

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL BY THE CITY MAYOR

1.	Decision title	Recommendation of General Fund Revenue Budget 2022/23
2.	Declarations of interest	None
3.	Date of decision	22 February 2022
4.	Decision maker	City Mayor
5.	Decision taken	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To thank scrutiny committees and other consultees who have considered our draft budget. 2. In response to comments made: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) I am grateful for the recognition given by scrutiny commissions and others of the difficulty of our financial position. I am proposing a one-year budget for 2022/23, giving us time to develop sustainable proposals for a balanced budget in the longer term. As requested, this will explore ways to generate more income; b) My key concern is the escalating and unfunded cost of social care, which is occurring nationally. I will continue to lobby the government to provide proper funding to local authorities to meet social care needs. 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; 4. To ask the Director of Finance to prepare the formal budget resolution for 2022/23, referred to in Section 3 of the Council report.

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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 14th December 2021. The budget was considered by a number of scrutiny commissions, whose comments were considered by Overview Select Committee on 10th February. Minutes of the commissions and Overview Select Committee will be circulated to Council members in advance of the budget meeting.</p>
7.	A) KEY DECISION Yes/No? b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? Yes/no	a) No
8.	Options considered	Not Applicable
9.	Deadline for call-in <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 must be made to the monitoring officer 	Not applicable. – this is a recommendation to the Council under Rule 1.3 of the budget and policy framework procedure rules and the provisions of the Call-in procedure do not, therefore, apply.
10.	Signature of decision maker (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of executive member)	