

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	1 February 2019
Title:	Revenue Budget and Precept 2019/20
Report From:	Director of Corporate Resources

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1. The decision:

That Cabinet:

- 1.1. Notes the current position in respect of the financial resilience monitoring for the current financial year.
- 1.2. Approves the Revised Budget for 2018/19 contained in Appendix 1, including a transfer of £1.0m to the Investment Risk Reserve.
- 1.3. Gives approval to transfer any spare resources on the 2018/19 winter maintenance budget to the highways maintenance budget for 2019/20 and to apply this principle in future years.
- 1.4. Approves the updated cash limits for departments for 2019/20 as set out in Appendix 2.
- 1.5. Delegates authority to the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources, following consultation with the Leader and the Chief Executive to make changes to the budget following Cabinet to take account of new issues, changes to figures notified by District Councils or any late changes in the final Local Government Finance Settlement.
- 1.6. **Recommends to County Council that:**
 - a. The Treasurer's report under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 (Appendix 6) be taken into account when the Council determines the budget and precept for 2019/20.
 - b. The Revised Budget for 2018/19 set out in Appendix 1 be approved.
 - c. The Revenue Budget for 2019/20 (as set out in Appendix 3 and Appendix 4) be approved.

- d. Funding for one off revenue priorities linked to the development of capital investment totalling £2.9m as set out in paragraphs 5.26 to 5.46 be approved.
- e. Funding for the future years cost of the Manydown development of up to £4.2m be approved to be met from general contingencies.
- f. Loan funding of up to £600,000 a year from 2018/19 to 2026/27 be made available to meet the running costs of the Manydown Garden Communities LLP to be met from general contingencies.
- g. The total **net budget requirement** for the general expenses of the County Council for the year beginning 1 April 2019, be £757,211,373.
- h. The **council tax requirement** for the County Council for the year beginning 1 April 2019, be £634,450,710.
- i. The County Council's band D council tax for the year beginning 1 April 2019 be £1,236.87, an increase of 2.99%.
- j. The County Council's council tax for the year beginning 1 April 2019 for properties in each tax band be:

	£
Band A	824.58
Band B	962.01
Band C	1,099.44
Band D	1,236.87
Band E	1,511.73
Band F	1,786.59
Band G	2,061.45
Band H	2,473.74

- k. Precepts be issued totalling £634,450,710 on the billing authorities in Hampshire, requiring the payment in such instalments and on such date set by them previously notified to the County Council, in proportion to the tax base of each billing authority's area as determined by them and as set out overleaf:

Basingstoke and Deane	65,768.80
East Hampshire	50,461.90
Eastleigh	44,805.97
Fareham	42,909.60
Gosport	26,941.34

Hart	40,704.11
Havant	40,708.00
New Forest	71,074.40
Rushmoor	31,300.99
Test Valley	48,966.00
Winchester	49,307.47

- l. The Capital & Investment Strategy for 2019/20 (and the remainder of 2018/19) as set out in Appendix 7 be approved.
- m. The Treasury Management Strategy for 2019/20 (and the remainder of 2018/19) as set out in Appendix 8 be approved.
- n. An increase to the allocation targeting higher yields from £200m to £235m (as set out in the Treasury Management Strategy in Appendix 8) to increase the overall rate of return and the income contributed to the revenue budget, based on the stability of the County Council's cash balances be approved.
- o. Authority is delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources to manage the County Council's investments and borrowing according to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement as appropriate.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. The County Council must agree the 2019/20 budget and set the council tax for 2019/20 at its meeting on 14 February 2019. The Leader will present his budget speech and recommendations at the meeting. This report provides the background to those budget decisions and presents the recommendations from the Leader and Cabinet to the County Council.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. In effect the number of options for setting the budget are limitless and Leaders of the Opposition Groups may wish to present alternative recommendations on the budget and council tax at County Council as an amendment to the proposals.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: Not applicable

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.
6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.
7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

1 February 2019

**Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Roy Perry**