

28 February 2019

Brighton &amp; Hove City Council

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>General Fund Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Strategy 2019/20.</b> <b>Extract from the Proceedings of the Policy, Resources &amp; Growth Committee meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>28 February 2019</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance &amp; Law</b>		
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE*****Action Required of Council:***

To receive the item referred from the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee for decision:

**Recommendations:**

- (1) That the proposed budget and Council Tax increase on the Brighton & Hove element of the council tax be approved, comprising:
  - i) A general Council Tax increase of 2.99%;
  - ii) The council's net General Fund budget requirement for 2019/20 of £203.583m;
  - iii) The 2019/20 budget allocations to services as set out in the Budget book at Appendix 1 incorporating 2019/20 savings proposals contained in the 4 -Year Integrated Service & Financial Plans;
  - iv) The reserves allocations as set out in paragraph 3.20 and table 3 of the report;
- (2) That the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy included in the Budget Book at Appendix 1 to the report be noted;
- (3) That the Capital Strategy for 2019/20 at Appendix 2 to the report be approved, comprising:
  - i) The strategy for funding the investment in change and flexible use of capital receipts as set out in section 5;
  - ii) The capital resources and proposed borrowing included at Annex 1;
  - iii) The Capital Investment Programme for 2019/20 of £156.650m included within the Budget book at Appendix 1 and incorporating allocations to strategic funds.

- (4) That the Equalities Impact Assessments to cover all relevant budget options and their cumulative effect as set out in Appendices 6 and 7 to the report be noted;
- (5) That it be further noted that the budget decision was an indicative resourcing decision to be taken in the context of the explanation in the Legal Implications paragraph 13.3 of the report;
- (6) That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement as set out in Appendix 3 to the report be approved, comprising:
  - i) The Annual Investment Strategy
  - ii) The Prudential and Treasury Indicators
  - iii) The Minimum Revenue Provision policy
  - iv) The authorised borrowing limit for the year commencing 1 April 2019 of £420m.
- (7) That it be noted the that supplementary information needed to set the overall council tax would be provided for the budget setting Council meeting as listed in paragraph 8.3 of the report.

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**POLICY, RESOURCES & GROWTH COMMITTEE**

**4.00pm 14 FEBRUARY 2019**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Yates (Chair), Hamilton (Deputy Chair, Finance), Janio (Opposition Spokes), Bell, Daniel, Gibson, Mitchell, Peltzer Dunn, Sykes and Wealls.

**PART ONE**

**127 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET, COUNCIL TAX AND CAPITAL STRATEGY 2019/20**

- 127.1 The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director for Finance & Resources which detailed the revenue and capital budget proposals for 2019/20. The Executive Director noted that the report reflected the final year of the 4 year planning framework introduced in 2016/17 and was aligned with the current central government spending review period and 4 year funding deal.
- 127.2 Councillor Sykes requested information relating to the number of posts lost as a result of the funding to libraries, what was the funding provided for Hove Station and what the funding set aside for contingency regarding Brexit.
- 127.3 The Executive Director stated that the loss of 10.5 FTE posts had been reduced to 8, Hove Station funding would need to be confirmed in writing, and the contingency funding for Brexit was £210,000, but not limited to.
- 127.4 The Chief Executive commented that the South East 7 drew on information from across the area and this may reveal where funding may be required and to note that contingency funding was for the resulting issues not Brexit itself.
- 127.5 Councillor Yates thanked the officers for the report and was pleased to see the all year round funding for the Night Shelter and the Mary Clark statue model.
- 127.6 Councillor Gibson requested the dates for the budget review and was informed that it was December 2018 and April 2019.
- 127.7 Councillor Yates wished the committee to note that the plan for funding was a 4 year cycle with ongoing reviews.

127.8 Councillor Gibson was also pleased to note the funding for the all year round Night Shelter. However, he expressed concern at the loss of high dependency bed spaces and the resulting impact on other units.

127.9 The Chair noted the comments and put the recommendations to the vote.

127.10 **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

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- (8) That Executive Director Finance & Resources be authorised to make any necessary technical, presentational or consequential amendments to the report before submission to full Council.

