

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care
Date	15 December 2021
Present	Councillor Runciman

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Executive Member was 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 they might have had in respect of business on the agenda. None were declared.

35. MINUTES

Resolved: That the minutes of the Budget Decision Session held on 13 January 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed at a later date.

36. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that there had been two registrations to speak on agenda item 4 [Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2026/27] at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Peter Richardson, a resident of York, expressed his concern regarding the calculation for the funding for adult social care. He noted that he had raised his concerns on many occasions and continued to be dissatisfied with the council's response.

Cllr Hook spoke and registered her concerns regarding the level of funding for health and social care nationally, she highlighted that costs that had risen over recent months and funding had fallen over the same time frame. She noted that the budget for the next financial year included additional funding for the care sector and welcomed the additional funding to provide low level mental health support.

37. FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2022/23 TO 2026/27

The Executive Member considered a report which set out the draft savings proposals, growth assumptions and capital schemes relating to her portfolio, providing an opportunity to receive feedback in advance of the presentation of the overall Financial Strategy to Executive on 07 February 2022.

The report outlined the national and local context of the overall strategy, highlighting the unprecedented financial challenges resulting from the coronavirus pandemic. Savings proposals for the portfolio were set out in Annex 1, with growth proposals in Annex 2 and capital schemes in Annex 4. Feedback received to date was contained in Annex 3.

The Chief Finance Officer responded to the first public speaker and noted that the Council had been aware of the concerns raised and had responded on several occasions. She confirmed that the council had used the correct calculation and that his concerns would be better addressed to central government.

The CFO and the Principal Accountant outlined the challenges faced by the Health and Adult Social Care budget and explained their decision making process. The Director of Prevention and Commissioning explained how the use of technology in care provision would enable reductions in care spending.

Resolved: That the following be agreed for inclusion within the overall Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2026/27 to be presented to Executive on 07 February 2022 and Full Council on 17 February 2022:

- a) The 2022/23 revenue savings proposals for Health and Adult Social Care portfolio as set out in Annex 1 to the report.
- b) The 2022/23 revenue growth proposals for Health and Adult Social Care portfolio as set out in Annex 2 to the report.
- c) The new schemes for inclusion in the 2022/23 to 2026/27 Capital Programme 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 finalisation of the Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2026/27.

CLlr C Runciman, Executive Member
[The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.18 am].