

SPECIAL COUNCIL – 20 FEBRUARY 2019

BUDGET 2019/20

AMENDMENT TO BE MOVED BY CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND HOUSING

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:

That the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 20th February 2019 be approved subject to the following:

DELETE

That the Council consider and determine all matters relating to the Budget, and the level of the Council Tax for 2019/2020, at its meeting on 20th February 2019.

ADD

Council is recommended to:

1. Note the details of the Final Settlement Funding Allocation (SFA) for 2019/20.
2. Note that under delegated powers the Interim Executive Director of Resources & Regulation has calculated the amount of 53,600 as the Council Tax base for the year 2019/20 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;
3. Note the forecast outturn position for 2018/19;
4. Approve that the minimum level of balances for 2019/20 be set at £4.250m in view of the Council's risk profile;
5. Approve the Capital Strategy 2019/20 to 2023/24.
6. Note and adopt the decisions of the Cabinet on 20 February 2019 in respect of:

Children and Young People Budget 2019/20

Communities & Wellbeing Budget 2019/20

Resources & Regulation Budget 2019/20

Business, Growth & Infrastructure Budget 2019/20

Operations Budget 2019/20

Dedicated Schools Grant Budget 2019/20

7. Approve the Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2023/24 as set out in the report to Council subject to the following amendments;

	2019/20		Future Years	
	Cost £'000	Funding	Cost £'000	Funding
CAPITAL PROGRAMME				
Highways: The programme already includes £2.750m for 2019/20; being the final year of the £10m investment approved in 2017/18. It is proposed that a further £10m be made available for future years through prudential borrowing	2,750	Already funded	10,000	Prudential Borrowing Revenue implication of £250k to be funded through reduced insurance claims
Bury Market: Proposed programme of refurbishment works at Bury Market	1,000	Prudential Borrowing Revenue implication of £25k to be funded from Empty Property Premium*	300	Prudential Borrowing Revenue implication of £8k to be funded from Empty Property Premium*
Radcliffe: Capital investment in Radcliffe to support the Radcliffe Regeneration Task Group	500	Available Capital Receipts		
Prestwich: Enabling budget to deliver the Prestwich Town Centre Challenge & scheme development prior to construction phase.	250	Prudential Borrowing Revenue implications of £7k to be funded from Empty Property Premium*		

<p>Whitefield:</p> <p>Enabling money to develop the Uplands Health & Wellbeing / Residential concept.</p>	<p>100</p>	<p>Prudential Borrowing</p> <p>Revenue implications of £3k to be funded from Empty Property Premium*</p>
<p>Radcliffe:</p> <p>Masterplanning / market focussed implementation plan including urban design, planning & transport</p> <p>Link to the Radcliffe Town Centre Challenge</p>	<p>420</p>	<p>Prudential Borrowing</p> <p>Revenue implications of £11k to be funded from Empty Property Premium*</p>
<p>Ramsbottom:</p> <p>Funding to increase car parking provision in Ramsbottom</p>	<p>100</p>	<p>Available Capital Receipts</p>
<p>3G Pitches:</p> <p>Seeking grant support to develop 3G pitches in the Borough.</p>	<p>430</p>	<p>Grant / flood relief</p>
<p>Digital:</p> <p>Investment in IT in community buildings to enhance digital accessibility for residents, via the introduction of a community laptop in each ward</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>Fund from contingency within Digital Strategy (already in programme)</p>
<p>Growth / Place Shaping:</p> <p>Enabling budget to support development of Borough wide sites to offer housing and business growth and develop a one public estate approach for the Council and Partner organisations.</p>	<p>2,715</p>	<p>Prudential Borrowing</p> <p>Revenue implication of £70k to be funded from Empty Property Premium*</p>

OTHER INITIATIVES

<p>*Empty Property Premium – Council Tax:</p>	(116)	To fund revenue consequences of proposals outlined above	(8)	To fund revenue consequences of proposals outlined above
<p>To apply the maximum permissible premium (100%) for properties empty in excess of 2 years; to encourage occupation / redevelopment.</p>				
<p>Nil cost to implement. Additional income to be monitored during year.</p>				

8. Endorse the statements by the Interim Executive Director of Resources & Regulation on the robustness of budget assumptions and on the minimum level of balances;
9. Raise the Bury element of the 2018/19 Council Tax; by **2.94%**;
10. Note the proposals of the major preceptors;
11. Approve the net Revenue Budget for 2019/20 of **£138.862m** as set out in section 4.7 of the report;
12. Approve the following recommendations in relation to the Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2019/20:
 - i) It be noted that on 25th January 2019 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2019/20 for the whole Council area as **53,600** [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 2019/20 (excluding precepts) as **£83,130,128**.
 - iii) That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2019/20 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act;
 - a) **£441,732,000** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
 - b) **£358,601,872** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - c) **£83,130,128** 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) **£1,550.94** 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
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1,033.95	1,206.28	1,378.60	1,550.94	1,895.58	2,240.22	2,584.89	3,101.85

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 Police and Crime Commissioner component of the Greater Manchester Mayoral Budget, and Mayoral General Budget (including Fire & Rescue) have issued precepts 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 Component of Mayoral Precept

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
132.20	154.23	176.27	198.30	242.37	286.43	330.50	396.60

Mayoral General Budget (including Fire & Rescue)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
51.29	59.84	68.39	76.95	94.05	111.15	128.24	153.90

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 2019/20 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
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1,217.44	1,420.35	1,623.26	1,826.19	2,232.00	2,637.80	3,043.63	3,652.35

- vi) To determine whether the Council's relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2019/20 is excessive in accordance with the principles approved under the Local Accountability and Audit Act 2014.

	2018/19	2019/20	%
Council Tax Base	52,850	53,600	
Council Tax Requirement	£79,625,729	£83,130,128	
Relevant Amount of Council Tax	£1,506.64	£1,550.94	2.94%

- 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 **2.94%** is not excessive as it is within the 3% referendum limit.

The Authority is therefore not subject to a referendum