

RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER

1.	DECISION TITLE	Recommendation of General Fund Revenue Budget 2020/21
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None.
3.	DATE OF DECISION	
4.	DECISION MAKER	City Mayor
5.	DECISION TAKEN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To thank scrutiny committees who have considered our draft budget. 2. In response to comments made:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) As the Council is well aware, our financial position is severe as a consequence of Government cuts, and this is compounded by the lack of information enabling us to plan beyond one year. I am very grateful to OSC for supporting the budget proposals; 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 will continue to make the point to the Government that the costs of urban deprivation need to be properly recognised in the Government's proposed new funding formula, and will make common cause with other authorities through the Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities; c) In response to a request made by Scrutiny, and my determination to deliver actions arising from the anti-poverty strategy, I propose to provide additional funding from the welfare reform reserve (currently over £3m).



		<p>This will provide funding to the Council Tax Discretionary Relief Scheme, and to deliver the anti-poverty strategy (particularly to increase welfare take-up).</p> <p>3. To note the equality assessment of the proposed tax rise and (in the light of the findings and having regard to the implications) to recommend the budget and tax rise to the Council as proposed in the report, subject to the change described at 2(c) above;</p> <p>4. To ask the Director of Finance to prepare the formal budget resolution for 2020/21, referred to in Section 3 of the Council report.</p>
6.	REASON FOR DECISION	<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, and a formal decision to that effect was made by the City Mayor on 18th December. The budget was considered by a number of scrutiny commissions, whose comments were considered by Overview Select Committee on 12th February. Minutes of the commissions and Overview Select Committee will be circulated to Council members in advance of the budget meeting.</p>
7.	<p>a) KEY DECISION – Y/N? b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? Y/N</p>	a) No.
8.	OPTIONS CONSIDERED	Not applicable.
9.	<p>DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Members of a Scrutiny Commission or any 5 Councillors can ask for the decision to be called-in. • Notification of Call-In with reasons 	Not applicable.

	must be made to the Monitoring Officer.	
10.	SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAKER (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of Executive Member).	

