



Leicester
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORT AND TOURISM SCRUTINY
COMMISSION

Held: THURSDAY, 17 JANUARY 2019 at 5:30 pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Khote (Chair)

Councillor Bhavsar
Councillor Kitterick

Councillor Patel
Councillor Porter

In attendance:

Councillor Clair – Deputy City Mayor with responsibility for
Culture, Leisure, Sport and Regulatory Services
Councillor Clarke – Deputy City Mayor with responsibility for
Environment, Public Health and Health Integration

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45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dr Chowdhury, Rae Bhatia and Sandhu.

46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

Councillor Kitterick left the meeting before consideration of minute 53

53. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2019/20 TO 2021/22

The Director of Finance submitted a report setting out the City Mayor's proposed General Fund Revenue budget for 2019/20 to 2021/22.

The Director of Planning, Development and Transportation introduced the report, reminding Members that changes to service budgets were now driven

by a well-established programme of service reviews. The report therefore reflected those that had been completed and anticipated those remaining to be done.

He remarked that the City Development and Neighbourhood Services already had achieved £18.7million of savings and had a target of £7.4million to achieve in Spending Review 4. Members noted that budget pressures in some of those services had required the department to make additional spending review savings. These had been achieved, so savings already achieved meant that the department was able to operate within its budget and could achieve further savings to support the corporate position.

In discussion on this report it was noted that:

- The Council had agreed to maintain a minimum balance of £15million of reserves, plus a number of ear-marked reserves;
- The administration of bus lane enforcement was undertaken by Nottingham City Council, which was a cost to this Council. As part of the need to continue to make savings, officers would be considering whether it would be financially beneficial to bring this work in-house;
- The technical services review was taking longer to implement than had been anticipated, as there had been some staffing changes in Property Services following appointment of a new director; and
- Forecast capital expenditure for Transport would fluctuate from the figure given in the report. For example, grants from the Transforming Cities Fund and the European Development Fund could add a significant amount to the current estimate of £27,588,000.

AGREED:

- 1) That the Director of Finance be asked to clarify to Members who the 40,000 people not accounted for in the figures given paragraph 2.2 of the Equality Impact Assessment are and whether this figure includes students;
- 2) That the Director of Planning, Development and Transportation be asked to provide Members with a breakdown of how much from each fine received through bus lane enforcement is received by this Council and how much is passed to other bodies; and
- 3) That the Overview Select Committee be asked to take the comments of this Commission recorded above in to account when considering the City Mayor's proposed General Fund Revenue Budget for 2019/20 to 2021/22.

