

Name of meeting: Council

Date: 16 October 2019

Title of report: Council budget strategy update; 2020 to 2023 Revenue & 2020 to 2025 Capital

Purpose of report

To determine the Cabinet's approach to the annual update of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). This is reported to full Council each year, and sets a framework for the development of draft spending plans for future years by officers and Cabinet.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Yes
Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)	Yes
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by Strategic Director & name	Rachel Spencer Henshall 27th September 2019
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance IT and Transactional Services?	Eamonn Croston 26th September 2019
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning Support?	Julie Muscroft 27th September 2019
Cabinet member portfolio	Councillor Graham Turner

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: None

Public or private: Public report

GDPR: This report contains no information that falls within the scope of General Data Protection Regulations.

1. **Summary**

The appended report is submitted to the meeting of Cabinet on 8 October 2019 for consideration, and for Cabinet to make a recommendation to Council.

2. **Information required to take a decision**

(see appended report)

3. **Implications for the Council**

(see appended report)

4. **Consultees and their opinions**

(see appended report)

5. **Next steps**

5.1 Resultant budget proposals will be submitted to Cabinet and full Council. The Council's Chief Finance Officer (& Service Director, Finance) will co-ordinate the development of draft budget proposals and options, and supporting budget documentation within the budget framework and planning totals.

5.2 Cabinet will bring forward detailed budget proposals in the new year, for consideration at Budget Council on 12 February 2020.

6. **Recommendations submitted to the Meeting of Cabinet on 8 October 2019**

6.1 That approval be given to the updated baseline general fund revenue & HRA budget spending control totals over the 2020 to 2023 period set out at Appendix A (general fund) and Appendix C (HRA) of the appended report;

6.2 That funding and spend assumptions informing the updated budget forecasts as set out in section 2 of the appended report are noted;

6.3 That current and forecast earmarked reserves and general balances as set out at Appendix B of the appended report are noted;

6.4 That the existing 2019-24 capital budget plans rolled forward as set out at Appendix D of the appended report are noted;

6.5 That approval be given to the budget planning framework set out in the appended report,

6.6 That the corporate budget timetable and approach set out at Appendix F of the appended report be noted; and

6.7 That approval be given to the budget consultation approach and timetable set out in the appended report.

7. **Contact officer**

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8. **Background Papers and History of Decisions**

Cabinet Report – 8 October 2019 (attached)

9. **Service Director responsible**

Eamonn Croston, Service Director – Finance.