



Leicester  
City Council

At a meeting of the LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL held at the Town Hall at FIVE O'CLOCK in the afternoon on Wednesday, 20 FEBRUARY 2019 duly convened for the business hereunder mentioned.

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**BUSINESS**

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1. **LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
3. **STATEMENTS BY THE CITY MAYOR / EXECUTIVE**
4. **MATTERS RESERVED TO FULL COUNCIL**
  - 4.1 General Fund Revenue Budget 2019/20 to 2021/22
  - 4.2 Housing Revenue Account Budget (including Capital Programme) 2019/20 to 2021/2
  - 4.3 Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20
  - 4.4 Investment Strategy
  - 4.5 Treasury Policy
5. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

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**PRESENT:**

ROSS GRANT, LORD MAYOR  
CHAIRMAN

SIR PETER SOULSBY – CITY MAYOR

Abbey Ward

HARSHAD DAHYABHAI BHAVSAR  
ANNETTE BYRNE  
VIJAY SINGH RIYAIT

Aylestone Ward

ADAM CLARKE  
NIGEL CARL PORTER

Beaumont Leys Ward

HEMANT RAE BHATIA  
SUE WADDINGTON  
PAUL THOMAS WESTLEY

Belgrave Ward

PADMINI CHAMUND  
MANJULA SOOD

Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields

STEVE CORRALL  
ELAINE HALFORD  
KULWINDER SINGH JOHAL

Castle Ward

PATRICK JOSEPH KITTERICK  
DANNY MYERS

Evington Ward

DEEPAK BAJAJ  
RATILAL BHAGWAN GOVIND  
SUE HUNTER

Eyres Monsell Ward

VIRGINIA CLEAVER  
ELAINE PANTLING

North Evington Ward

LUIS FONSECA  
JEAN KHOTE  
ABDUL RAZAK OSMAN

Rushey Mead Ward

PIARA SINGH CLAIR  
RITA PATEL  
ROSS WILLMOTT

Saffron Ward

ELLY CUTKELVIN  
WILLIAM SHELTON

Spinney Hills Ward

SHOFIQUUL ISLAM CHOWDHURY  
MUSTAFA MALIK

Stoneygate Ward

LUCY CHAPLIN  
KIRK MASTER  
AMINUR THALUKDAR

Thurncourt Ward

TERESA ALDRED

Troon Ward

DIANE CANK  
BALJIT SINGH

Westcotes Ward

ANDY CONNELLY  
SARAH RUSSELL

Fosse Ward

DAWN ALFONSO  
TED CASSIDY

Humberstone and Hamilton Ward

RASHMI JOSHI  
GURINDER SINGH SANDHU

Knighton Ward

INDERJIT SINGH GUGNANI  
DR LYNN MOORE

Western Ward

DR SUSAN BARTON  
GEORGE COLE  
MALCOLM UNSWORTH

Wycliffe Ward

HANIF AQBANY  
MOHAMMED DAWOOD

## **LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Former Councillor Brian Shore

The Lord Mayor reflected upon the sad loss of former Councillor and Alderman, Brian Shore. Brian was a Councillor between 1983 and 1995 where he represented Abbey, Mowmacre and Rushey Mead wards and he was made an Alderman in June 2013.

Council stood for a moments silence in his memory.

### Fire Evacuation

The Lord Mayor drew Council's attention to the fire evacuation procedure.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Lord Mayor informed Council that the Standards Committee had granted a general dispensation to Councillors who were Council tenants, or had family members who were Council tenants. This meant that Councillors who were tenants or had family members who were tenants would not be required to leave the chamber for consideration of the General Fund Revenue budget or the Housing Revenue Account should they receive a dispensation.

The Monitoring Officer further advised Council that if a Member wished to benefit from the dispensation, they would need to identify themselves at the meeting in order to receive the dispensation, and it would be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

The following members sought and received dispensations:

Councillor Thalukdar – family member was a Council tenant.  
Councillor Westley – family members were Council tenants.  
Councillor Alphonso – family member was a Council tenant.  
Councillor Hunter - family member was a Council tenant.  
Councillor Aqbany – family member was a Council tenant.  
Councillor Halford – self and family members were Council tenants.  
Councillor Aldred, - family members were Council tenants.  
Councillor Shelton – brother was a Council tenant.  
Councillor Chamund – family member was a Council tenant.  
Councillor Joshi – family member was a Council tenant.  
Councillor Cank – family members were Council tenants.  
Councillor Byrne – self and family members were Council tenants.

The Lord Mayor invited Members to declare any further interests they might have in the business on the agenda and/or indicate if Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

No further declarations were made.

## **STATEMENTS BY THE CITY MAYOR/EXECUTIVE**

None.

## **MATTERS RESERVED TO COUNCIL**

### **General Fund Revenue Budget 2019/20 to 2021/22**

The City Mayor submitted his proposed budget for 2019/20 to 2021/22. The report contained details of the financial pressures facing the Council, the proposed budget strategy including assessments of risk, and impact and consultation outcomes.

Details of the City Mayor's Recommendation of General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19 and the General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2018/19 – Formal Resolutions were available at the meeting and are attached to these minutes.

Moved by the City Mayor and seconded by Councillor Singh:

28. That Council:

- 1) Thanks partners and scrutiny committees who have commented on our draft budget;
- 2) Notes the comments made in the City Mayor's formal Decision Notice published on 12 February 2019 and attached as Appendix A to the script and available at the meeting;
- 3) Approves the recommendations set out in section 3.1 of the report 'General Fund Revenue Budget 2019/20 to 2021/22' without amendment; and
- 4) Approves the formal budget resolution as set out in Appendix B to the script and available at the meeting.

The Lord Mayor put the motion to the vote.

It was noted that under the requirements of The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 the names of the Councillors voting for or against the proposition or abstaining would be recorded by the City Barrister and Monitoring Officer and included in the minutes of the meeting.

For the motion:

Councillors Aldred, Alfonso, Aqbany, Bajaj, Barton, Bhavsar, Byrne, Cank, Cassidy, Chaplin, Chamund, Clair, Clarke, Cleaver, Cole, Connelly, Corral, Cutkelvin, Fonseca, Govind, Halford, Hunter, Joshi, Khote, Kitterick, Malik, Master, Moore, Myers, Osman, Pantling, Patel, Rae Bhatia, Riyait, Russell, Sandhu, Shelton, Singh, Singh Johal, Sood, Soulsby (City Mayor), Thalukdar, Unsworth, Waddington, Westley, Willmott.

Against the motion:

Councillors Grant (Lord Mayor), Porter.

The Lord Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget (including Capital Programme) 2019/20 to 2021/22**

A report was considered which set out the proposed Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget (including Capital Programme) for the 3 years from 2019/20 to 2021/22. It was noted that the budget proposals were in the context of the government requirement that rents were reduced by 1% p.a. for the four year period 2016-2020. The proposed budget included the final year of the four-year rent reduction.

The formal Assistant City Mayor – Housing decision notice published on 11 February 2019 was available at the meeting and is attached to these minutes.

Moved by Councillor Connelly, seconded by Councillor Westley and carried:

29. That Council:

- 1) Thanks Tenants' and Leaseholders' Forum, Housing Scrutiny and others who have commented on our draft Housing Revenue Account budget;
- 2) Notes the comments made in the Assistant City Mayor, Housing's formal Decision Notice published on 11 February 2019 and attached as Appendix C to the script and available at the meeting;
- 3) Approves the recommendations set out in section 3 of the report 'Housing Revenue Account Budget (including HRA Capital Programme) 2019/20 to 2021/2022' without amendment.

### **Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20**

A report was considered which proposed a strategy for managing the Council's borrowing and cash balances during 2019/20 and for the remainder of 2018/19.

Moved by the City Mayor, seconded by Councillor Singh and carried:

30. That Council approves the Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20, which includes the annual investment strategy attached at Appendix B to the report.

### **Investment Strategy**

A report was considered which presented the Investment Strategy for approval by Council.

Moved by the City Mayor, seconded by Councillor Singh and carried:

31. That Council approves the Investment Strategy.

### **Treasury Policy**

A report was considered which proposed a framework for the governance of the Council's borrowing and investments. It updated the framework approved by Council in 2012 to reflect revised professional and statutory guidance.

Moved by the City Mayor, seconded by Councillor Singh and carried:

32. That Council approves the Treasury Policy.

**ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

There being no urgent items of business identified the Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.13pm.

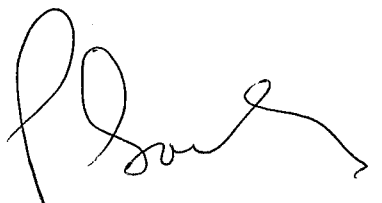


## RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER

1.	<b>DECISION TITLE</b>	Recommendation of General Fund Revenue Budget 2019/20.
2.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	None.
3.	<b>DATE OF DECISION</b>	12 February 2019
4.	<b>DECISION MAKER</b>	City Mayor
5.	<b>DECISION TAKEN</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To thank scrutiny committees and partners who have considered our draft budget.</li> <li>2. In response to comments made:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) As the Council is well aware, our financial position is severe as a consequence of Government cuts, and this is the context to our budget. I am therefore very grateful to OSC for supporting the budget proposals;</li> <li>b) I share the concerns of scrutiny committees and others about the inadequacy of funding for social care, and the financial pressures facing the budget more generally. I endorse the proposal of the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission to write to the Secretary of State and our M.P.s regarding social care funding. I will be responding to the Government's consultation on the Fair Funding Review, making it plain that any further redirection of resources from urban to rural areas is completely unacceptable.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. To note the equality assessment of the proposed tax rise and (in the light of the findings and having regard to the implications)</li> </ol>



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		<p>to recommend the budget and tax rise to the Council as proposed in the report;</p> <p>4. To ask the Director of Finance to prepare the formal budget resolution for 2019/20, referred to in Section 3 of the Council report.</p>
6.	<b>REASON FOR DECISION</b>	<p>The revenue budget forms part of the budget and policy framework. Its approval is the responsibility of the full Council; the City Mayor is responsible for the preparation of a proposal for Council consideration.</p> <p>A draft budget was published on 11<sup>th</sup> December, and a formal decision to that effect was made by the City Mayor. The budget was considered by a number of scrutiny commissions, whose comments were considered by Overview Select Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> February. Minutes of the commissions and Overview Select Committee will be circulated to Council members with the budget report.</p>
7.	<p>a) <b>KEY DECISION – Y/N?</b>  b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? Y/N</p>	a) No.
8.	<b>OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>	Not applicable.
9.	<p><b>DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 Members of a Scrutiny Commission or any 5 Councillors can ask for the decision to be called-in.</li> <li>• Notification of Call-In with reasons must be made to the Monitoring Officer.</li> </ul>	Not applicable.
10.	<p><b>SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAKER</b>  (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of Executive Member).</p>	

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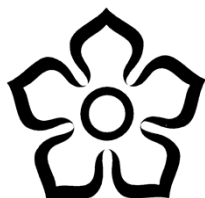
1.	<b>DECISION TITLE</b>	Recommendation of the Housing Revenue Budget 2019/20
2.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	None
3.	<b>DATE OF DECISION</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
4.	<b>DECISION MAKER</b>	Assistant City Mayor (Housing)
5.	<b>DECISION TAKEN</b>	<p>(1) To thank Tenants' and Leaseholders' Forum, Housing Scrutiny Commission and others who have commented on our draft Housing Revenue Account budget;</p> <p>(2) I am grateful for the recognition from consultees of the challenging financial position the 1% rent reduction has created;</p> <p>(3) To approve the Housing Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2019/20 as set out in the report.</p> <p>(4) To note the equality assessment of the proposed revenue and capital reductions required to present a balanced budget;</p> <p>(5) In light of the findings and having regard to the implications to recommend to Council, as proposed in the budget report, that the 1% rent reduction continues to be implemented.</p> <p>(6) To approve the proposed increase in service charges by 2% and garage rent by 3.7% (excluding district heating and communal cleaning).</p> <p>(7) To approve the proposed hostel rents remain unchanged.</p> <p>(8) To note that the scheme of virement (included within the General Fund Revenue Budget report) applies also to the HRA budget with total expenditure and total income acting as budget ceilings for this purpose.</p> <p>(9) To note that the capital strategy in that report applies also to the HRA;</p>



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		(10) Agree that the delegations and determinations applicable to the main capital programme (and approved by the Council on 30 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017) shall also apply to the capital programme in this report.
6.	<b>REASON FOR DECISION</b>	The Housing Revenue Account budget forms part of the budget and policy framework. Its approval is the responsibility of the full Council; the City Mayor is responsible for the preparation of a proposal for Council consideration.  A draft programme was considered by Housing Scrutiny Commission on 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
7.	a) <b>KEY DECISION – Y/N?</b> b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? Y/N	No.
8.	<b>OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>	Not applicable.
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## General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2019/20 – Formal Resolutions

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### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Council is required to set its Council Tax for 2019/20 before 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019, under the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- 1.2 If Council approves the Mayor's proposed budget, the formal resolutions required by the Act are set out below.

### Resolutions

- 2. Council is recommended:
  - 2.1 To approve the budget as recommended by the City Mayor, thereby agreeing the recommendations in the report circulated separately.
  - 2.2 To note that the Director of Finance has calculated the Council Tax Base for 2019/20 as 73,894. [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Act].
  - 2.3 To agree that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2019/20 is £114,696,000.
  - 2.4 To agree the following amounts be calculated for the year 2019/20 in accordance with Section 31A and Section 31B of the Act:
    - (a) £941,594,400 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
    - (b) £826,898,400 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
    - (c) £114,696,000 being the amount by which 2.4(a) above exceeds 2.4(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax

requirement for the year. [Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act].

(d) £1,552.1693 being the amount at 2.4(c) above (Item R) divided by the amount at 2.2 above (Item T), calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

2.5 To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Act as indicated below.

2.6 To agree that the Council, in accordance with Section 30 and 36 of the Act, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2019/20 for each of the valuation bands.

Valuation Band	Council	Police	Fire	Total
A	1,034.7795	148.8201	44.4267	1,228.0263
B	1,207.2428	173.6235	51.8311	1,432.6974
C	1,379.7060	198.4268	59.2356	1,637.3684
D	1,552.1693	223.2302	66.6400	1,842.0395
E	1,897.0958	272.8369	81.4489	2,251.3816
F	2,242.0223	322.4436	96.2578	2,660.7237
G	2,586.9488	372.0503	111.0667	3,070.0658
H	3,104.3386	446.4604	133.2800	3,684.0790

2.7 To note that the following sums are payable in precepts to the Police & Crime Commissioner and the Fire authority (exclusive of collection fund surplus):

(a) Police & Crime Commissioner £16,495,372.40

(b) Fire authority £4,924,296.00

2.8 To determine under Section 52ZB of the Act, that the relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2019/20 is not excessive in accordance with principles issued under section 52ZC of the Act and approved by Parliament on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (being an increase of less than 3%).