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**Report of:** *Eugene Walker*  
**Report to:** *Cabinet*  
**Date of Decision:** *13<sup>th</sup> February 2019*  
**Subject:** *Budget Report for 2019/20*

Is this a Key Decision? If Yes, reason Key Decision:-	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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**Purpose of Report:**

The purpose of this report is to:

- approve the City Council's revenue budget for 2019/20, including the position on reserves and balances;
- approve a 2019/20 Council Tax for the City Council; and
- note the levies and precepts made on the City Council by other authorities.


## Recommendations:

1. Members are recommended:
  - a) To approve a net Revenue Budget for 2019/20 amounting to £403.291m;
  - b) To approve a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,559.18 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 2.99%;
  - c) To approve the Council Tax charges in respect go Long Term Empty properties, as outlined above from paragraph 51, with effect from 1 April 2019;
  - d) To note that the section 151 officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003. Further details can be found in **Appendix 4** and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 6;
  - e) To approve the savings as set out in **Appendix 2**;
  - f) To approve the revenue budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in **Appendices 3a to 3d**;
  - g) To note that, based on the estimated expenditure level set out in **Appendix 3** to this report, the amounts shown in part B of **Appendix 6** would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2019/20, in accordance with sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
  - h) To note the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner and of South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area;
  - i) To approve the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of Council Tax income in 2019/20 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph {tbc};
  - j) To note the latest 2018/19 budget monitoring position;
  - k) To approve the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in **Appendix 7** and the recommendations contained therein;
  - l) To approve the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in

**Appendix 7**; which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2018/19 onwards;

- m) To agree that authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Resources to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- n) To note the information provided on the medium term financial outlook contained within the Medium Term Financial Analysis, attached as **Appendix 10**;
- o) To approve a Pay Policy for 2019/20 as set out in **Appendix 8**; and
- p) To agree that the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and onwards, approved on 3 March 2017, and implemented for 2018/19, be also implemented for 2019/20.

**Background Papers:**

Lead Officer to complete:-		
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.	Finance: <i>Dave Phillips</i>
		Legal: <i>David Hollis</i>
		Equalities: No
<p><i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i></p>		
2	<b>EMT member who approved submission:</b>	<i>Eugene Walker</i>
3	<b>Cabinet Member consulted:</b>	<i>Councillor Olivia Blake Cabinet member for Finance and Resources</i>
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Decision Maker by the EMT member indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.	
<b>Lead Officer Name:</b> <i>Dave Phillips</i> 		<b>Job Title:</b> <i>Head of Strategic Finance</i>

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## **1. PROPOSAL**

- 1.1 The City Council on 6 March 2019 meets to consider the Revenue Budget for 2019/20 and to determine the Council Tax for that year.

The report provides information to enable the Council to set a budget and determine the Council Tax.

The proposals set out in this report provide for a balanced budget to be recommended to Council.

## **2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE?**

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- approve the City Council's revenue budget for 2019/20, including the position on reserves and balances;
- approve a 2019/20 Council Tax for the City Council; and
- note the levies and precepts made on the City Council by other authorities.

*Please refer to paragraph 243 of the main report for the recommendations.*

## **3. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?**

- 3.1 *Yes – see Paras 191-212 for further details.*

## **4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION**

### **4.1 Equality of Opportunity Implications**

- 4.1.1 *Paras 213-242 describe the Equality impact of the Budget Report in greater detail.*

### **4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications**

- 4.2.1 *Yes – cleared by Dave Phillips*

### **4.3 Legal Implications**

- 4.3.1 *Yes – see Legal section of the report (Paras 160-170)*

### **4.4 Other Implications**

4.4.1 No

## **5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

5.1 *A number of alternative courses of action are considered as part of the process undertaken by Officers before decisions are recommended to Members. The recommendations made to Members represent what Officers believe to be the best options available to the Council, in line with Council priorities, given the constraints on funding and the use to which funding is put within the Revenue Budget and the Capital Programme.*

## **6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 *The City Council on 6 March 2019 meets to consider the Revenue Budget for 2019/20 and to determine the Council Tax for that year. The report provides information to enable the Council to set a budget and determine the Council Tax. The proposals set out in this report provide for a balanced budget to be recommended to Council.*