



Council Meeting

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Agenda Item 5

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Agenda Item 5: TO CONSIDER BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE FOR ADOPTION:

Budget-Setting Report (BSR) 2014/15:

- a) Executive Amendment and Recommendations
- b) Labour Group Amendment

Refers to Budget-Setting Report (Version 3 – Council) which can be found via the Council agenda page:

<http://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=116&MIId=2463&Ver=4>

The rules of debate contained in the Council Procedure Rules shall be modified in respect of the Budget Council Meeting as follows:

- 1) The Executive shall present its budget recommendations. A period of 45 minutes is allowed for this, extendable at the discretion of the Mayor. The format and mode of the presentation is for the Executive to decide.
- 2) The Labour Group may then present its alternative budget. A period of 45 minutes is allowed, extendable at the discretion of the Mayor. The format and mode of the presentation is for the Labour Group to decide.
- 3) In a departure from the Rules, the Mayor will then afford Councillor Hipkin up to 5 minutes to make a budget statement.
- 4) The Labour Group's alternative budget will then be moved as an amendment to replace the Executive recommendation. It will be debated in the usual way, and will be deemed to have been moved and seconded.
- 5) At the conclusion of the debate, a vote will be taken for and against the alternative budget.
- 6) If the Labour Group's alternative budget is voted down, the Labour Group Leader may ask for separate votes to be taken on individual proposals within the alternative budget, but there shall be no further debate.
- 7) Where individual amendments have been submitted by councillors, these will then be debated in the usual way. However, where they are to the same effect as something in the alternative budget, they shall be considered at the same time as the alternative budget, with the proposer being able to ask for a separate vote in accordance with paragraph 6.
- 8) After consideration of amendments the Executive's budget proposals will be debated in the usual way but, subject to paragraph 9) below, no amendments may be moved.
- 9) If the Executive's budget is rejected, amendments and alternative proposals may be made as under the present rules, subject to the dispute resolution provisions set out in the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules contained in Part 4C of the Constitution.



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Agenda Item 5 (a)

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The Executive

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL (The Executive)
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Budget-Setting Report (BSR) 2014/15

Recommendations of the Executive, which met on 23 January 2014, are set out below (now incorporating amendments which were considered at Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 7 February 2014) and the resulting effects and financial implications have been incorporated into the **Budget-Setting Report (Version 3 - Council)**. This updates the Budget-Setting Report (Version 1) which originally went to Strategy & Resources Scrutiny Committee on 20 January 2014.

Unless otherwise specified, all references in the recommendations to Appendices, pages and sections relate to the updated version of the Budget-Setting Report (Version 3 - Council). This can be found via the Council agenda page:

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Accordingly, Council is recommended to:

General Fund Revenue Budgets: [Section 4, page 39 refers]

Budget 2013/14:

- a) Approve the revised budget items shown in Appendix C(a).
- b) Approve the Non-Cash Limit budget items for 2013/14 as shown in Appendix C(b).
- c) Approve the overall revised budget for 2013/14 for the General Fund, as shown in Section 4 [page 39 refers] and Appendix D(a).

Budget 2014/15:

- d) Approve any recommendations for submission to the Executive in respect of:
 - Non-Cash Limit items as shown in Appendix C(b).
 - Revenue Savings and Bids as shown in Appendix C(c), (d) & (e).
 - Priority Policy Fund (PPF) Bids as shown in Appendix C(f) – based on the position as outlined in Section 4 [page 48 refers].
 - Bids to be funded from External or Earmarked Funds as shown in Appendix C(g).

- e) Note the Council Tax taxbase, as set out in Appendix B(a), as calculated and determined by the Director of Resources under delegated authority.
- f) Approve the level of Council Tax for 2014/15 as set out in Section 3 [page 32 refers].

*Note that the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel met on 5 February 2014 to consider the precept proposed by the Police and Crime Commissioner, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority met on 13 February 2014 and Cambridgeshire County Council will meet on 18 February 2014 to consider the amounts in precepts to be issued to the City Council for the year 2014/15. **Appendix B(b) will be updated for the decisions made.***

Treasury Management: [Section 6, page 63 refers]

- g) Approve:
 - (i) the Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix M(a) and to confirm that the Authorised Limit for external borrowing determined for 2014/15 will be the statutory limit determined under section 3 of the Local Government Act 2003,
 - (ii) delegation to the Section 151 officer, within the borrowing totals for any financial year within (i) above, to effect movement between the separately agreed figures for 'borrowing' and 'other long term liabilities',
 - (iii) the Treasury Management Annual Borrowing and Investment Strategies set out in Appendices M(b) and M(c) , and
 - (iv) the Council's Counterparty List shown in Appendix M(c), Annex 1.

Other Revenue:

- h) Delegate to the Section 151 officer the authority to finalise changes relating to any corporate and/or departmental restructuring and any reallocation of support service and central costs, in accordance with the CIPFA Service Reporting Code of Practice for Local Authorities (SeRCOP).

Capital: [Section 5, page 47 refers]

Capital & Revenue Projects Plan: [Section 5, page 51 refers]

- i) Approve project appraisals and new programmes that have been referred by Executive Councillors:
 - (i) Project appraisals that have been referred by Executive Councillor for Public Places (for schemes already in the capital and revenue projects plan):
 - i. Parker's Piece Lighting
 - ii. Jesus Green Footpath / Cycleway Improvements
 - iii. Perne Road / Radegund Road Roundabout
 - iv. City Centre Cycle Parking Project
 - (ii) To set up new capital programmes and associated remits within the following portfolios:
 - i. Customer Services & Resources - Additional investment in Commercial Property Portfolio
 - ii. Public Places - Local Centres Improvement Programme - see (new) remit below:

PR037 – Local Centres Improvement Programme

Approved Timescale: 2014/15 to 2019/20

Lead Officer: Andy Preston

Remit: To undertake schemes to improve the quality of the public realm at Local Centres, aiming to lift pride in the environment for residents and traders and to encourage parallel investment in private businesses. At least three schemes will be delivered, subject to full public consultation and will deliver environmental and public realm improvements.

Outcomes: Successful delivery of three Local Schemes of between £200k - £340k per scheme by 2019/20.

- j) Approve the bids outlined in Appendix G(a) & (b) for approval to include in the Capital Plan, or put on the Hold List, including any additional use of reserves required.
- k) Approve the carry forward of resources from 2013/14, resulting from variances as detailed in Appendix G(c), to fund re-phased capital spending.
- l) Approve the revised Capital & Revenue Projects Plan as set out in Appendix G(d), the Hold list set out in Appendix G(e), and the Funding as set out in Appendix G(f) for the General Fund.

Note that the Appendices include new bids and the rephrasing included in the above recommendations.

General Fund Reserves:

m) Note the impact of revenue and capital budget approvals and approve the resulting level of reserves to be used to:

- (i) support the 2013/14 budget
- (ii) support the 2014/15 and future year's budgets.

as set out in Appendix D(c).

Other:

n) **Local Retention of Business Rates:** approve establishing an earmarked reserve for retained business rates in order to manage the accounting implications of the Government's Business Rates Retention scheme.

Appendix B(b)

Council Tax Setting 2014/15

(To be updated for Council)

1. The Council calculated its Council Tax Base 2014/15 for the whole Council area as **38,675.1** [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]
2. The Council calculates that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2014/15 is **£6,702,010**
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£173,622,350** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act
 - (b) **£166,920,340** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act
 - (c) **£6,702,010** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. [Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act]
 - (d) **£173.29** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by the amount at 1 above (Item T), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
4. To note that Cambridgeshire County Council, the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority **have issued precepts / will be issuing precepts** to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local

Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below *(which will updated for Council)*.

5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each of the categories of dwellings in the Council's area.

Dwelling Band	City Council £	County Council £	Police and Crime Commissioner £	Fire & Rescue Authority £	Aggregate Council Tax £
A					
B					
C					
D					
E					
F					
G					
H					

6. The Council determines that, in accordance with Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the basic amount of its council tax for 2014/15 is not excessive.