

Liberal Democratic Group Amendment 2021/22

Proposal	Total Cost	Revenue Recurring Cost	Revenue One-Off Cost	Capital Cost
	£	£	£	£
Loneliness Grant	0.050	0.000	0.050	0.000
2 Mental Health Nurses	0.080	0.080	0.000	0.000
Improve Outdoor Leisure (Public Rights of Way Officer and Improved Signage and Access)	0.060	0.040	0.000	0.020
20 Extra Apprenticeships at Bury Council	0.500	0.500	0.000	0.000
Acceleration of Prestwich Regeneration	3.000	0.000	0.000	3.000
Enforcement – to reduce idling outside of schools	0.040	0.040	0.000	0.000
Continuation of Councillor Discretionary Scheme	0.051	0.051	0.000	0.000
CCTV Renewal System	0.055	0.000	0.000	0.055
Traffic Calming Initiatives	0.300	0.000	0.000	0.300
Borrowing Costs	0.233	0.233	0.000	0.000
Road Resurfacing and Pothole Fund for Residential Areas	0.400	0.000	0.000	0.400
Reduction in Senior Officer Posts	(0.350)	(0.350)	0.000	0.000
Gross Position	4.419	0.594	0.050	3.775
0.5% Adult Social Care Precept in 2021/22 and 2022/23	(0.434)	(0.434)	0.000	0.000
TOTAL	3.985	0.160	0.050	3.775

Funding the Proposals:

The Capital proposals will be met as follows:

The increase in costs for the capital programme will be met from additional borrowing and this has been built into the revenue budget.

The revenue proposals would be funded as follows:

The additional net revenue costs of £0.210m will be met from a one-off contribution from reserves in 2021/22 and from additional precept income in 2022/23 onwards. General reserves will reduce from £23.149m at the end of 2021/22 to £22.939m.

Council Tax

In relation to Council Tax, it is recommended that the Bury element of the Council tax be increased by 2.54% of which 1.94% relates to the general precept and 0.5% relates to the adult social care levy.

S151 Officer Statement (Director of Financial Transformation)

The Local Government Act 2003 places specific responsibilities on me, as Director of Financial Transformation and the Council's S151 Officer, to report on the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of proposed financial reserves when the authority is considering its budget requirement. The council is required to have regard to this report when it sets its

budget. There are a range of other safeguards that I must consider to prevent the Local Authority from over committing itself financially, including:

- The balanced budget requirement (England, Scotland and Wales) (Sections 32, 43 and 93 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992);
- The legislative requirement for each local authority to make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs (Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972).

Given the uncertainties of economic environment and the scale of the expenditure reductions required and the growing demands on services, there are significant risks facing the council in delivering a balanced budget. In fulfilling the various responsibilities placed on me as Director of Financial Transformation and the Council's S151 Officer, I have considered the financial risks and these are set out in the budget paper for 2021/22. I have considered the additional proposals as set out in this amendment and the financial impact these will have on the overall financial strategy. In overall terms I am of the view that this revenue budget has been prepared on realistic assumptions and that it represents a robust, albeit challenging budget.

I have also undertaken a risk analysis of the adequacy of the reserves and am confident that the projected balances of £22.9m in 2021/22 are adequate.

Formal Council Tax Resolution (Liberal Democrat Amendment)

The Council is asked to resolve as follows:

It is noted that on 16 December the Council calculated the Council Tax Based for the whole Council area as 53,828 (Item T in the formula Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the 'Act')).

It is recommended:

- That the Council approve the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes (excluding precepts) for 2021/22 as £88.890m;
- That the Council agrees the calculation of the aggregate amounts for the year 2021/22 in accordance with sections 31 to 36 of the Act:

2021/22 Revenue Budget – Liberal Democrat Amendment	
	£m
2021/22 Budget	164.891
Additional Spending Needs – Permanent	25.805
Additional Spending Needs – One-Off	0.050
Less Savings Options	(8.523)
Less Planned Use of Reserves	(12.542)
Spending Requirement	169.681
Funded By:-	
Government Grants	22.051
Business Rates including Public Health Grant	59.204
Council Tax	88.890
Council Tax Deficit Spread Year 1	(0.464)
TOTAL	169.681

- In relation to Council Tax, Council is asked to:
 - Raise the Bury element of the Council tax by 2.44% of which 1.94% relates to the general precept and 0.5% relates to the adult social care levy.
 - Approve the council tax requirement for the council's own purposes (excluding precepts) as £88.890m
 - That the following amounts be calculated by the council for the year 2021/22 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
 - a) £451,256,529 being the aggregate of the amounts which the council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act;
 - b) £362,366,278 being the aggregate of the amounts which the council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A 3

- of the Act
- c) £88,890,251 being the amount by which the aggregate at a) above exceeds the aggregate at 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) £1,651.37 being the amount at c) above, (above item R) divided by Item T 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:

Bury Council

2021/22 Council Tax By Band – Bury Council Element							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£1,100.91	£1,284.40	£1,467.89	£1,651.37	£2,018.34	£2,385.31	£2,752.29	£3,302.74

- o Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount set out at d) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5 (1) of the Act is applicable for 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.
- o Note that the Police and Crime Commissioner component of the Greater Manchester Mayoral budget and the Mayoral general budget have issued precepts to the council in accordance with section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act That the following precepts be calculated for 2021/22 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act;

Police and Crime Commissioner

2021/22 Council Tax By Band – Police and Crime Commissioner Element							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£145.53	£169.79	£194.04	£218.30	£266.81	£315.32	£363.83	£436.60

General Mayoral - Fire and Rescue Service

2021/22 Council Tax By Band – General Mayoral (Fire and Rescue Service)							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£60.63	£70.74	£80.84	£90.95	£111.16	£131.37	£151.58	£181.90

- 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 2021/22 for

each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements

2021/22 Council Tax By Band – Aggregate for all precepting authorities							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£1,307.08	£1,524.93	£1,742.77	£1,960.62	£2,396.32	£2,832.01	£3,267.70	£3,921.24

- To determine whether the council's relevant basic amount of council tax for 2021/22 is excessive in accordance with the principles approved under the Local Accountability and Audit Act 2014.

	2020/21	2021/22	%
Council Tax Base	55,222	53,828	
Council Tax Requirement (£)	89,020,625	88,890,251	2.44
Relevant Amount of Council Tax (£)	1,612.05	1,651.37	

The total increase of **2.44%** is not excessive as it is within the 4.99% referendum limit.

The Authority is therefore not subject to a referendum

Other funding

Included within the budget are a number of government grants that are received for specific purposes. Any variations to the level of funding will be matched by an equivalent adjustment in the budget for the respective service.

Business rates funding of £59.204m (including public health grant of £11.642m) to support the council's overall budget. In the event the business rates funding is above or below this level, the variation will be managed by an adjustment to specific reserves. Details relating to any potential ongoing discretionary reliefs to mitigate the COVID economic impact have not yet been announced. This will form part of the Budget announcement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer due in March. Central Government have requested that bills not be issued until the announcements have been made to avoid the need to rebill