

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

**CABINET – 20 FEBRUARY 2020
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SERVICE AND FINANCIAL PLANNING 2020/21 – 2022/23

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & H.R.
(CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER)**

LEAD CABINET MEMBERS: CLLR S. DAVIES AND CLLR L. CARTER

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

5. SERVICE & FINANCIAL PLANNING 2020/21 – 2022/23

- Members are asked to approve the following recommendations for consideration by full Council on 5 March 2020:-
 1. To approve the service and financial planning strategy for 2020/21 set out in this set of reports.
 2. To approve a Council Tax increase of 3.99% (made up of 2% in respect of the Government's Adult Social Care Precept and a general Council Tax increase of 1.99%) in 2020/21.
 3. To approve the investment of a further £3.926m in to Adult Social Care services giving a total net budget of £45.27m for these services in 2020/21.
 4. To approve the investment of a further £4.958m in to Children's Safeguarding & Family Support to protect vulnerable children giving a total net budget of £36.38m for these services in 2020/21.
 5. To approve the investment of £0.150m ongoing funding in to housing and homelessness initiatives.
 6. To approve the investment of £0.1m ongoing funding as an initial investment to pump prime our work on climate change whilst also seeking to direct the Council's wider resources as well as external funding opportunities as they arise to further support the Climate Emergency. Decisions on the specific allocation of this new funding to be delegated to the Chief Executive after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Council Finance, Partnerships and Commercial Services.
 7. To approve the investment of £0.108m ongoing funding in to small Pride environmental projects. Decisions on the specific allocation of this new funding to be delegated to the Executive Director: Housing, Communities & Customer services after consultation with the Deputy

Leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services, Enforcement & the Pride Programme.

8. To approve the budget savings listed in Appendix 13 totalling £3.306m in 2020/21 rising to £4.581m in 2021/22.
9. To approve taking a measured approach to the use of available one-off resources of £1.434m in 2020/21.
10. To approve the continuation of work with partner organisations, including Town & Parish Councils and Voluntary Sector and Community Groups to seek to identify ways to mitigate the impact of some of the cuts to services that we can no longer afford and to note the availability of the £1m Partnership Capacity Fund.
11. To approve the base budget in Appendix 6.
12. To approve the policy framework for Reserves and Balances outlined in Appendix 9.
13. To note the CFO's robustness statement in Appendix 10.
14. To approve the Risk Register included at Appendix 3.
15. To approve the revenue implications of the medium term capital programme for the period 2019/20 - 2022/23 set out in the Capital Strategy and Programme reports also on this agenda.
16. To grant delegated authority to the Director: Finance & Human Resources to action any variations required following the final allocation of the Dedicated Schools Grant and other related Grants as long as they are within the budget and policy framework.
17. To grant delegated authority to the Executive Director: Adults Social Care, Health Integration & wellbeing after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care, to enter into appropriate Section 256 and Section 75 Agreements under the NHS Act 2006 (as amended).
18. To authorise the Director: Governance to execute all necessary contract documentation including the affixing of the common seal of the council as appropriate to enable the council to enter into appropriate Section 256 and Section 75 Agreements under the NHS Act 2006.
19. To approve this suite of service and financial planning reports as the Council's Efficiency Strategy for 2020/21, including the summary document at Appendix 14, to enable new capital receipts generated in the six year period starting 1 April 2016 to be used to fund the revenue costs of reform as assumed throughout these reports.

20. To note the initial projections for the potential budget gap through to 2022/23 and to start work in order to identify options for how this could potentially be bridged.
 21. Members are asked to approve the option to extend the IGMT loan repayment period as outlined in section 25.1 of this report and terms to be delegated to the Director: Finance & HR and the Director: Prosperity & Investment after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Council Finance, Partnerships and Commercial Services.
 22. To grant delegated authority to the Director: Finance & H.R. after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Council Finance, Partnerships and Commercial Services to fund an advance payment of pension contributions for 2021/22 from the single status reserve if this is financially advantageous to the Council.
 23. That once all final outstanding grant allocations are received, authority to amend the use of balances in 2020/21 to accommodate any difference in funding between that currently assumed and the final grant allocations be delegated to the Director: Finance & H.R. after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Council Finance, Partnerships and Commercial Services.
 24. To note that the budget will be reallocated in to the new organisational structure before the start of April 2020.
- Final decisions will be taken by full Council on 5 March 2020 which will agree the budget and Council Tax levels across the Borough for 2020/21.

5.2. Capital Strategy

- Members are asked to approve the Capital Strategy for 2020/21.

5.3. Capital Programme

- Members are asked to approve:-
 1. The report and associated capital estimates for 2019/20 and 2020/21 – 2023/24, which incorporates the Capital Programme (Annex I), the Planned Building Maintenance Programme (Annex II) and the two year Highways and Transport capital investment programme (Annex III).
 2. The following delegations, in line with the approved budgets and any variations or changes to schemes in these programmes which must remain within overall approved budgets, after consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Members:

- (i) Delegation to the Director: Prosperity & Investment to deliver the planned programme of works within the 'Asset Management Plan' and Planned Building Maintenance Programme (Annex II)
- (ii) Delegation to the Executive Director: Housing, Communities & Customer Service to deliver the Highways and Transport Capital Investment Programme
- (iii) in relation to the new capital allocations:

New Capital Allocation	£m	Delegated (after consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member) to
Regeneration - Borough Towns / High Streets	5.0	Chief Executive
Roads, Footpaths, Cycle-paths, Car Parking	12.0	Executive Director: Housing, Communities & Customer Service
Structures - Bridges, retaining walls, bus shelters etc	4.0	Executive Director: Housing, Communities & Customer Service
Other environmental improvements	5.0	Executive Director: Housing, Communities & Customer Service

- 3. With regards the 'Regeneration and Investment Fund' and the Capital 'Contingency' further reports will be brought to Cabinet to seek approval to allocate funding to specific schemes.

Annex 2:-

- That Cabinet note and recommend to Full Council the approval of the planned building capital maintenance programme for 2020/21 as identified as part of this report and agree that officers may enter into any contracts necessary to deliver the works in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Procedure Rules.

Annex 3:-

- That Cabinet:-
 1. Approve the planned Highways and Transport capital investment programme for 2020/21 – 23/24
 2. Delegate responsibility for agreeing any variations or changes to schemes in the capital programme that remain within overall approved budget limits to the Director Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services, Enforcement and The Pride Programme.

5.4. Investment Strategy

- Members are asked to approve the Investment Strategy for 2020/21.

5.5. Treasury Management Strategy & Update

- Members are asked to:-
 1. Note the treasury management activities for the first half year,
 2. Note the Treasury Management Policy Statement (Appendix A) and
 3. Recommend Full Council approve the Treasury Strategy, including the Annual Investment Strategy for 2020/21 together with the associated treasury Prudential Indicators and the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement, which will apply from 2019/20 onwards.

5.6. Prudential Indicators

- Members are asked to:-

Approve the prudential indicators proposed in this report.