

City Council

Monday 25 February 2019

PRESENT:

Councillor Sam Davey, in the Chair.

Councillor Mavin, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Coker, Carson, Cook, Corvid, Dann, Darcy, Deacon, Derrick, Downie, Drear, Evans OBE, Fletcher, K Foster, Goslin, Haydon, Hendy, James, Mrs Johnson, Jordan, Kelly, Laing, Michael Leaves, Samantha Leaves, Loveridge, Lowry, Dr Mahony, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Nicholson (from 6.30pm), Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Singh, P Smith, R Smith, Stevens, Jon Taylor, Kate Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Wheeler (from 2.40pm), Wigen and Winter.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Churchill and Vincent

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 7.25 pm.

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.

77. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2019 were agreed as an accurate record.

78. 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
Councillor Stevens	81	Employee of Devon & Cornwall Police	Private Interest
Councillor Darcy	81	Employee of Devon & Cornwall Police	Private Interest
Councillor Mrs Pengelly	81	Son is employee of Devon & Cornwall Police	Private Interest

79. Announcements

Lord Mayor

Council held a minutes silence in memory of Honorary Alderman John Mills who died on 15 February 2019.

A presentation was made to Carole Burgoyne, Strategic Director for People, to acknowledge her retirement from the Council.

80. **Questions by the Public**

There were no questions from members of the public.

81. **Revenue And Capital Budget And Proposed Council Tax Levels For 2019/20**

At the start of the debate Councillor Evans OBE (Leader) proposed, Councillor Bowyer 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) was suspended for this item in relation to the speeches by the Leader and the Leader of the Opposition.

For the motion (52) –

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Carson, Coker, Cook, Corvid, Dann, Darcy, Deacon, Derrick, Downie, Drean, Evans OBE, Fletcher, Foster, Goslin, Haydon, Hendy, James, Jordan, Mrs Johnson, Kelly, Laing, Michael Leaves, Mrs Leaves, Mrs Loveridge, Lowry, Dr Mahony, Mavin, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Rebecca Smith, Stevens, J Taylor, K Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Wigers, Winter

Against the motion (0)

Abstentions (0)

Absent / did not vote (5) –

Councillors Churchill, Davey (Lord Mayor), Nicholson, Vincent, Wheeler

The motion was carried.

Councillor Evans OBE (Leader) proposed and Councillor Lowry seconded the report and recommendations as amended for the Revenue and Capital Budget and Proposed Council Tax Levels for 2019/20.

The recommendations moved as amended were:

Recommendation 1 **from:**

I. To approve the proposed net revenue budget requirement for 2019/20 of £186.930m

To:

I. To approve the proposed net revenue budget requirement for 2019/20 of £185.482m, as a consequence of additional savings of £1.448m arising from debt rescheduling.

Recommendation 2 **from:**

2. To consider council tax levels for 2019/20

To:

2. To approve an increase to the council tax levels for Plymouth City Council in 2019/20 by two point nine nine percent (2.99%), and agree the Council Tax Resolution as set out in the amended Appendix 2 attached.

Following a debate, Councillor Bowyer proposed an amendment to Recommendation 1 as follows:

1. To approve the proposed net revenue budget requirement for 2019/20 of £185,482m as a consequence of additional savings of £1,448m arising from debt rescheduling and to convene a meeting of the Independent Review Panel to Review the members special responsibility allowances with a view to reduce the allowances.

Following a brief adjournment Councillor Darcy seconded the amendment. Councillor Evans OBE (Leader) moved to go to the vote on the amendment, seconded by Councillor Rennie.

For the move to vote on the amendment (29)

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Buchan, Coker, Corvid, Dann, Derrick, Evans OBE, Goslin, Haydon, Hendy, Laing, Lowry, Mavin, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Stevens, J Taylor, K Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Wheeler, Winter

Against (24)

Councillors Ball, Mrs Bridgeman, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Carson, Cook, Darcy, Deacon, Downie, Drean, Fletcher, Foster, Mrs Johnson, James, Jordan, Kelly, Michael Leaves, Mrs Leaves, Mrs Loveridge, Dr Mahony, Mrs Pengelly, Rebecca Smith, Wigens

Abstentions (0)

Absent / did not vote (4)

Councillors Churchill, Davey (Lord Mayor), Nicholson, Vincent

The vote to move to a vote was carried and the vote on the amendment was then taken.

For the amendment (53)

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Carson, Coker, Cook, Corvid, Dann, Darcy, Deacon, Derrick, Downie, Drean, Evans OBE, Fletcher, Foster, Goslin, Haydon, Hendy, James, Jordan, Mrs Johnson, Kelly, Laing, Michael Leaves, Mrs Leaves, Mrs Loveridge, Lowry, Dr Mahony, Mavin, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Rebecca Smith, Stevens, J Taylor, K Taylor, Tuffin, Tuohy, Wheeler, Wigens, Winter

Against (0)

Absent / did not vote (4)

Councillors Churchill, Davey (Lord Mayor), Nicholson, Vincent

The amendment was carried

The discussion on the substantive motion as amended then continued and after a short debate, Councillor Penberthy moved an amendment, seconded by Councillor Taylor to:

Change Recommendation 3 **from:**

3. To approve the total capital budget of £870.007m to 2022/23 (Appendix 3)

To:

3. To approve the total capital budget of £870.007m to 2022/23 (Appendix 3) and, within this budget, create a £10m Housing Investment Fund funded by £8m Right to Buy capital receipts and £2m from Section 106 monies.

Following a brief debate a vote was taken on the amendment

For the amendment (51)

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Buchan, Carson, Coker, Cook, Corvid, Dann, Darcy, Derrick, Downie, Drean, Evans OBE, Fletcher, Foster, Goslin, Haydon, Hendy, James, Jordan, Mrs Johnson, Kelly, Laing, Michael Leaves, Mrs Leaves, Mrs Loveridge, Lowry, Dr Mahony, Mavin, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Rebecca Smith, Stevens, J Taylor, Tuffin, Wheeler, Wiggins, Winter

Against (0)

Abstentions (0)

Absent / did not vote (6)

Councillors Churchill, Davey (Lord Mayor), Deacon, Taylor, Tuohy, Vincent

The amendment was carried.

Following a debate on the substantive budget Council agreed –

1. To approve the proposed net revenue budget requirement for 2019/20 of £185.482m, as a consequence of additional savings of £1.448m arising from debt rescheduling and to convene a meeting of the Independent Review Panel to Review the members special responsibility allowances with a view to reduce the allowances;

2. To approve an increase to the council tax levels for Plymouth City Council in 2019/20 by two point nine nine percent (2.99%), and agree the Council Tax Resolution as set out in the amended Appendix 2 attached;
3. To approve the total capital budget of £870.007m to 2022/23 (Appendix 3) and, within this budget, create a £10m Housing Investment Fund funded by £8m Right to Buy capital receipts and £2m from Section 106 monies;
4. To note that the Office of the Devon and Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Police Commissioner 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, will be confirmed at the meeting;
5. To note that the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority precepts will be confirmed for 2019/20 at the meeting;
6. To note the Section 151 Officer's statement on the Budget Robustness Statement as set out in section 2 of this report;
7. To approve the annual Treasury Management Strategy and Capital Strategy 2019/20 (incorporating the authorised limits, operational boundaries and prudential indicators) as submitted (Appendix 5);
8. To note the Revenue and Capital Monitoring Report Quarter Three 2018/19 (Appendix 6);
9. To note the response to the recommendations made by the Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Place and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Appendix 7);
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 (27)

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Buchan, Coker, Corvid, Dann, Derrick, Evans OBE, Goslin, Haydon, Hendy, Laing, Lowry, Mavin, McDonald, Morris, Murphy, Neil, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Penberthy, Rennie, Singh, Pete Smith, Stevens, J Taylor, K Taylor, Tuffin, Wheeler, Winter

Against (24)

Ball, Mrs Beer, Bowyer, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Bridgeman, Carson, Cook, Darcy, Downie, Drean, Fletcher, Foster, Mrs Johnson, James, Jordan, Kelly, Michael Leaves, Mrs Leaves, Mrs Loveridge, Dr Mahony, Nicholson, Mrs Pengelly, Rebecca Smith, Wigens

Abstentions (0)

Absent/did not vote (6)

Councillors Churchill, Davey (Lord Mayor), Deacon, Taylor, Tuohy, Vincent

The recommendations for the Revenue And Capital Budget And Proposed Council Tax Levels For 2019/20 were therefore agreed.