

City Council

Monday 26 February 2018

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs Foster, in the Chair.

Councillor Kelly, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowie, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Carson, Churchill, Coker, Cook, Dann, Philippa Davey, Sam Davey, Deacon, Downie, Drean, Evans, Fletcher, K Foster, Fry, Hendy, James, Jordan, Martin Leaves, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Loveridge, Lowry, Dr Mahony, Mavin, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Ricketts, Riley, Singh, Smith, Sparling, Storer, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Wigen and Winter.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Darcy and Stevens

The meeting started at 2pm and finished at 5.10pm

Note: The full discussion can be viewed on the webcast of the City Council meeting at www.plymouth.gov.uk. At a future meeting, the Council will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

56. Minutes

Agreed the amended minutes of the meeting held on the 29 January 2018.

57. Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made by councillors in accordance with the code of conduct in respect of items under consideration at the meeting -

Name	Minute Number	Reason	Interest
Cllr Jon Taylor	61	NHS Employee	Private
Cllr Kate Taylor	61	NHS Employee	Private
Cllr Mrs Leaves	61	NHS Employee	Private

58. Announcements

There were no announcements.

59. Questions by the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

60. **Appointments to Committees, Outside Bodies etc**

Council noted the following changes to appointments –

Committee	Previous Member	New Member
Planning Committee	Councillor Sparling	Vacancy
Wellbeing Overview Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Sparling	Councillor Vincent
North Yard Community Trust	Councillor Stevens	Councillor Coker
City Centre Company	Councillor Darcy	Councillor Churchill

61. **Revenue And Capital Budget And Proposed Council Tax Levels For 2018/19**

At the start of the debate Councillor Bowyer proposed, Councillor Evans seconded and Council agreed that in accordance with Part B, Council Procedure Rule 14.6 of the Constitution, Rule of Debate 4.2 (in Appendix one) (which limits speeches to five minutes) is suspended for this item in relation to the speeches by the Leader and the Leader of the Opposition.

For the motion (55) –

Lord Mayor, Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Bowie, Coker, Dann, P Davey, S Davey, Evans, Hendy, Lowry, Mavin, McDonald, Morris Murphy, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Rennie, Singh, Smith, Sparling, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Winter, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Carson, Cook, Churchill, Deacon, Downie, Drean, Fletcher, Foster, Fry, Jordan, Kelly, Martin Leaves, Mike Leaves, Sam Leaves, Loveridge, Dr Mahony, Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Ricketts, Riley, Storer, Wigens and James.

Absent / did not vote (2)

Councillors Darcy and Stevens.

Councillor Bowyer (Leader) proposed and Councillor James (Vice Chair Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Panel) seconded an amended report and recommendations on the Revenue and Capital Budget and Proposed Council Tax Levels for 2018/19.

Following a debate on the budget Council agreed -

1. To approve the proposed net revenue budget requirement for 2018/19 of £185.556m;
2. To approve the total capital budget of £674.640m to 2021/22 (Appendix 5);
3. To -
 - a. Approve an increase to the Council Tax by one point four seven percent (1.47%)
 - b. Approve an increase to the Council Tax Adult Social Care precept of three percent (3.00%)
 - c. Approve the drawdown of surplus £0.512 from the Council Tax Collection Fund

- d. Note that the Office Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall and The Isles of Scilly has issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area, reflecting a twelve pounds or six point eight one per cent (£12.00 or 6.81%) increase for 2018/19.
 - e. Note that the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority precepts have been confirmed reflecting a two point nine nine per cent (2.99%) increase for 2018/19.
 - f. Use the Council Tax base for 2018/19 as 71,932 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Councils own purposes for 2018/19 is £105,767,374.
4. To agree that the following amounts are calculated for the year 2018/19 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - a. £516,219,564 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act (Gross Expenditure and Transfers to Reserves).
 - b. £410,452,190 being the aggregate of the amounts which the council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act (Gross Expenditure and Transfers to Reserves).
 - c. £105,767,374 being the amount by which the aggregate at 9.5(a) above exceeds the aggregate amount at 9.5(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as it's council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in section 31B of the Act).
 - d. £1,470.38 being the amount at 9.5(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (9.4 above), calculated by the council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
 5. To note the Section 151 Officer's statement on the Budget Robustness Statement as set out in section 2 of this report;
 6. To approve the 2018/19 Flexible use of capital receipts strategy.
 7. To approve the annual Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy 2018/19 (incorporating the authorised limits, operational boundaries and prudential indicators) as submitted (Appendix 7);
 8. To note the Revenue and Capital Monitoring Report Quarter Three 2017/18 (Appendix 8);
 9. To note the response to the recommendations made by the Budget Scrutiny Select Committee (Appendix 9);
 10. To delegate responsibility for any technical accounting changes which may arise after the budget to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance and IT.

For the motion (28) –

Councillors Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Carson, Cook, Churchill, Deacon, Downie, Drear, Fletcher, Foster, Fry, Jordan, Kelly, Martin Leaves, Mike Leaves, Sam Leaves, Loveridge, Dr Mahony, Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Ricketts, Riley, Storer, Wiggins and James.

Against the motion (26)

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Bowie, Coker, Dann, P Davey, S Davey, Evans, Hendy, Lowry, Mavin, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Rennie, Singh, Smith, Sparling, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Winter,

Absent / did not vote (3)

Lord Mayor and Councillors Darcy and Stevens

62. **Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Revenue and Capital Budget**

Councillor Nicholson (Cabinet Member for Strategic Transport and Planning) proposed and Councillor Martin Leaves (Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee Chair) seconded the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee Capital and Revenue Budget (Cabinet minute 80 refers).

Councillor Coker proposed and Councillor Lowry seconded a motion to add a second recommendation –

- 2 *does not approve potential toll increases in 2019/20, until such time as they have been subject to public consultation and further reports to the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee, Cornwall Council, Plymouth City Council and approval by the Secretary of State.*

Following a vote the amendment was agreed.

For the motion (52) –

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Bowie, Coker, Dann, P Davey, S Davey, Evans, Hendy, Lowry, Mavin, Morris, Murphy, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Rennie, Singh, Smith, , Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Winter, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Carson, Cook, Churchill, Deacon, Downie, Drean, Fletcher, Foster, Fry, Jordan, Kelly, Martin Leaves, Mike Leaves, Sam Leaves, Loveridge, Dr Mahony, Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Ricketts, Riley, Storer, Wiggins and James.

Abstentions (1)

Lord Mayor

Absent / did not vote (4)

Councillors McDonald, Darcy, Sparling and Stevens.

Following a short debate the council agreed-

- 1 To approve the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee's 2018/19 Revenue Estimates and Capital Programme.
- 2 To not approve potential toll increases in 2019/20, until such time as they have been subject to public consultation and further reports to the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee, Cornwall Council, Plymouth City Council and approval by the Secretary of State

For the motion (52) –

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Bowie, Coker, Dann, P Davey, S Davey, Evans, Hendy, Lowry, Mavin, Morris, Murphy, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Rennie, Singh, Smith, , Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin,

Tuohy, Vincent, Wheeler, Winter, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Carson, Cook, Churchill, Deacon, Downie, Drear, Fletcher, Foster, Fry, Jordan, Kelly, Martin Leaves, Mike Leaves, Sam Leaves, Loveridge, Dr Mahony, Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Ricketts, Riley, Storer, Wiggins and James.

Abstentions (1)

Lord Mayor

Absent / did not vote (4)

Councillors McDonald, Darcy, Sparling and Stevens.