

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT

Budget Council

To: All Members of City of York Council

Date: Thursday, 25 February 2021

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Remote Meeting

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- 8. List of Budget Amendments, for consideration at the meeting** (Pages 1 - 12)

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List of Amendments to be Proposed

A- Labour Group Amendment to the Budget proposals.

To be moved by Cllr Myers as follows:

Revenue Budget

“In relation to the Executive’s recommendations on the revenue budget (paragraph 42 of page 50 of the Council papers refers):

In sub paragraph (c) add at the end of the sentence ‘subject to the following amendments:

- Revision of narrative in relation to one off growth of £200k Transport Plan Refresh to include ‘making provision within it for options on adopted council policy to remove non-essential car journeys through the city centre, and to conclude LTP4 by December 2022’
- An additional £90k for Early Talk for York
- An additional £23k for Training for Wellbeing for Education Return
- An additional £13k for Your Choice, Your Voice
- An additional £30k to fund a 4 year council tax exemption for care leavers
- An additional £45k to fund 1 FTE Officer to lead on monitoring social value policies in procurement and insourcing
- An additional £230k to TUPE staff from Make it York to City of York Council to support economic growth
- £20k one off investment in community wealth building to prepare a report on working in partnership with anchor organisations in York to procure more goods locally, in order to retain more wealth in the city
- £50k one off investment for York Future Goals
- Reversal of one off growth £30k – Organisational development programme.

In sub paragraph (d) add at the end of the sentence ‘subject to the following amendments:

- Reverse saving proposal PEO11 outsourcing to independent sector- £147k

- Reduction of blacksmith apprenticeship budget with vacant post - £25k
- A reduction of 1 FTE in Executive policy team - £50k
- A reduction of two Executive Members - £37k
- Removal of a committee Chair - £6k
- Reduce Ward Committee budget - £200k
- Reduction in Communications Team budget - £45k
- Remove Economic Growth function budget to Make it York - £230k
- Reverse one off budget (unspent from 20/21) for Children and Young People cultural educational opportunities - £40k.

In sub paragraph (e) add at the end of the sentence 'subject to the following amendments:

- PLA04: Reversal of fee increase to Household Waste Recycling Centre fees - £5k
- CCS13: Reversal of fee increase to Cremation and Bereavement Services - £10k.

After sub paragraph (i) add a new sub paragraph (j):

- The one off use of £48k from the Venture Fund to invest in a S106 developer tax tracker to record and monitor s106 to ensure planning gain isn't lost as a result of absence of departmental records
- The one off use of £75k from the Venture Fund to invest in a Children's Commissioner
- The one off use of £100k from the Venture Fund to invest in proof of concept for robotics
- The one off use of £15k from the Venture Fund to invest in an apprentice to co-ordinate NEETS
- The one off use of £50k from the YFAS reserve to invest in targeted benefits advice for Pension Credit, Carers Allowance, Universal Credit and Council Tax support
- The one off use of £20k from the YFAS reserve to invest in a Child Poverty Strategy
- The one off use of £20k from the YFAS reserve to invest in the Right to Food and to adopt the independent recommendations from York Food Justice Alliance."

[For information, the effect on the original motion of this amendment would be as follows:

Revenue Budget

42. Executive recommends:

- i. That subject to the amendments outlined below, Council approve the budget proposals outlined in the Financial Strategy report and in particular:
 - a. The net revenue expenditure requirement of £131.392m
 - b. A council tax requirement of £98.051m
 - c. The revenue growth proposals as outlined in the body of the report, **subject to the following amendments:**
 - **Revision of narrative in relation to one off growth of £200k Transport Plan Refresh to include ‘making provision within it for options on adopted council policy to remove non-essential car journeys through the city centre, and to conclude LTP4 by December 2022’**
 - **An additional £90k for Early Talk for York**
 - **An additional £23k for Training for Wellbeing for Education Return**
 - **An additional £13k for Your Choice, Your Voice**
 - **An additional £30k to fund a 4 year council tax exemption for care leavers**
 - **An additional £45k to fund 1 FTE Officer to lead on monitoring social value policies in procurement and insourcing**
 - **An additional £230k to TUPE staff from Make it York to City of York Council to support economic growth**
 - **£20k one off investment in community wealth building to prepare a report on working in partnership with anchor organisations in York to procure more goods locally, in order to retain more wealth in the city**
 - **£50k one off investment for York Future Goals**
 - **Reversal of one off growth £30k – Organisational development programme.**

- d. The 2020/21 revenue savings proposals as outlined in annex 2, **subject to the following amendments:**
- **Reverse saving proposal PEO11 outsourcing to independent sector- £147k**
 - **Reduction of blacksmith apprenticeship budget with vacant post - £25k**
 - **A reduction of 1 FTE in Executive policy team - £50k**
 - **A reduction of two Executive Members - £37k**
 - **Removal of a committee Chair - £6k**
 - **Reduce Ward Committee budget - £200k**
 - **Reduction in the Communications Team budget - £45k**
 - **Remove Economic Growth function budget to Make it York - £230k**
 - **Reverse one off budget (unspent from 20/21) for Children and Young People cultural educational opportunities - £40k.**
- e. The fees and charges proposals as outlined in annex 3, **subject to the following amendments:**
- **PLA04: Reversal of fee increase to Household Waste Recycling Centre fees - £5k**
 - **CCS13: Reversal of fee increase to Cremation and Bereavement Services - £10k.**
- f. The consultation feedback as set out in annex 4
- g. The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) growth set out in annex 5, the HRA savings proposals set out in annex 6, HRA 2021/22 budget set out in annex 7 and the HRA 30 year plan set out in annex 8.
- h. The dedicated schools grant proposals outlined from paragraph 156
- i. The use of £52k New Homes Bonus to fund one off investment, as outlined in paragraph 87
- j. **The one off use of £48k from the Venture Fund to invest in a S106 developer tax tracker to record and monitor s106 to ensure planning gain isn't lost as a result of absence of departmental records**
- k. **The one off use of £75k from the Venture Fund to invest in a Children's Commissioner**

- b. New schemes funded by a combination of both prudential borrowing and external funds of £3.300m as set out in table 4 and summarised in table 5;
- c. New schemes funded by a combination of prudential borrowing and other internal funds of £200k as set out in table 6;
- d. Extension of prudential borrowing funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £10.870m as set out in table 5 and summarised in table 7;
- e. Extension of externally funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £7.200m as set out in table 9;
- f. An increase in HRA funded schemes totalling £11.954m funded from a combination HRA balances/Right to Buy receipts as set out in table 10;
- g. Include a new scheme to invest £100k to purchase CCTV cameras to be deployed in fly-tipping hotspot areas, to improve enforcement and investigation of fly-tipping;**
- h. Reduce the proof of concept for robotics scheme by £100k.**

- ii. Note the total increase in Council borrowing as a result of new schemes being recommended for approval is £20.483m the details of which are considered within this report and the financial strategy report.
- iii. Approve the full restated programme as summarised in Annex B totalling £546.880m covering financial years 2021/22 to 2025/26 as set out in table 14 and Annex B.

Reason: In accordance with the statutory requirement to set a capital budget for the forthcoming financial year.

Capital and Investment Strategy

44. Executive recommends that Council:

- i. Approve the Capital and Investment Strategy at Annex A

Reason: To meet the statutory obligation to comply with the Prudential Code 2017

Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators

45. Executive recommends that Council approve:

- i. The proposed treasury management strategy for 2021/22 including the annual investment strategy and the minimum revenue provision policy statement;
- ii. The prudential indicators for 2021/22 to 2025/26 in the main body of the report;
- iii. The specified and non-specified investments schedule (annex B)
- iv. The scheme of delegation and the role of the section 151 officer (annex D)

Reason: To enable the continued effective operation of the treasury management function and ensure that all council borrowing is prudent, affordable and sustainable.]

B- Conservative Group Amendment to the Budget proposals.

To be moved by Cllr Doughty as follows:

Revenue Budget

“In relation to the Executive’s recommendations on the revenue budget (paragraph 42 of page 50 of Council papers refers):

In sub paragraph (a) delete ‘£131.392m’ and replace with ‘£130.967m’

In sub paragraph (b) delete ‘£98.051m’ and replace with ‘£97.626m’

In sub paragraph (c) add at the end of the sentence ‘subject to the following amendments:

- An additional £40k for one additional green waste round for Christmas tree collection
- An additional £75k to target travel solutions to communities lacking adequate public transport
- Additional pothole repair budget of £113k allowing for targeted work for requests from residents/wards
- An additional £42k to fund 40 new street benches, including ongoing maintenance costs, for the city centre and other shopping locations such as Acomb and Haxby in consultation
- Reduction of climate change delivery programme - £100k.

In sub paragraph (d) add at the end of the sentence 'subject to the following amendments;

- A reduction in printing budget by £100k
- A reduction in 1 FTE from the Communications Team staff budget - £45k
- A reduction of member allowances increase, including all special responsibility allowances, to 2019/20 levels, allowing only for inflation at the rate previously agreed in 2015 - £77k
- A reduction of purple flag promotion budget - £50k
- A reduction of two Executive Members - £37k
- Removal of the Climate Change Committee Chair - £6k
- Reduction in overtime budgets - £100k
- Staff reduction of 2 FTE Political Assistant posts £90k
- Staff reduction of 2 FTE Policy Officer posts - £90k

In paragraph 42 (ii) third line, delete '4.99%' and replace with '**4.49%**'."

[For information, the effect on the original motion of this amendment would be as follows:

Revenue Budget

42. Executive recommends;

- i. That subject to the amendments outlined below, Council approve the budget proposals outlined in the Financial Strategy report and in particular:
 - a. A revised net revenue expenditure requirement of **£130.967m**
 - b. A revised council tax requirement of **£97.626m**
 - c. The revenue growth proposals as outlined in the body of the report, **subject to the following amendments:**
 - **An additional £40k for one additional green waste round for christmas tree collection**
 - **An additional £75k to target travel solutions to communities lacking adequate public transport**

- **Additional pothole repair budget of £113k allowing for targeted work for requests from residents/wards**
 - **An additional £42k to fund 40 new street benches, including ongoing maintenance costs, for the city centre and other shopping locations such as Acomb and Haxby in consultation**
 - **Reduction of climate change delivery programme - £100k**
- d. The 2020/21 revenue savings proposals as outlined in annex 2, **subject to the following amendments;**
- **A reduction in printing budget by £100k**
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- e. The fees and charges proposals as outlined in annex 3,
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- g. The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) growth set out in annex 5, the HRA savings proposals set out in annex 6, HRA 2021/22 budget set out in annex 7 and the HRA 30 year plan set out in annex 8.
- h. The dedicated schools grant proposals outlined from paragraph 156
- i. The use of £52k New Homes Bonus to fund one off investment, as outlined in paragraph 87
- ii. That Council note that the effect of approving the income and expenditure proposals included in the recommendations would result

in a **4.49%** increase in the City of York Council element of the council tax, 3% of which would relate to the social care precept.

Reason: To ensure a legally balanced budget is set

Capital Budget 2021/22 to 2025/26

43. Executive recommends that Council:

- i. Agree to the revised capital programme of **£546.880m** that reflects a net overall increase of **£41.037m** (as set out in table 2 and in Annex A). Key elements of this include:
 - a. New schemes funded by prudential borrowing totalling £7.513m as set out in table 3;
 - b. New schemes funded by a combination of both prudential borrowing and external funds of £3.300m as set out in table 4 and summarised in table 5;
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- ii. Note the total increase in Council borrowing as a result of new schemes being recommended for approval is £20.483m the details of which are considered within this report and the financial strategy report.
- iii. Approve the full restated programme as summarised in Annex B totalling £546.880m covering financial years 2021/22 to 2025/26 as set out in table 14 and Annex B.

Reason: In accordance with the statutory requirement to set a capital budget for the forthcoming financial year.

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Reason: To enable the continued effective operation of the treasury management function and ensure that all council borrowing is prudent, affordable and sustainable.

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