



Leicester
City Council

MINUTE EXTRACT

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

Held: WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2018 at 5:30 pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Khote (Chair)
Councillor Rae Bhatia (Vice Chair)

Councillor Dr Barton
Councillor Kitterick

Councillor Patel
Councillor Porter

Councillor Sandhu

In attendance:

Sir Peter Soulsby – City Mayor

Councillor Piara Singh Clair – Deputy City Mayor, Culture, Leisure, Sport and
Regulatory Services

Councillor Adam Clarke – Deputy City Mayor, Environment, Public Health and Health
Integration

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43. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

44. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

52. DRAFT REVENUE FUND BUDGET

The City Mayor presented the draft report to be submitted to Council on 21
February 2018, which considered the proposed budget for 2018/19 to 2020/21.

It was noted that the draft budget had been prepared in advance of the finance settlement for 2018/19, and the final report would be updated to reflect any further information received.

The Commission also noted the Council's proposed spending cuts and made comment on the severity of the continued reduction in the central Government grant.

The importance of the outcomes of future spending review programmes and building up of reserves was recognised and it was accepted that the budget proposed was a one year budget with projections of further funding cuts required and expected beyond 2018/19.

In response to questions from Councillor Porter, in particular relating to recycling rates and the effect of the landfill tax, it was reported that diligent methods were being pursued to lessen the effect on taxpayers.

In conclusion, initiatives to promote the Council's income without reliance on central Government support were noted and encouraged.

AGREED:

that the report be received and the recommendations therein be supported.