

MINUTES

CABINET MEETING: 21 FEBRUARY 2019

Cabinet Members Present: Councillor Huw Thomas (Leader)
Councillor Peter Bradbury
Councillor Graham Hinchey
Councillor Sarah Merry
Councillor Michael Michael
Councillor Chris Weaver
Councillor Caro Wild

Observers: Councillor Joe Boyle
Councillor Keith Parry
Councillor Adrian Robson

Officers: Paul Orders, Chief Executive
Christine Salter, Section 151 Officer
Davina Fiore, Monitoring Officer
Joanne Watkins, Cabinet Office

Apologies: Councillor Susan Elsmore
Councillor Russell Goodway
Councillor Lynda Thorne

87 MINUTES OF CABINET MEETINGS HELD ON 9 AND 24 JANUARY

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on 9 and 24 January 2019 be approved.

88 CORPORATE PLAN 2019-22

The Cabinet considered the Corporate Plan 2019-20 which forms part of the Council's strategic policy framework and set a clear timetable for delivery against the Administration's Capital Ambition policy agenda. It was noted that extensive engagement had taken place with the Council's Scrutiny committees in developing the corporate plan.

RESOLVED: that

1. the Corporate Plan 2019-22 be approved for consideration by Council on 28 February 2019;

2. Council be recommended to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any consequential amendments to the Corporate Plan 2019-22 (Appendix A) following consideration by Council on 28 February 2019 and prior to publication by 1 April 2019; and
3. Council be recommended to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any consequential amendments to the Performance Target Setting Summary 2019/20 (Appendix B) following publication of the 2018/19 Quarter 4 performance results.

89 **SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS (SUDS)**

The Cabinet received details of the requirement to implementation of Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (FWMA) for the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems in new developments and the Council's statutory responsibilities through the creation of a SuDs Approval Body.

RESOLVED: that

1. the establishment of the SuDS Approval Body within the Flood and Coastal Risk Management Team be approved
2. the responsibility of the SuDs Approval Body be delegated to the Director of Planning, Transport and Environment to enable the further delegation of decisions
3. Authority for the setting of levels of discretionary fees, relating to the approval body, be delegated to the Director of Planning, Transport and Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance, Cabinet for Clean Streets, Recycling & Environment and the Section 151 Officer.

90 **COUNCIL TAX PREMIUMS ON LONG TERM EMPTY DWELLINGS**

Cabinet considered a report which outlined the results of the consultation exercise on the application of a council tax premium on long term empty dwellings. It was reported that responses were received from over 500 different stakeholders with 71% of the responders stating that a council tax premium of 50% or more should be charged on long term empty dwellings.

RESOLVED: that Council be recommended to agree with effect from 1st April 2019 a 50% council tax premium is applied to long term empty dwellings that have been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for a period of 12 months or more.

91 **BUDGET MONITORING - MONTH 9 REPORT**

Cabinet received an update of the financial monitoring position for the authority based on the first nine months of the financial year and as updated

for significant movements to date. It was reported that overall, the month nine revenue monitoring position for the Council continued to show a balanced position with financial pressures and shortfalls against budget savings targets in directorate budgets offset by projected savings on capital financing, an anticipated surplus on Council Tax collection and NDR refunds on Council properties.

RESOLVED: that

1. the potential outturn position based on the first nine months of the financial year be noted
2. the requirement for all directorates currently reporting overspends as identified in this report to take actions to reduce their projected overspends be reinforced.
3. in principle approval be given to the projected surplus of £917,000 be transferred to the Strategic Budget Reserve at the year end subject to the final out-turn position for 2018/19.

92 **QUARTER 3 2018-19 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Cabinet received the performance report for quarter 3 of the 2018-19 financial year which gave an in-depth analysis of Performance for the quarter and the year to date against the Corporate Plan.

RESOLVED: that the current position regarding performance, the delivery of key commitments and priorities as at Quarter 3, and the action being taken to ensure the effective delivery of Capital Ambition be noted.

93 **BUDGET REPORT 2019/20**

Appendix 10(c) is exempt from publication because it contains information of the kind described in paragraphs 14 and 21 of parts 4 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972

The Cabinet considered the budget proposals for 2019-20. The report set out the challenges in meeting a funding gap of £32.4million and it was proposed that this be met through £19.1 million of directorate savings, the use of reserves and an increase in Council tax. It was reported that extensive consultation had been undertaken in relation to the directorate savings proposals and each Scrutiny committee had undertaken scrutiny of the proposals and their comments had been circulated at the Cabinet meeting.

RESOLVED: that

the Cabinet, having taken account of the comments of the Section 151 Officer in respect of the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of reserves as required under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, and having considered the responses received to the Budget Consultation recommend that Council:

1.0 Approve the Revenue, Capital and Housing Revenue Account budgets including all proposals and increasing the Council Tax by 4.9% as set out in this report and that the Council resolve the following terms.

2.0 Note that at its meeting on 13 December 2018 Cabinet calculated the following number of dwelling equivalents for the year 2019/20 in accordance with the regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

a) 145,499 being the number calculated in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) Regulations 1995, as amended, as its Council Tax base for the year.

b) Lisvane	2,409
Pentyrch	3,280
Radyr	3,783
St. Fagans	1,423
Old St. Mellons	1,828
Tongwynlais	817

being the numbers calculated in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which special items relate.

2.1 Agree that the following amounts be now calculated by the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff for the year 2019/20 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

a) Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (d) (including Community Council precepts totalling £396,847).

£1,026,046,847

b) Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for items set out in Section 32(3)(a) and (c).

£405,161,000

c) Amount by which the aggregate at 2.1(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2.1(b) above calculated in accordance with Section 32(4) as the budget requirement for the year.

£620,885,847

d) Aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its Council Fund in respect of Revenue Support Grant, its council tax reduction scheme, redistributed Non-Domestic Rates.

£444,629,480

e) The amount at 2.1(c) above less the amount at 2.1(d) (net of the amount for discretionary relief of £350,000), all divided by the amount at 2.0(a) above, calculated in accordance with Section 33(1) as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year.

£1,213.80

f) Aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1).

£396,847

g) Amount at 2.1(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2.1(f) above by the amount at 2.0(a) above, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which no special items relate.

£1,211.07

h) The amounts given by adding to the amount at 2.1(g) above the amounts of special items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned below, divided in each case by the amount at 2.0(b) above, calculated in accordance with Section 34(3) as the basic amounts of Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which special items relate.

	£
Lisvane	1,227.26
Pentyrch	1,258.33
Radyr	1,243.94
St. Fagans	1,225.48
Old St. Mellons	1,231.31
Tongwynlais	1,236.77

i) The amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2.1(g) and 2.1(h) above by the number which in the proportion set out in the Council Tax (Valuation Bands) (Wales) Order 2003 is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D calculated in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

Area	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £	I £
Lisvane	818.16	954.53	1,090.89	1,227.26	1,499.98	1,772.71	2,045.42	2,454.52	2,863.60
Pentyrch	838.88	978.70	1,118.51	1,258.33	1,537.95	1,817.58	2,097.21	2,516.66	2,936.09
Radyr	829.28	967.51	1,105.72	1,243.94	1,520.36	1,796.80	2,073.22	2,487.88	2,902.52
St. Fagans	816.98	953.15	1,089.31	1,225.48	1,497.80	1,770.13	2,042.46	2,450.96	2,859.44
Old St. Mellons	820.86	957.68	1,094.49	1,231.31	1,504.93	1,778.56	2,052.17	2,462.62	2,873.05
Tongwynlais	824.50	961.93	1,099.34	1,236.77	1,511.60	1,786.44	2,061.27	2,473.54	2,885.79
All other parts of the Council's Area	807.37	941.94	1,076.50	1,211.07	1,480.19	1,749.32	2,018.44	2,422.14	2,825.82

- 2.2 Note that for the year 2019/20, the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:-

VALUATION BANDS

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
171.68	200.29	228.91	257.52	314.75	371.97	429.20	515.04	600.88

- 2.3 Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2.1(i) and 2.2 above, the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2019/20 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Part of Council's Area

VALUATION BANDS

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Area									
Lisvane	989.84	1,154.82	1,319.80	1,484.78	1,814.73	2,144.68	2,474.62	2,969.56	3,464.48
Pentyrch	1,010.56	1,178.99	1,347.42	1,515.85	1,852.70	2,189.55	2,526.41	3,031.70	3,536.97
Radyr	1,000.96	1,167.80	1,334.63	1,501.46	1,835.11	2,168.77	2,502.42	3,002.92	3,503.40
St. Fagans	988.66	1,153.44	1,318.22	1,483.00	1,812.55	2,142.10	2,471.66	2,966.00	3,460.32
Old St. Mellons	992.54	1,157.97	1,323.40	1,488.83	1,819.68	2,150.53	2,481.37	2,977.66	3,473.93
Tongwynlais	996.18	1,162.22	1,328.25	1,494.29	1,826.35	2,158.41	2,490.47	2,988.58	3,486.67
All other parts of the Council's Area	979.05	1,142.23	1,305.41	1,468.59	1,794.94	2,121.29	2,447.64	2,937.18	3,426.70

- 2.4 Authorise the Corporate Director Resources to make payments under Section 38 of the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 from the Council Fund by equal instalments on the last working day of each month from April 2019 to March 2020 in respect of the precept levied by the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales in the sum of £37,469,009.
- 2.5 Agree that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Council Tax.
- 2.6 Agree that the Common Seal be affixed to precepts for Port Health Expenses for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 namely

	£
County Council of the City and County of Cardiff	113,864
Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council	12,736

- 2.7 Agree that notices of the making of the said Council Taxes signed by the Chief Executive be given by advertisement in the local press under Section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- 3.0 In accordance with the Local Government Act 2003, the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Wales) Regulations 2003 and subsequent amendments and the CIPFA Prudential Code and Treasury Management Codes of Practice:
- (a) Approve the Capital Strategy 2019/20
 - (b) Approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20 and authorise the Section 151 Officer to raise such funds as may be required to finance capital expenditure by temporary or long term borrowing
 - (c) Approve the Prudential Indicators for 2019/20 to 2023/24 including the affordable borrowing limit
 - (d) Delegate to the Section 151 Officer the authority to effect movement between the limits for borrowing and long term liabilities within the limit for any year and to bring forward or delay schemes within the Capital Programme.
 - (e) Approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2019/20.
- 4.0 approve the Budgetary Framework outlined in this report including the Affordability Envelope detailed in this report. This will be subject to the approval of a business case in respect of the indoor arena and the financial implications of such a decision being within the affordability and borrowing implications outlined.
- 5.0 Maintain the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme as set out in the report.

(b) Matters for Cabinet Decision

The Cabinet, having taken account of the comments of the Section 151 Officer in respect of the budget and the adequacy of reserves as required under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 and having considered the responses to the Budget Consultation that

- 6.0 the changes to fees and charges as set out in Appendix 10(a) and 10(c) to this report be approved
- 7.0 authority be delegated to the appropriate Director in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, Section 151 Officer and the Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance to amend or introduce new fees and charges during the year.
- 8.0 the rents of all Housing Revenue Account dwellings (including hostels and garages) be increased by 2.4% having taken account of WG guidance.

- 9.0 all service charges and the management fee for leaseholders as set out in Appendix 10(b) be approved
- 10.0 all Housing Revenue Account rent increases take effect from 1 April 2019.
- 11.0 the work undertaken to raise awareness of the financial resilience of the Council be noted and the steps taken within the budget to improve this position be approved
- 12.0 the financial challenges facing the Council as set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan be recognised and the opportunities for savings over the medium term be noted.