

Agenda for a meeting of the Executive to be held on Tuesday, 15 February 2022 at 10.30 am in the Council Chamber City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Executive – Councillors

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A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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(Members Code of Conduct - Part 4A of the Constitution)

To receive disclosures of interests from members and co-opted members on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

Notes:

- (1) *Members may remain in the meeting and take part fully in discussion and voting unless the interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or an interest which the Member feels would call into question their compliance with the wider principles set out in the Code of Conduct. Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to the Member concerned or their spouse/partner.*
- (2) *Members in arrears of Council Tax by more than two months must not vote in decisions on, or which might affect, budget calculations, and must disclose at the meeting that this restriction applies to them. A failure to comply with these requirements is a criminal offence under section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.*
- (3) *Members are also welcome to disclose interests which are not disclosable pecuniary interests but which they consider should be made in the interest of clarity.*
- (4) *Officers must disclose interests in accordance with Council Standing Order 44.*

2. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

(Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 3B of the Constitution)

Reports and background papers for agenda items may be inspected by contacting the person shown after each agenda item. Certain reports and background papers may be restricted.

Any request to remove the restriction on a report or background paper should be made to the relevant Strategic Director or Assistant Director whose name is shown on the front page of the report.

If that request is refused, there is a right of appeal to this meeting.

Please contact the officer shown below in advance of the meeting if you wish to appeal.

(Jill Bell / Yusuf Patel - 01274 434580 434579)

3. **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE**

To note any recommendations to the Executive that may be the subject of report to a future meeting. (Schedule to be tabled at the meeting).

(Jill Bell / Yusuf Patel - 01274 434580 434579)

B. STRATEGIC ITEMS

<p style="text-align: center;">LEADER OF COUNCIL & CORPORATE</p>

(Councillor Hinchcliffe)

4. **THE COUNCIL'S REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR 2022/23**

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The report of the Director of Finance (**Document "BC"**) provides Members with details of the Council's Revenue Estimates for 2022/23.

Recommended –

That the recommendations contained in Document "BC" be approved.

(Andrew Cross – 07870386523)

5. **ALLOCATION OF THE SCHOOLS BUDGET 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR**

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The report of the Director of Finance (**Document "BD"**) seeks Executive approval of the recommendations of Bradford's Schools Forum in allocating the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2022/23 and subsequent recommendation to Full Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Executive asks Council to:

- a) **Accept and approve the proposals for the allocation of the 2022/23 Dedicated Schools Grant, as set out in this report.**
- b) **Approve the total amount of £665.617m to be appropriated**

in respect of all schools covered by the Bradford Scheme for the Local Management of Schools, so as to establish the Individual Schools Budget for 2022/23.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

6. CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN 2022-23 TO 2025-26

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The report of the Director of Finance (**Document “BE”**) presents in Section A the Council’s Capital Investment Plan 2022-23 to 2025-26. Section B presents an updated Capital Strategy for 2022-23. This strategy underpins the spending proposals within the Capital Investment Plan. Section C presents the Investment Strategy for 2022-23.

Recommended –

- (1) Executive is asked to note the contents of this report and to have regard to the information contained within this report when considering the recommendations to make to Council on the CIP for 2022-23.**
- (2) That commitments against reserve schemes and contingencies can only be made after a business case has been assessed by Project Appraisal Group and approved by Executive.**
- (3) That delegated authority is given to Section 151 Officer to repay debt on an annuity basis, for chosen properties purchased during or after 2018-19. Delegated authority could only be exercised if two conditions are met:
 - 1. the asset retains or increases its value;**
 - 2. the return from the capital scheme is sufficient to repay the capital sum invested.****
- (4) That the proposed 2022-23 Minimum Revenue Policy set out in Appendix 2 to Document “BE” is approved**
- (5) That specific approval be given for the following schemes previously approved by Executive to commence following a detailed review by Project Appraisal Group:
 - The 2022-23 Property Programme has a proposed total cost of £4m and this will be funded by the £2m allocated and an additional £2m.**
 - Baildon Library – The £1.445m scheme is for the relocation of Baildon Library from Ian Clough Hall. The scheme will be funded by corporate borrowing and generate c£1m in corporate capital receipts.****

(Lynsey Simenton - 01274 434232)

**7. 2022/23 BUDGET PROPOSALS AND FORECAST RESERVES -
S151 OFFICER ASSESSMENT**

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The report of the Director of Finance (**Document “BF”**) assesses the robustness of the proposed budget for 2022/23, the adequacy of forecast levels of reserves and associated risks.

It concludes that the estimates are sufficiently robust for the Council to set the budget.

The report also provides commentary on the financial resilience of the Council over the medium term and the level of reserves held.

Recommended -

That Members have regard to this report in setting the budget, and in particular note the conclusions that:

- **the estimates presented to Council are sufficiently robust**
- **the reserves are adequate for the 2022/23 proposed budget**
- **the projected corporate reserves, on current estimates, are adequate in the medium term, subject to the implementation of the rest of the proposed financial plan**
- **the Medium Term Financial Strategy will be updated and reported to Executive as clarity on future local government funding is received.**

As with all budgets there is the potential for amendments to be proposed/agreed which could change the overall package of proposals. In that respect, it should be highlighted that this statement would be amended or added to if a decision was proposed that lead to the Council’s reserves falling below their recommended level. In addition, any other amendments would be considered against the scale of the overall budget and depending upon the extent and nature, may result in a revised statement.

(Chris Chapman – 01274 433656)