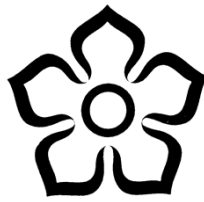


Wednesday, 21 February 2018



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, 21 FEBRUARY 2018 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 2018/19 to 2020/21
 - 4.2 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget (including HRA Capital Programme) 2018/19 – 2020/21
 - 4.3 Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19
5. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

Fire & Emergency Evacuation Procedure

- The Council Chamber Fire Exits are the two entrances either side of the top bench or under the balcony in the far left corner of the room.
- In the event of an emergency alarm sounding make your way to Town Hall Square and assemble on the far side of the fountain.
- Anyone who is unable to evacuate using stairs should speak to any of the Town Hall staff at the beginning of the meeting who will offer advice on evacuation arrangements.
- From the public gallery, exit via the way you came in, or via the Chamber as directed by Town Hall staff.

Filming and Recording the Meeting

The Council is committed to transparency and supports efforts to record and share reports of proceedings of public meetings through a variety of means, including social media. In accordance with government regulations and the Council's policy,

persons and press attending any meeting of the Council open to the public (except Licensing Sub Committees and where the public have been formally excluded) are allowed to record and/or report all or part of that meeting. Details of the Council's policy are available at www.leicester.gov.uk or from Democratic Support.

If you intend to film or make an audio recording of a meeting you are asked to notify the relevant Democratic Support Officer in advance of the meeting to ensure that participants can be notified in advance and consideration given to practicalities such as allocating appropriate space in the public gallery etc.

The aim of the Regulations and of the Council's policy is to encourage public interest and engagement so in recording or reporting on proceedings members of the public are asked:

- ✓ to respect the right of others to view and hear debates without interruption;
- ✓ to ensure that the sound on any device is fully muted and intrusive lighting avoided;
- ✓ where filming, to only focus on those people actively participating in the meeting;
- ✓ where filming, to (via the Chair of the meeting) ensure that those present are aware that they may be filmed and respect any requests to not be filmed.

PRESENT:

RASHMI JOSHI, 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

MANSUKLAL CHOHAN
MANJULA SOOD
JOHN THOMAS

Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields

STEVE CORRALL
ELAINE HALFORD
KULWINDER SINGH JOHAL

Castle Ward

PATRICK JOSEPH KITTERICK
DEBORAH ANNE SANGSTER
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

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

VI DEMPSTER
GURINDER SINGH SANDHU

Knighton Ward

ROSS GRANT
DR LYNN MOORE

Western Ward

DR SUSAN BARTON
GEORGE COLE
MALCOLM UNSWORTH

Wycliffe Ward

HANIF AQBANY

LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alice Hawkins Statue

The Lord Mayor congratulated those involved in the commissioning and creation of the new Alice Hawkins statue recently located in the Leicester Market Square. The Lord Mayor noted that Alice was an iconic figure who campaigned to win votes for women and regularly addressed crowds at Leicester City Market and the statue was a symbolic embodiment of the fight for justice and equality.

Mablethorpe Children's Holiday Centre

With disappointment the Lord Mayor noted the announcement of the closure of the Leicester Children's Holiday Centre in Mablethorpe, which has provided holidays for children in our community for many years.

The Lord Mayor noted that the Centre had played an important part in many lives and had been visited by many Lord Mayors over the years. The Lord Mayor stated that he was sad to see the Centre close but looked forward to working with the charity in its continuing work of providing holidays to disadvantaged children in our area.

Honoured Citizen Award

The Lord Mayor reminded Members of the longstanding awards which recognise outstanding achievements, bravery and helping the community. Nomination forms were available in the Chamber or from the Member and Civic team with the deadline for applications Friday 16 March.

Fire & Emergency Evacuation Procedure

The Lord Mayor asked all present to note the evacuation procedures detailed on the Agenda for the meeting. If anyone had any queries they were asked to speak to one of the Town Hall staff who would be able to assist.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At the request of the Lord Mayor Kamal Adatia, the City Barrister and Monitoring Officer addressed Council and gave the following advice regarding the declaration of interests at the meeting noting that:

- Members did not need to declare interests that already appeared on their Register of Interests, which is a publically accessible and available document. The Localism Act 2011 expressly excused a Member from having to re-declare interests that appeared on the Register.
- In advance of the meeting Members had been asked to indicate if they intended to make a declaration of interest at the meeting which was not already recorded on their Register of Interests. No matters had been highlighted which were not already included on the Members' Register.
- The City Barrister and Monitoring Officer had not received any requests for advice on prejudicial ODIs or DPIs but the Lord Mayor would be offering an opportunity to declare such interests shortly. Where a Member did have a prejudicial ODI or DPI they would need to declare the interest and leave the room and would be barred from participating in the discussion or from voting. The judgement remained one for the Member to make with officers only able to offer advice.

- Under the provisions of Section 106 Local Government Finance Act 1992 any Member who is in two or more months of arrears of Council Tax shall not vote on the items for consideration tonight. Criminal liability attaches to such a Member who does so.
- A request for the granting of a category of dispensation had been received without which it might be necessary for those Members to leave the Chamber. After consultation with the Standards Committee a dispensation had been granted to elected Members who were council tenants (or had family members or close associates who were council tenants) to enable them to remain and participate and vote on both the Budget proposals and, crucially, the Housing Revenue Account proposals that came before the meeting. The names of those Members who require this dispensation must be identified at the meeting and appear in the minutes. Members were reminded that should they not indicate they would not be covered by the dispensation.

Members who had not yet asked to be granted the benefit of the dispensation were asked to raise their hand and to declare why.

In response the following Members sought and received dispensations:

Councillor Halford - self and family members are Council tenants

Councillor Byrne –self and family members are Council tenants

Councillor Aqbany – family member who is a Council tenant and a family member in receipt of a blue badge.

Councillor Thalukdar – family members who are Council tenant

Councillor Aldred – family member who is a Council tenant.

Councillor Westley - family members who are 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 2018/19 to 2020/21

The City Mayor submitted his proposed budget for 2018/19 to 2020/21. 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:

26. 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 20 February 2018 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 2018/19 to 2020/21' 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, Chohan, Clair, Clarke, Cleaver, Cole, Connelly, Corral, Cutkelvin, Dempster, Fonseca, Govind, Halford, Hunter, Joshi (Lord Mayor), Khote, Kitterick, Malik, Master, Moore, Myers, Osman, Pantling, Patel, Rae Bhatia, Riyait, Russell, Sandhu, Sangster, Shelton, Singh, Singh Johal, Sood, Soulsby (City Mayor), Thalukdar, Thomas, Unsworth, Waddington, Westley, Willmott.

Against the motion:

Councillors Grant, Porter.

The Lord Mayor declared the motion carried.

Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget (including HRA Capital Programme) 2018/19 – 2020/21

A report was considered which set out the proposed Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for the 3 years from 2018/19 to 2020/21. 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 two years of the four-year rent reduction.

The formal Assistant City Mayor – Housing decision notice published on 20 February 2018 was available at the meeting and is attached to these minutes.

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

27. That Council approve the recommendations set out in section 3 of the report 'Housing Revenue Account Budget (including HRA Capital Programme) 2018/19 to 2020/2021' without amendment and as recommended to Council in the formal Assistant City Mayor – Housing decision notice published on 20 February 2018 and available at the meeting.

Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19

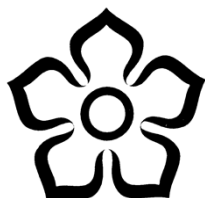
A report was considered which proposed a strategy for managing the Council's borrowing and cash balances during 2018/19 and for the remainder of 2017/18.

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

28. That Council approves the Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19, which includes the annual investment strategy attached at Appendix B to the report.

ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There being no urgent items of business identified the Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.45pm.



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21st February 2018

General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2018/19 – Formal Resolutions

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Council is required to set its Council Tax for 2018/19 before 11th March 2018, 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 on 11th January 2018 the City Mayor calculated the Council Tax Base for 2018/19 as 71,632. [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 2018/19 is £107,948,000.
 - 2.4 To agree the following amounts be calculated for the year 2018/19 in accordance with Section 31A and Section 31B of the Act:
 - (a) £868,768,800 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
 - (b) £760,820,800 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) £107,948,000 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) £1,506.9801 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 2018/19 for each of the valuation bands.

Valuation Band	Council	Fire	Police	Total
A	1,004.6534	43.1400	132.8201	1,180.61
B	1,172.0956	50.3300	154.9568	1,377.38
C	1,339.5379	57.5200	177.0935	1,574.15
D	1,506.9801	64.7100	199.2302	1,770.92
E	1,841.8646	79.0900	243.5036	2,164.46
F	2,176.7490	93.4700	287.7770	2,558.00
G	2,511.6335	107.8500	332.0503	2,951.53
H	3,013.9602	129.4200	398.4604	3,541.84

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 £14,271,257.69

(b) Fire authority £4,635,307.00

2.8 To determine under Section 52ZB of the Act, that the relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2018/19 is not excessive in accordance with principles issued under section 52ZC of the Act and approved by Parliament on 7th February 2018 (being an increase of less than 6%).

RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER

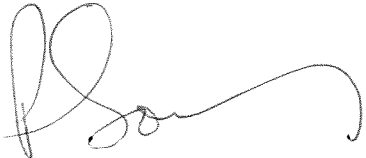
1.	DECISION TITLE	Recommendation of General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19.
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None.
3.	DATE OF DECISION	20 February 2018.
4.	DECISION MAKER	City Mayor
5.	DECISION TAKEN	<p>1) To thank partners and scrutiny committees who have commented on our draft budget.</p> <p>2) In response to comments made:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) I am grateful for the recognition by scrutiny committees and other consultees of the severe consequences of Government funding cuts;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) I share the concerns of scrutiny committees and others about the inadequacy of funding for social care. It is imperative that the Government concludes its promised review of adult care urgently and provides certainty for 2019/20 and beyond on a long term sustainable funding basis. I therefore warmly endorse the proposal of the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission to write, jointly with the Assistant Mayor, to the Secretary of State making these points. I also support the Commission's proposal to set out the implications of the STP for adult care funding, when the time comes for us to respond to the NHS;</p>



		<p>c) I note some suggestions that budgets of other services should be reviewed, with the purpose of supporting adults' and children's services. Whilst I aim to ensure that the next round of spending reviews are holistic in nature, and proposals reflect the impact on all client groups, I do not think it is practical to give protection to any one part of the budget over another. The distinction between statutory and non-statutory services is not clear cut and there are many statutory services outside these two departments. We are, in practice, using reserves to support all our budgets. Members will note that the budget includes £3.8m per year for education funding reform to mitigate the impact of Government funding cuts.</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.</p> <p>4) To reassure members that the review of discretionary policies identified in the mitigating actions section of the report will be subject to a thorough review and formal decision process.</p> <p>5) To ask the Director of Finance to prepare the formal budget resolution for 2018/19, referred to in section 3 of the Council report.</p>
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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 on 12th 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 1st February. Minutes of the commissions and Overview Select Committee have been circulated to Council members with the budget report.</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	N/A.
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 must be made to the Monitoring Officer. 	Not applicable.
10.	<p>SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAKER (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of Executive Member).</p>	



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

1.	DECISION TITLE	Recommendation of Housing Revenue Budget 2018/19
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None
3.	DATE OF DECISION	20 February 2018
4.	DECISION MAKER	Assistant City Mayor - Housing
5.	DECISION TAKEN	<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 2018/19 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 1% and garage rent by 3.7% (excluding heating and cleaning charges).</p> <p>(7) To approve the proposed hostel rents</p>
6.	REASON FOR DECISION	<p>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.</p> <p>A draft programme was considered by Housing Scrutiny Commission on 18th December.</p>
7.	a) KEY DECISION Y/N? b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? y/n	No
8.	OPTIONS CONSIDERED	N/A
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. 	Not applicable.

RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL
EXECUTIVE MEMBER

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10.	SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAKER (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of Executive Member)	<i>Al Connelly</i>