

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT

Budget Council

To: All Members of City of York Council

Date: Thursday, 23 February 2023

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: The Guildhall, York

The Agenda for the above meeting was published on **15 February 2023**.
The attached additional document is now available:

- An Amendment to the Budget proposals at Agenda Item 7 to be considered at the meeting.

This agenda supplement was published on **20 February 2023**.

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Budget Council – 23 February 2023**Amendment to be Proposed****Labour Group Amendment to the Budget proposals.**

To be moved by Cllr Douglas as follows:

Revenue Budget

In relation to the Executive's recommendations on the revenue budget (paragraph 43 of page 42 of Council papers refers):

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

- £40k recurring investment in Youth Services across the City, funding additional youth outreach sessions in areas of greatest need, due to prevalence of anti-social behaviour;
- £100k one-off investment for seed funding of commitment to deliver free school meals to every primary school child across our communities in response to the cost-of-living crisis;
- £30k one-off investment to undertake a consultation on altering current access restrictions for Blue Badge holders in the city centre;
- £20k one-off investment in work to develop a new staffing and service model across all wards to include new 'Neighbourhood Caretaker' roles that respond to local community priorities;
- Part reversal of one-off growth £150k – part reversal of the one-off growth of £250k 'to allow wards to invest directly in improvements to local communities, from installing new benches to repairing local roads'.

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

- A reduction of two Executive Members - £40k"

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

Revenue Budget

43. Executive recommends that Council:

- i. Approve the budget proposals outlined in the Financial Strategy report and in particular;
 - a. The net revenue expenditure requirement of £141.624m.
 - b. A council tax requirement of £107.783m.
 - c. The revenue growth proposals as outlined in the body of the report, **subject to the following amendments:**
 - **£40k recurring investment in Youth Services across the City, funding additional youth outreach sessions in areas of greatest need, due to prevalence of anti-social behaviour;**
 - **£100k one-off investment for seed funding of commitment to deliver free school meals to every primary school child across our communities in response to the cost-of-living crisis;**
 - **£30k one-off investment to undertake a consultation on altering current access restrictions for Blue Badge holders in the city centre;**
 - **£20k one-off investment in work to develop a new staffing and service model across all wards to include new 'Neighbourhood Caretaker' roles that respond to local community priorities;**
 - **Part reversal of one-off growth £150k – part reversal of the one-off growth of £250k 'to allow wards to invest directly in improvements to local communities, from installing new benches to repairing local roads.**
 - d. The 2023/24 revenue savings proposals as outlined in annex 2, **subject to the following amendment:**
 - **A reduction of two Executive Members - £40k;**
 - e. The fees and charges proposals as outlined in annex 3
 - f. The consultation feedback as set out in annex 4
 - g. The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) savings proposals set out in annex 6 and the HRA 2023/24 budget set out in annex 7
 - h. The dedicated schools grant proposals outlined from paragraph 186, including option 1 for allocating 3 & 4 year old early years funding to providers

- i. The use of £1m from reserves 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 4.99% increase in the City of York Council element of the council tax, 2% of which would relate to the social care precept.
- iii. Members are asked to approve the 100% increase in council tax on second homes with effect from 1st April 2024 subject to the Levelling Up bill receive Royal Assent by 31st March 2023, as set out in paragraphs 119 to 121.

Reason: To ensure a legally balanced budget is set

Capital Budget 2023/24 to 2027/28

44. Executive recommends that Council:

- i. Agree to the revised capital programme of **£481.980m** that reflects a net overall increase of **£51.158m** (as set out in table 2 and in Annex A). Key elements of this include:
 - a) New schemes funded by prudential borrowing totalling £1.229m as set out in tables 3;
 - b) Extension of prudential borrowing funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £22.286m as set out in table 4;
 - c) Extension of externally funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £8.998m as set out in table 6;
 - d) An increase in HRA funded schemes totalling £18.645m funded from a combination HRA balances/Right to Buy receipts as set out in table 7;
- ii. Note the total increase in Council borrowing as a result of new schemes being recommended for approval is £23.515m 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 **£481.980m** covering financial years 2023/24 to 2027/28 as set out in table 11 and Annex B

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

Capital and Investment Strategy

45. 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

46. Executive recommends that Council approve:
- i. The proposed treasury management strategy for 2023/24 including the annual investment strategy and the minimum revenue provision policy statement;
 - ii. The prudential indicators for 2023/24 to 2027/28 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.]