

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

4.00pm 13 FEBRUARY 2020

HOVE TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBER

DECISION LIST

Part One

127 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET, CAPITAL & TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2020/21

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Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That the 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 1.99%;
- ii) An Adult Social Care Precept increase of 2%;
- iii) The council's net General Fund budget requirement for 2020/21 of £215.606m;
- iv) The 2020/21 budget allocations to services as set out in the Budget book at Appendix 1 incorporating 2020/21 savings proposals;
- v) The reserves allocations as set out in paragraph 3.16 and table 3;

(2) That Council notes the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy included in the Budget Book at Appendix 1.

(3) That Council approves the Capital Strategy for 2020/21 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 6;

- ii) The capital resources and proposed borrowing included at Annex A of the Capital Strategy;
 - iii) The Capital Investment Programme for 2020/21 of £163.169m included within the Budget book at Appendix 1 and incorporating allocations to strategic funds.
- (4) That Council notes the Equalities Impact Assessments to cover all relevant budget options and their cumulative effect as set out in Appendices 6 and 7.
- (5) That Council further notes the budget decision is an indicative resourcing decision to be taken in the context of the explanation in the Legal Implications paragraph 14.3.
- (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 2020 of £465m.
- (7) That Council notes that supplementary information needed to set the overall council tax will be provided for the budget setting Council meeting as listed in paragraph 9.3.
- (8) That Policy & Resources Committee agrees that the Acting Chief Finance Officer be authorised to make any necessary technical, presentational or consequential amendments to this report before submission to full Council.

128 TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) 2019/20: MONTH 9

Contact Officer: Jeff Coates
Ward Affected: All Wards

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RESOLVED: That the Committee –

(i) Noted the forecast risk position for the General Fund, which indicates a budget pressure of £3.355m. This includes an underspend of £0.137m on the council's share of the NHS managed Section 75 services.

(ii) Noted that the one-off financial risk safety net of £0.805m is available to mitigate the forecast risk if the risks cannot be completely eliminated by year-

end.

(iii) Noted that further proposals for managing the current forecast overspend risk are set out in the General Fund budget report also on this committee agenda.

(iv) Approved the carry forward of £0.175m in respect of the Troubled Families grant as set out in Education & Skills section of Appendix 4.

(v) Noted the forecast for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), which is currently an underspend of £0.295m.

(vi) Noted the forecast risk position for the Dedicated Schools Grant which is an underspend of £0.384m.

(vii) Noted the forecast outturn position on the capital programme and approve the variations in Appendix 6 and the new schemes as set out in Appendix 7.

129 BRIGHTON RESEARCH & INNOVATION FIBRE RING

*Ward Affected: Hollingdean & Stanmer;
St Peter's & North Laine*

RESOLVED: That the Committee –

- (i) Noted the recent award of Local Growth Funding from Coast to Capital LEP to help deliver a Research and Innovation Fibre Ring in Brighton, and agree to enter into a funding agreement with Coast to Capital to access that funding.
- (ii) Agreed to the city council investing in the provision of the fibre ring, in line with the business case at Appendix 1.
- (iii) Authorised the Executive Director Economy, Environment and Culture to enter into a partnership agreement with the project partners to agree roles and responsibilities to deliver the project.
- (iv) Agreed to the Brighton Digital Exchange (BDX) continuing to occupy space at New England House for a peppercorn rent for 3 years, as part of the city council's match funding for the project.
- (v) Authorised the Executive Director Economy, Environment and Culture to undertake or participate in any procurement processes necessary to deliver the city council's obligations under the funding agreement.

130 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2020/21 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

*Contact Officer: Monica Brooks
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RESOLVED: That the Committee agreed –

- (i) That the updated HRA Revenue Budget for 2020/21 as shown in Appendix 2 (as amended) to the report be agreed and recommended to full Council for approval;
- (ii) That the Capital Programme Budget of £40.120m (as amended) for 2020/21 be agreed and noted the 3-year programme as set out in Appendix 4 to the report and recommended to full Council for approval;
- (iii) That for 2019/20, any new revenue costs (estimated at £0.080m) arising from the increased support for delivery of housing supply, should be met from HRA general reserves.

131 WINTER SHELTER PROVISION FOR ROUGH SLEEPERS

RESOLVED: That the Committee agreed the adoption of weekend opening in addition to the current trigger. This would have an additional cost but would mitigate the lack of day centre and other provision at the weekend and would support the Street Outreach Service in their weekend engagement with people who are rough sleeping.

132 CONCESSIONARY BUS TRAVEL - 3 YEAR FIXED DEAL

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That the Committee –

- (i) Approved a 3-year fixed deal with BHBCC for commencement from 1st April 2020 until 31st March 2023;
- (ii) Approves the extension of disabled pass holder travel time by 5 hours to include travel between 4am until 9am on weekdays for Brighton & Hove residents only, which would allow travel at any time (currently 9am- 3.59am);
- (iii) Granted delegated authority to the Executive Director for Environment, Transport & Sustainability to negotiate and conclude a 3-year fixed contract with BHBCC for travel concession in line with option 1 referred to in paragraph 4.8 of the part two report.

133 FEES AND CHARGES 2020/21

Contact Officer: Steven Bedford
Ward Affected: All Wards

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RESOLVED: That the Committee –

- (i) Approved the proposed fees and charges for 2020/21 as set out within the report and its appendices (as amended).

- (ii) Approved the relevant Traffic Regulation orders and Notices of intention to be advertised as soon as possible and that any objections to the Traffic Regulation Orders are reported back to the relevant committee for a final decision.
- (iii) Noted the proposed 2020/21 fees and charges for car parking within Stanmer Park as set out in paragraphs 3.13 – 3.15 and Appendix 3 are potentially subject to objections from the Traffic Regulation Order process. If any recommendations for changes are made to the Stanmer Park charges following the Traffic Regulation Order process this will come back to the relevant Committee alongside any potential changes in relation to Preston Park and East Brighton Park to ensure the charges are consistent across all the parks.
- (iv) Delegated authority to the Executive Director of Economy, Environment & Culture (in relation to paragraphs 3.4-3.21), the Executive Director of Housing, Neighbourhoods & Communities (in relation to paragraphs 3.22 - 3.25) and to the Executive Lead Officer – Strategy, Governance & Law (in relation to paragraphs 3.26 – 3.29) to change fees and charges as notified and set by central Government during the year.