

AGENDA ITEM 7 - Portsmouth City Council Budget & Council Tax 2022/23 & Medium Term Budget Forecast 2023/24 to 2025/26

Amendment to Cabinet recommendations attached.

Proposed by Cllr. George Fielding

Signed _____

Seconded by Cllr. Cal Corkery

Signed _____

Amendment proposed by the Labour Group

Portsmouth City Council - Budget & Council Tax 2022/23 & Medium Term Budget Forecast 2023/24 to 2025/26

That the recommendations of the Cabinet of 8th February 2022 (Minute 14/22) on "Portsmouth City Council - Budget & Council Tax 2022/23 & Medium Term Budget Forecast 2023/24 to 2025/26" be amended as follows:-

Recommendation 3.1 1) be amended to:

- 1) The revised Revenue Estimates for the financial year 2021/22 and the Revenue Estimates 2022/23 as set out in the General Fund Summary (Appendix A Amended) including the changes described below but noting that:

The responsibility of the City Council is to approve the overall Budget and the associated cash limits of its Portfolios and Committees; it is not the responsibility of the City Council to approve any individual savings or additions within those Portfolios/Committees, that responsibility is reserved for Cabinet Members. The budget savings and additions in the tables below are therefore indicative only.

i) Reductions to Revenue Estimates

Indicative Portfolio Savings Proposal	Impact on Level of Service & Service Outcomes	2022/23	2023/24 & Future Years
		£	£
Other Expenditure			
Reduction in Revenue Contribution to the Capital Programme	Reduction in funding for New & Existing Capital Investment proposals (Appendix D & E)	1,764,000	0
Total		1,764,000	0

ii) **Additions to Revenue Estimates**

Saving No.	Increases to Portfolio Cash Limits	2022/23	2023/24 & Future Years
		£	£
Communities & Central Services Portfolio			
New	Equalities and Community Initiatives Grants - Voluntary and Community Sector grants to promote equality and tackle discrimination (e.g. Violence against women and girls, anti-racism and the annual Pride event)	100,000	0
New	Money and Benefits Advice Grants - For the Voluntary and Community sector to deliver money and benefits advice services	64,000	0
Health Wellbeing & Social Care Portfolio			
New	Living Wage for Carers Fund - For care providers to uplift wages to the Real Living Wage whilst the Council seeks to identify on-going funding in future years (See Note Below)	1,600,000	0
Total		1,764,000	0

Note

The Director of Adult Social Care has advised as follows in relation to the establishment of a Living Wage for Carers Fund:

1. It could potentially complicate the current project being undertaken by the Council for Government to determine the fair cost of care in the LA area
2. It is likely cause a narrowing of the pay differential between carer and line manager pay, further increasing the difficulty in recruiting and retaining these posts.
3. The majority of social care is provided through the independent sector and the City Council cannot oblige providers to pass on any increase.

Recommendation 3.1 2) be amended to:-

- 2) The Portfolio Cash Limits for the Revised Budget for 2021/22 and Budget for 2022/23 incorporating the savings amounts for each Portfolio and amounting to £1.825m as set out in Sections 7 and 11, respectively as amended by the following:

Portfolio / Committee	2022/23 £	Future Years £
Communities & Central Services Portfolio	164,000	0
Health Wellbeing & Social Care Portfolio	1,600,000	0
Other Expenditure	(1,764,000)	0
Total	0	0

Recommendation 3.1 8) be amended to:

- 8) That Revenue Contributions to Capital be made in 2021/22 in the sum of £1.0m and in 2022/23 in the sum of £0.236m in order to provide sufficient funding for the New Capital Investment proposals as set out in Appendix D as amended by tables iii) and iv) below:

iii) **Reductions to the Capital Programme (Appendices D & E)**

Scheme Deletions / Reductions		2022/23 £	2023/24
Communities & Central Services Portfolio			
Delete	Bring Your Own Device Phase 2	75,000	75,000
Community Safety & Environment Portfolio			
Delete	Southsea Sea Defences - Public Realm Enhancements (Nelson Statue and Saluting Platform Area)	176,000	0
Culture, Leisure & Economic Development Portfolio			
Delete	Seafront Enhancements 'Festoon' Lighting	156,000	0
Leader Portfolio			
Delete	Cosham Land Assembly (Phase 1 Development) (Deletion of Scheme 16 Appendix E) (See Note Below)	1,600,000	0
Total		2,007,000	75,000

Note

Heads of Terms for the land transactions at the PCMI site, Fire Station and Police Station have been agreed.

iv) **Additions to Capital Programme (Appendices D & E)**

Scheme Additions / Increases		2022/23 £	2023/24
Community Safety & Environment Portfolio			
Add	Greening the City Fund (increase to proposed scheme) - e.g. Benches, lighting, tree planting and other green infrastructure	100,000	0
Add	Sea Defences - Public Realm Enhancements (increase to Scheme 15 Appendix E)	70,000	0
Traffic & Transportation Portfolio			
Add	Travel Safety Fund - Road Safety, Active Travel and Accessibility projects	148,000	0
Total		318,000	0

Recommendation 3.1 13) be amended to:

- 13) The Revised Capital Programme 2021/22 to 2026/27 attached as Appendix E and which includes all additions, deletions and amendments for slippage and re-phasing be amended by tables iii) and iv) above and approved

Recommendation 3.1 16) be amended to:

- 16) Subject to a satisfactory financial appraisal approved by the Director of Finance and Resources & S.151 Officer, the schemes described in Appendix D as amended by tables iii) and iv) above be reflected within the recommended Capital Programme 2021/22 to 2026/27

Recommendation 3.1 17) be amended to:

- 17) That the S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to amend the Prudential Indicators set out in Appendix F to accommodate any changes arising from this amendment.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Under Recommendation 18, the Section 151 Officer advises as follows:-

The proposals contained within this amendment do not alter the statements made by the Section 151 Officer in Section 16 of this report.

CITY SOLICITOR'S COMMENTS

The City Solicitor is satisfied that it is within the City Council's powers to approve the amendment as set out, and supports the advice of the Section 151 Officer given above.

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY - 2021/22 to 2025/26

(APPENDIX A Amended)

Original Budget 2021/22 £	NET REQUIREMENTS OF PORTFOLIOS	Revised Budget 2021/22 £	Original Budget 2022/23 £	Forecast 2023/24 £	Forecast 2024/25 £	Forecast 2025/26 £
56,428,700	Children, Families & Education	57,899,500	59,409,200	62,280,500	63,942,700	65,634,000
25,280,000	Communities & Central Services	32,452,100	27,209,400	28,041,900	28,776,400	29,241,500
16,503,800	Community Safety & Environment	17,297,700	17,545,200	17,194,100	17,598,800	18,015,100
13,111,200	Culture, Leisure & Economic Development	12,944,600	13,388,100	14,127,700	14,255,700	14,554,200
54,446,000	Health, Wellbeing & Social Care	57,177,600	58,864,100	62,732,200	66,900,800	70,206,100
7,421,700	Housing & Preventing Homelessness	7,362,000	7,278,800	7,569,900	7,727,800	7,890,300
(25,708,200)	Leader	(25,637,100)	(28,259,400)	(27,900,700)	(28,675,500)	(29,211,400)
1,229,100	Planning Policy & City Development	1,266,800	1,158,000	1,401,300	1,443,500	1,487,100
21,097,000	Traffic & Transportation	22,220,200	21,977,800	23,923,700	23,650,000	23,847,700
(126,500)	Licensing Committee	(124,900)	(132,300)	(148,400)	(158,400)	(168,800)
169,682,800	Portfolio Expenditure	182,858,500	178,438,900	189,222,200	195,461,800	201,495,800
	<u>Other Expenditure</u>					
1,394,900	Pension Costs	1,305,200	1,375,000	1,508,100	1,542,100	1,576,900
26,295,700	Contingency Provision	17,810,100	18,629,000	4,800,900	3,917,000	3,917,000
(22,047,800)	Transfer to / (from) Reserves	(8,298,900)	(11,826,700)	2,472,300	2,664,800	(335,200)
(17,661,500)	Treasury Management	(20,183,100)	(16,820,000)	(18,369,200)	(18,508,800)	(19,506,900)
3,670,000	Other Expenditure	2,484,000	3,705,000	6,830,600	6,726,900	7,567,700
(8,348,700)	Other Expenditure	(6,882,700)	(4,937,700)	(2,757,300)	(3,658,000)	(6,780,500)
161,334,100	TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	175,975,800	173,501,200	186,464,900	191,803,800	194,715,300
	FINANCED BY:					
2,041,226	Contribution (to) from Balances and Reserves	1,961,735	(92,122)	(269,570)	(442,315)	163,990
11,734,229	Revenue Support Grant	11,734,229	12,096,876	12,544,460	12,795,349	13,051,257
30,730,310	Business Rates Retention	43,494,866	42,491,554	55,530,218	57,052,110	57,233,153
31,511,241	Other General Grants	33,467,876	27,324,481	26,368,522	26,321,130	26,277,375
85,317,094	Council Tax	85,317,094	91,680,411	92,291,270	96,077,526	97,989,525
161,334,100		175,975,800	173,501,200	186,464,900	191,803,800	194,715,300
	BALANCES & RESERVES					
23,374,350	Balance brought forward at 1 April	23,373,614	21,411,879	21,504,001	21,773,571	22,215,886
(2,041,226)	Deduct (Deficit) / Add Surplus for Year	(1,961,735)	92,122	269,570	442,315	(163,990)
21,333,124	Balance carried forward at 31 March	21,411,879	21,504,001	21,773,571	22,215,886	22,051,896
8,000,000	Minimum Level of Balances	8,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000
2,041,226	Underlying Budget Deficit / (Surplus)	1,961,735	(92,122)	(269,570)	(442,315)	163,990