

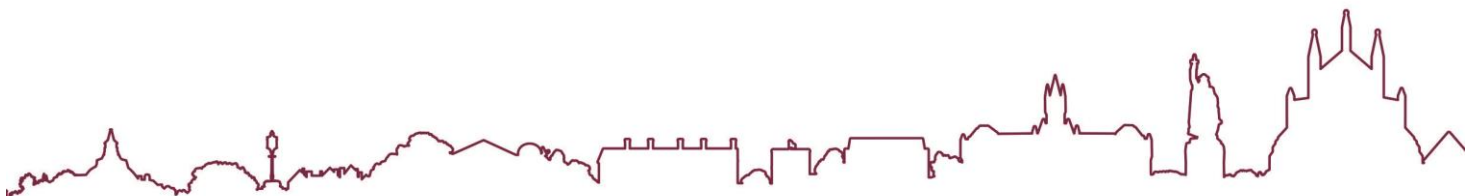
Meeting	Council
Date and Time	Wednesday, 24th February, 2021 at 6.00 pm.
Venue	This meeting will be held virtually and a live audio stream can be listened to via www.winchester.gov.uk .

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 24th February, 2021 and all Members of the Council are summoned to attend. This meeting will be held virtually and a live audio stream can be listened to via www.winchester.gov.uk.

Note: *Owing to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and government guidance, it will not be possible to hold this meeting in person. The Council has therefore made arrangements under the Coronavirus Act 2020, and subsequent Regulations permitting remote meetings, to hold the meeting virtually. If you are a member of the public and would like to listen to the audio stream of the meeting you may do so via www.winchester.gov.uk*

AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 13 January 2021**
(Pages 9 - 16)
- 2. Disclosure of Interests**
To receive any disclosure of interests from Members or Officers in matters to be discussed.
Note: Councillors are reminded of their obligations to declare disclosable pecuniary interests, personal and/or prejudicial interests in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.
- 3. Announcements from the Mayor, Leader and Chief Executive.**
- 4. Questions from Members of the Public**
To receive and answer and questions from the public.
(Questions must be received in writing by Democratic Services – democracy@winchester.gov.uk – no later than noon on Wednesday 17th February 2021)



5. To consider and determine the following Recommended Minutes:

- a) **Cabinet - 11 February 2021 - General Fund Budget 2021/22 (CAB3289) and General Fund Budget 2021/22 Update (CL160)**
(Pages 17 - 56)

General Fund budget 2021/22 Update (CL160)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That Council have regard to and notes the additional information as set out in this update report as part of its consideration and determination of the General Fund Budget 2021/22 (CAB3289).

2. The existing Recommendation 8 in CAB3289 be replaced with the updated recommendation 8 as follows:

“That the level of Council Tax at Band D for City Council services for 2021/22 be increased to £147.34”.

General Fund budget 2021/22 (CAB3289)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the level of General Fund Budget for 2021/22 be agreed and the summary as shown in appendix A of the report.

2. That the investment proposals set out in section 15 of this report be supported, including:

- a. Additional staff provision to support the delivery of the Movement Strategy at an annual cost of £60,000;
- b. £60,000 per annum in to cover potential additional costs in relation to Meadowside leisure centre;
- c. Increased provision for Local Council Tax Support, with £169,000 additional one off provision to the Council's Hardship Fund, funded directly from Government grant;
- d. Provision of £250,000 to meet Covid related/recovery costs in 2021/22 funded from the “tranche 5” Covid grant confirmed in the Government Settlement;
- e. Additional revenue budget provision, funded from the Major Investment Reserve, of £2m required to fund Central Winchester Regeneration project work in 2021/22 and

2022/23, subject to the approval of the business case which will be brought to Cabinet later in the year;

- f. Additional revenue provision, funded from the Major Investment Reserve of £250,000 to fund the creation of an interim open space at the Friarsgate site in Winchester.

3. That the savings proposals set out in section 16 of the report be approved, including:

- a. The implementation of “cashless parking”, phased over 2 years;
- b. Fees and charges for services to be increased by an average of 3% (not including parking charges or garden waste, where no increase is proposed for April 2021);
- c. Building Control fees increase by 10% on average;
- d. That no additional revenue contributions be made to the Property and Asset Reserve and that use of the reserve be reviewed as part of the refresh of the Asset Management Strategy in 2021;
- e. That the annual revenue contribution to the Car Park and Transport reserve be reduced to £150,000 per annum for the next four years;
- f. The budget for “small grants” is reduced by £15,000;
- g. A one year grant agreement based on a maximum grant of £147,200 for “Play to the Crowd”;
- h. That financial support for the annual Criterium event is not continued.

4. That £1.5m be transferred from the Transitional Reserve to the Major Investment Reserve to ensure sufficient resources are available to cover major investment after accounting for the CWR provision set out in recommendation 2 e) above.

5. That the policy as previously agreed by the Council on 14 July 1999 (min 186 refers) is confirmed to treat all expenses of the Council as General Expenses other than those specifically identified and itemised in the Winchester Town Account. In consequence of which the sum of £1,061,591 be treated as Special Expenses under Section 35 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 in respect of the Winchester Town area, Appendix D.

6. That the Council Tax for the Special Expenses in the Winchester Town area at Band D for 2021/22 be increased to £73.41.

7. That the deficit balance on the Council Tax Collection Fund for distribution to this Council, calculated in January 2021 of £153,843.75, be approved.

8. That the level of Council Tax at Band D for City Council services for 2021/22 be increased to £147.38 4.

9. That the Council Tax requirements per parish area, listed in Appendix E, be noted.

TO PASS A FORMAL RESOLUTION SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX FOR THE CITY OF WINCHESTER FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1 APRIL 2021.

b) Cabinet - 11 February 2021 - Capital Investment Strategy 2021 - 2031 (CAB3283) (Pages 57 - 100)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the Capital Programme and Capital Programme Financing (appendices A and B of the report) be approved.

2. That the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement (appendix E of the report) be approved.

3. That the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy (appendix G of the report) including the proposed use of capital receipts towards severance costs be approved.

4. That the Prudential indicators detailed in the report and its appendices be approved.

c) Cabinet - 11 February 2021 - Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22 (CAB3282) (Pages 101 - 130)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement which includes the Annual Treasury Investment Strategy for 2021/22 (and the remainder of 2020/21) is approved.

2. That authority is delegated to the Section 151 Officer to manage the Council's high yielding investments portfolio and long term borrowing according to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement as appropriate; and

3. That authority is delegated to the Section 151 Officer, who in turn discharges this function to Hampshire County Council's Director of Corporate Resources, as agreed in the Service Level Agreement, to manage all Council investments (other than the high yield portfolio) and short term borrowing according to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement as appropriate.

d) Cabinet - 11 February 2021 - Housing Revenue Account Budget 2021/22 and procurement of term maintenance contracts (CAB3290) (Pages 131 - 154)

RECOMMENDED:

1. Approve the 2021/22 Housing Revenue Account budget as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 to report CAB3290.

2. Approve a rent increase in 2021/22 in accordance with the Government's national rent standard (September CPI + 1%) resulting in an average rent increase of 1.5%.

3. Approve the HRA capital programme as set out in appendices 3 and 4 of report CAB3290.

4. Approve capital expenditure in 2021/22 of £11.027m for the Maintenance, Improvement and Renewal programme as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rule 7.4

5. Approve funding for the HRA Capital Programme, as detailed in Appendix 5 of report CAB3290.

6. Approve the HRA Financial Plan operating account extract, including annual working balances, as detailed in Appendix 6 of report CAB3290.

7. Approve the creation of an Energy Officer post to facilitate the council's carbon reduction agenda and embed it within the current and future housing stock at a cost of £53k.

8. Agree to support the proposed increase in capital funding of £2.5m in retro fitting capital funding which will increase the funding available for climate change initiatives over the next

10 years to £15.675m (including inflation) .

9. Agree to support the proposal for a £10m investment in the purchase of a potential site for new housing development, as well as £0.5m for nitrate mitigation offset measures.

10. Agree to support the allocation of an additional £0.2m of investment as described at paragraph 17.2 of the report for sewage treatment works.

11. That an additional one off sum of £0.5m, funded from the existing HRA balance, be set aside to fund additional support for Council tenants and that officers bring forward formal proposals in July 2021, following discussions with TACT and tenants.

- e) **Cabinet - 11 February 2021 - Annual Council Plan Refresh 2021 - 22 (CAB3286) and Update (CL161) (Pages 155 - 184)**

Council Plan Refresh 2020 – 25 (CL161)

RECOMMENDED

That as part of its determination of the Recommended Minute of Cabinet held 11 February 2021, Council approve and adopts the finalised refreshed Council Plan priorities 2020 – 25.

Annual Council Plan Refresh 2020 - 25 (CAB3286)

RECOMMENDED:

That Council approves and adopts the refreshed Council Plan priorities.

- f) **Audit and Governance Committee - 11 February 2021 - Pay Policy Statement 2021/22 (AG041) and Pay Policy Statement - Further Background Information (CL159) (Pages 185 - 208)**

Pay Policy Statement - Further Background Information (CL159)

RECOMMENDED:

That Council notes the updates and agrees the changes to the Pay Policy Statement 2021/22 set out in report AG041.

Pay Policy Statement 2021/22 (AG041)

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2021/22 be adopted.

2. That in approving the Pay Policy Statement, which includes references to the government's Exit Pay Cap legislation, that Council note the Pay Policy will be amended, if needed, to accord with the decision of the current Judicial Review and comply with any revised legislation. The amendment is delegated to the Strategic Director: Resources in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Chair of Audit and Governance Committee.

6. **Notice of Motion**

To consider the following Notice of Motion to be proposed by Councillor Godfrey and seconded by Councillor Mather:

“That this Council recognises the exceptional service given by care workers who have continued throughout the pandemic to deliver essential care services in the home for the most vulnerable residents in our District by the Council arranging for them to be able to park for free either in on- or off-street parking spaces controlled by the Council while they are working to provide care at home.”

7. **Changes to Committee Memberships**

To receive any resignations from committees and to make any necessary re-appointments.

8. **Questions from Members of Council**

The total time for questions and the answer and supplementaries thereto shall not exceed 30 minutes.

LAURA TAYLOR
Chief Executive

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16 February 2021

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Quorum = 12 members

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