

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

4.00pm 9 FEBRUARY 2023

HOVE TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBER

DECISION LIST

Part One

236 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET, CAPITAL & TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2023/24

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Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED:

That Policy & Resources Committee recommends to Council:

1. The Administration's proposed budget and Council Tax increase on the Brighton & Hove element of the council tax, comprising:
 - i) A general Council Tax increase of 2.99%;
 - ii) An Adult Social Care Precept increase of 2.00%;
 - iii) The council's net General Fund budget requirement for 2023/24 of £232.385m;
 - iv) The 2023/24 budget allocations to services as set out in Appendix 1;
 - v) The Budget Strategies and proposed savings as set out in Appendix 1;
 - vi) The one-off resource allocations as set out in the table at paragraph 5.14.
 - vii) A recommended working balance of £9.000m (approximately 3.9% of the net budget) to be maintained over the period of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.
 - viii) Approval, in principle, to consideration of introducing a 100% discretionary premium on second homes, subject to the recommendations of an officer report to Policy & Resources Committee as soon as practicable following Royal Assent of the relevant legislation, and application of these resources to replenish the council's reserves within the Medium Term Financial Strategy.
2. That Council notes the updated 4-Year Medium Term Financial Strategy included in Appendix 1 including predicted budget shortfalls of £58m over the 4-year period.

3. That Council approves the Capital Strategy for 2023/24 at Appendix 2 comprising:
 - i) The strategy for funding the investment in change, including the flexible use of capital receipts as set out in section 7;
 - ii) The capital resources and proposed borrowing included at Annex A of the Capital Strategy;
 - iii) The Capital Investment Programme for 2023/24 of £211.698m included at Appendix 1 and incorporating allocations to strategic funds.
4. That Council notes the Equalities Impact Assessments to cover all relevant budget options as set out in Appendix 6.
5. That Council further notes that approval of the budget is an indicative resourcing decision to be taken in the context of the explanation given in the Legal Implications paragraph 18.3.
6. That Council approves the Treasury Management Strategy Statement as set out in Appendix 3 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 2023 of £607m.
7. That Council notes that supplementary information needed to set the overall council tax, including a detailed Budget Book, will be provided for the budget setting Council meeting as listed in paragraph 12.3.

That Policy & Resources Committee:

8. Agrees that the council's Chief Finance Officer be authorised to make any necessary technical, presentational or consequential amendments to this report before submission to Budget Council.
9. Notes the Business Framework set out in Appendix 7 which will underpin the management, governance and delivery of the council's services.

237 TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) 2022/23: MONTH 9 (DECEMBER)

Contact Officer: Jeff Coates
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RESOLVED: That the Committee

- (i) Noted the forecast risk position for the General Fund, which indicates a potential forecast overspend risk of £6.573m. This includes an underspend of £0.345m on the council's share of the NHS managed Section 75 services.

- (ii) Noted that spending and recruitment controls will now remain in place until 31 March 2023 and, together with ongoing financial management actions, this is expected to improve the forecast by a further £2m by 31 March 2023 (outturn).
- (iii) Noted the forecast for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), which is currently an overspend of £1.295m.
- (iv) Noted the forecast position for the Dedicated Schools Grant which is currently an overspend of £0.053m.
- (v) Noted the forecast outturn position on the capital programme which is a forecast underspend of £1.002m and approve the variations and slippage in Appendix 6 and new schemes as set out in Appendix 7.

238 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET & CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2023/24 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Contact Officer: Craig Garoghan

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RESOLVED:

- (i) That the updated HRA Revenue Budget for 2023/24 as shown in section 4 of the Housing Committee report (page 548) and Appendix 1 (page 559) to that report be agreed and recommended to Full Council for approval as amended by the Joint Labour/Green amendment set out on page 539 and described in the 'Implications of amendments' document on pages 517-537;
- (ii) A capital programme of £57.791m for 2023/24 and recommends to Full Council for approval the 5-year programme as set out in Appendix 3 (page 569) as amended by the Joint Labour/Green amendment set out on page 539 and described in the 'Implications of amendments' document on pages 517-537.

239 REVIEW OF COUNCIL PAY STRUCTURES

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Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That Committee noted the work that has been undertaken and the conclusions set out in the report.

240 ADULT SOCIAL CARE CHARGING POLICY 2023-24

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Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That Committee approves an increase of 10% to the current carelink charges with effect from April 2023.

241 CITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION BUILDING REGULATION APPLICATION FEES

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That the Committee –

- (i) Agreed that planning and building control fees for 2023 be increased by 6%.
- (ii) Agreed for this increase to then be implemented with immediate effect in the current financial year 2022/23 allowing for lead in time to update systems, charging methods and notice periods.

127a Fees & Charges 2023/24

RESOLVED: That the Committee –

- (i) Agreed the proposed fees and charges for 2023/24 as set out within the report.
- (ii) Agreed the proposed fees and charges in paragraph 3.6 relating to Monitored Contractor Scaffold Licence, Brown Tourist Signs and Development Directional Signs, to be implemented with immediate effect in the current financial year 2022/23 allowing for lead in time to update systems, charging methods and notice periods.
- (iii) Agreed the proposed fees and charges in paragraph 3.19 relating to Traders permit and Business permit fees, to be implemented with immediate effect in the current financial year 2022/23 allowing for lead in time to update systems, charging methods and notice periods.
- (iv) Agreed the proposed fees and charges in paragraphs 3.35 – 3.36 relating to Garden Waste Collection Service fees, to be implemented with immediate effect in the current financial year 2022/23 allowing for lead in time to update systems, charging methods and notice periods.
- (v) Delegated authority to the Executive Director of Economy, Environment & Culture (in relation to paragraphs 3.5 - 3.39), the Executive Director of Housing, Neighbourhoods & Communities (in relation to paragraphs 3.40 - 3.41) and to the Executive Director of Health & Adult Social Care (in relation to paragraphs 3.42 – 3.46)

to change fees and charges as notified and set by central Government during the year.

NB The above decisions will be implemented after close of business on XXXXXX unless they are called in.

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