

The Proposal in the Budget Report under Agenda item 9 be amended as below:

Welsh National Party

Line	Directorate	Description	(Savings) / Costs £000	Cumulative £000
Directorate Savings				
	Council Wide	Reduction of General Contingency Budget	(1,500)	(1,500)
Additional Expenditure/ Financial Pressures				
	Education	Increase Youth Provision across the City.	1,500	0

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Seconded by Cllr Keith Parry

Statutory Officers Commentary on the Welsh National Party Budget Proposals 2020/21

The proposal seeks to increase the level of Youth Provision across the City by £3 million over two years. The rationale given for the need to spread the investment in the Youth Service over two years is that this is in order to ensure that those areas of greatest need are targeted and that the Council seeks to derive the greatest value from this investment.

The investment in the Youth Service will be found from reducing the General Contingency Budget by £1.5 million in 20/21 with a view to drawing down the remaining budget of £1.5 million in 2021/22. This would present a level of risk to the financial resilience of the Council going forward. Whilst, the overall level of savings required for 2020/21 is lower than in previous years, the ability to identify savings is becoming increasingly challenging. In addition, the 2019/20 budget monitoring position reflects a number of directorate budget pressures and, whilst a number of budget realignments have been put forward for 2020/21, there remains a risk that overspends could occur during 2020/21. Furthermore, there remains significant uncertainty regarding the financial position over the medium term and, therefore, whilst the full contingency may not be required during 2020/21, there remains the possibility that the contingency will be required in full during the remaining years of the medium term strategy time horizon.

Should this proposal be taken forward, the risk that the Council may need to make unplanned use of reserves, in the event of an overspend, would increase. As reserves can only be utilised once, there is a risk that this could result in a weakening of the Council's balance sheet and overall financial resilience.

The level of risk has been mitigated by phasing the reduction in the General Contingency Budget over two years thus allowing £1.5 million to be available in 2020/21 for use in maintaining the financial position of 2020/21.

Legal Implications

The legal context and implications set out in the main budget report also apply to these Proposals and regard should be had to the same.

As regards the proposal in respect of Reduction of General Contingency Budget, attention is drawn to the requirement, when the Council is considering its budget, to have regard to the S151 Officer's advice as to the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed reserves in the budget proposals. The body of the main budget report and this addendum setting out such advice, including advice on financial resilience, reserves and contingencies.

Any specific proposals which are developed in relation to these proposals will require appropriate consultation, equality impact assessment and evaluation in relation to the Council's wellbeing objectives. Where these alternative proposals require consultation and an equality impact assessment, any decision taken to incorporate the proposals into the Council's budget will be an in principle decision and the details of the implementation proposals will have to be subject to consultation and equality impact assessments, which must be taken into account in a final decision on whether to implement the proposals or not.

RECOMMENDATIONS – WELSH NATIONAL PARTY

Budget Summary – Welsh National Party

Resources Available:-	£000	£000
Welsh Government	469,047	
Use of Reserves	750	
Council Tax at 4.5% increase	<u>186,389</u>	
		656,186

Resources Needed:-		
2019/20 Base Budget B/f	623,589	
Commitments, inflation and realignments	38,489	
New Financial Pressures & Policy Growth	5,372	
Less:		
Savings	(9,764)	
Reduction in Contingency	<u>(1,500)</u>	
		656,186

RECOMMENDATIONS – WELSH NATIONAL PARTY

a) Recommendations to Council

The Welsh National Party Group have examined the Cabinet budget proposals and considered the responses received to the Budget Consultation. Having taken account of the comments of the Section 151 Officer in respect of the robustness of its proposed amendments to the budget report (alternative budget proposals) and the adequacy of reserves as required under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, the Welsh National Party Group recommend that Council:

- 1.0 Approve the Revenue, Capital and Housing Revenue Account budgets including all proposals and increasing the Council Tax by 4.5% as set out in the main budget report, subject to the amendments set out in this proposal, and that the Council resolve the following terms.
- 2.0 Note that at its meeting on 19 December 2019 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2020/21 in accordance with the regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
 - a) 147,277 being the amount 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	2,499
Pentyrch	3,316
Radyr	3,841
St. Fagans	1,592
Old St. Mellons	2,047
Tongwynlais	820

being the amounts 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 2020/21 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 £445,570).

£1,069,798,570

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

£414,317,000

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.

£655,481,570

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.

£469,047,025

e) The amount at 2.1(c) above less the amount at 2.1(d) (net of the amount for discretionary relief of £400,000), 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.

£1,268.59

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

£445,570

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.

£1,265.57

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	1,283.58
Pentyrch	1,318.34
Radyr	1,298.44
St. Fagans	1,284.89
Old St. Mellons	1,287.83
Tongwynlais	1,293.62

- 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	855.72	998.34	1,140.96	1,283.58	1,568.82	1,854.06	2,139.30	2,567.16	2,995.02
Pentyrch	878.89	1,025.37	1,171.86	1,318.34	1,611.31	1,904.27	2,197.23	2,636.68	3,076.13
Radyr	865.62	1,009.90	1,154.17	1,298.44	1,586.98	1,875.53	2,164.06	2,596.88	3,029.70
St. Fagans	856.59	999.36	1,142.12	1,284.89	1,570.42	1,855.96	2,141.48	2,569.78	2,998.08
Old St. Mellons	858.55	1,001.64	1,144.74	1,287.83	1,574.02	1,860.20	2,146.38	2,575.66	3,004.94
Tongwynlais	862.41	1,006.15	1,149.88	1,293.62	1,581.09	1,868.57	2,156.03	2,587.24	3,018.45
All other parts of the Council's Area	843.71	984.33	1,124.95	1,265.57	1,546.81	1,828.05	2,109.28	2,531.14	2,953.00

- 2.2 Note that for the year 2020/21, 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 £
181.81	212.11	242.41	272.72	333.32	393.92	454.53	545.43	636.34

- 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 2020/21 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	1,037.53	1,210.45	1,383.37	1,556.30	1,902.14	2,247.98	2,593.83	3,112.59	3,631.36
Pentyrch	1,060.70	1,237.48	1,414.27	1,591.06	1,944.63	2,298.19	2,651.76	3,182.11	3,712.47
Radyr	1,047.43	1,222.01	1,396.58	1,571.16	1,920.30	2,269.45	2,618.59	3,142.31	3,666.04
St. Fagans Old St.	1,038.40	1,211.47	1,384.53	1,557.61	1,903.74	2,249.88	2,596.01	3,115.21	3,634.42
Mellons	1,040.36	1,213.75	1,387.15	1,560.55	1,907.34	2,254.12	2,600.91	3,121.09	3,641.28
Tongwynlais	1,044.22	1,218.26	1,392.29	1,566.34	1,914.41	2,262.49	2,610.56	3,132.67	3,654.79
All other parts of the Council's Area	1,025.52	1,196.44	1,367.36	1,538.29	1,880.13	2,221.97	2,563.81	3,076.57	3,589.34

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 2020 to March 2021 in respect of the precept levied by the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales in the sum of £40,164,662.

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 2020 to 31 March 2021 namely

	£
County Council of the City and County of Cardiff	113,783
Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council	12,817

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 2020/21

(b) Approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2020/21 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 2020/21 to 2024/25
- (d) Delegate to the Section 151 Officer the authority to effect movement between limits for borrowing and long term liabilities within the limit for any year to bring forward or delay schemes within the Capital Programme.
- (e) Approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2019/20 and 2020/21

4.0 To approve the Budgetary Framework outlined in this report

5.0 Maintain the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme as set out in the report.

WELSH NATIONAL PARTY

27 February 2020