

Meeting	Joint Budget Decision Session - Executive Leader (incorporating Policy, Strategy and Partnerships) and finance and Performance
Date	15 January 2020
Present	Councillors Aspden and Ayre (Executive Members)

6. Declarations of Interest

The Executive Members were asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any personal interests, not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests that he might have had in respect of business on the agenda. None were declared.

7. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been two registrations to speak under the council's Public Participation Scheme.

Gwen Swinburn thanked the Executive for agreeing to hold these Joint Budget Decision Sessions, but questioned whether sufficient detail around savings had been included within the meeting papers. She also raised several quires regarding the Capital Budget and asked if smaller capital projects could go to Executive Member Decision Sessions for approval.

Janice Gray raised questions about why York Theatre Royal was being assigned funds in the council budget?

The Executive Members noted that York Theatre Royal was a National Portfolio Organisation and that it would therefore receive funding from the Art Council as long as City of York Council was also making a financial contribution.

8. Financial Strategy 2020/21 to 2024/25

Officers introduced a report on the Financial Strategy for 2020/21 to 2024/25. Key areas in the report were discussed including the capital budget. It was noted that there was an amendment to make to annex 4, paragraph 107 of the agenda that the ICT Capital Program was receiving an increase of £350k (not £250k) from years 21/22 onwards to reflect the increased demand. Officers outlined what had been done to consult both

residents and business in the city as part of the budget process. Executive Members requested that further detail on business' responses to the consultation be included when the Financial Strategy is brought to the meeting of the Executive.

The Executive Members confirmed when the budget is presented at Budget Council meeting on 27 February 2020 it would include a detailed equality impact assessment.

Resolved:

- i. That the feedback from consultation for Leader (incorporating Policy, Strategy and Partnerships) and Finance and Performance portfolios, as set out in Annex 3 to the report, be noted;
- ii. That the following be agreed for inclusion within the overall financial strategy to be presented to Executive on 13 February 2020:
 - a) The 2020/21 revenue savings proposals for Leader (incorporating Policy, Strategy and Partnerships) and Finance and Performance portfolios, as set out in Annex 1 to the report.
 - b) The 2020/21 revenue growth proposals for Leader (incorporating Policy, Strategy and Partnerships) and Finance and Performance portfolios, as set out in Annex 2 to the report.
 - c) The new schemes for inclusion in the Capital Strategy as set out in annex 4 to the report.

Reason: To ensure that stakeholders have the opportunity to feed into the budget process in advance of the finalisations of the Financial Strategy 2020/21 to 2024/25.

Cllr. K Aspden, Executive Leader (incorporating Policy, Strategy and Partnerships)

Cllr. N Ayre, Executive Member Finance and Performance
[The meeting started at 5.32 pm and finished at 5.56 pm].