The substantive motion (as set out in A) was put to the vote which was as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Councillors P Adams, N Bayley, J Black, S Briggs, R Cathcart, A Cummings, E Fitzgerald, J Grimshaw, T Holt, M James, D Jones, J Kelly, S Kerrison, K Leach, J Lewis, A McKay, J Mallon, E O'Brien, C Preston, R Shori, A Simpson, R Skillen, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, J Walker, S Walmsley, and M Whitby.

Against the Motion:-

Councillors I Bevan, M D'Albert, J Daly, I Gartside, M Hankey, J Harris, R Hodgkinson, K Hussain, G Keeley, O Kersh, S Nuttall, T Pickstone, I Schofield, D Silbiger, R Walker, and Y Wright.

Abstaining from the Motion:-

The Worshipful the Mayor

The Mayor declared the substantive Motion carried.

(iii) Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators 2018/19

On being put with no Members voting against and the Mayor abstaining it was:

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations contained in the Minute CA.xxx of the Cabinet dated 21 February 2018 be approved and adopted.

C.415 DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There were no questions asked on the delegated decisions of the Cabinet, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Joint Consultative Committee (Corporate) and Joint Consultative Committee (Teachers).

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(NOTE: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 10pm)