

Merton Council Council

6 March 2019

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BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2019

CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT – AGENDA ITEM 4

That after Recommendation 1A a new Recommendation 1D, 1E and 1F shall be added and the following Recommendations be renumbered accordingly:

“D. To amend the Council’s General Fund Budget by:

- Providing additional funding of £23,000 to Merton Music Foundation to replace the money lost from the Dedicated Schools Grant;
- Providing £9,000 funding per annum to allow Merton Little Leagues to continue to use council parks free of charge;
- Increasing the revenue budget for capital purposes for Tree Planting by £20,000 to provide 350 trees over 2 years to be planted near schools to combat poor air quality; these charges to be paid for by;
- Reducing the publications of My Merton to 2 times per year, saving £22,000;
- Remove the free Christmas parking provision in Wimbledon Town Centre saving £25,000.
- Reducing the contingency in 2019/20 by £5,000 (see revised Appendix 1 Draft Resolutions)

E. Remove from the 2019/20 Budget and the Medium Term Financial Strategy the increased income in 2019/20 and 2020/21 of £3.8 million in total arising from Ref: ENV1819-03 increase in Parking Charges, pending public consultation and a review of the equality impact assessment as amended and set out in Appendix 1 and 7 (revised).

F. That the quarterly Monitoring Report to Cabinet include detail and explanation of movements in the Significant Balances eg the Outstanding Council Programme Board Reserve and the ‘For Use in Future Years Budget’.

After renumbered Recommendation G to add: as amended by the addition of a budget for Tree Planting of £100k in 2019/20 and 2020/21, funded by revenue resources;”

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DRAFT RESOLUTIONS – CONSERVATIVE AMENDMENTS**Revenue Report:**

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2. That it be noted that at its meeting on 10 December 2018 the Council calculated its **Council Tax Base for the year as 74,951.7** in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012(SI 2012: 2914).
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	£m
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Corporate Provisions	(3.777)
Amounts Payable to the Levying Bodies	0.949
Contribution to/(from) Financial Reserves	(6.086)
Gross Expenditure	537.913

- b) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) (a) to (d) of the Act

	£m
Gross Income	(445.543)

- c) being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax Requirement for the year

	£m
Council Tax Requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2017/18 (including special expenses re WPCC)	92.370

- d) being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of revenue support grant, and baseline funding (NNDR) to constitute the Council's Settlement Funding Assessment

	£m
Revenue Support Grant including Transition Grant	0
Baseline funding NNDR inc. top-up & Section 31 Grant	(44.026)
Settlement Funding Assessment	(44.026)

- e) being the amount at 4(c) above, divided by the amount for Council Tax Base at 2 above, calculated by the Council above, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including special items (WPCC)).

	£
Merton's General Band D Council Tax Levy (including properties within Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators area)	1,232.39

- f) being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act

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	£
Merton's General Band D Council Tax Levy (excluding WPCC)	1,227.82

- h) being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 4(g) above, the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in the area of Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators (WPCC) mentioned above at 4(f) divided by the amount at 3 above, calculated in

accordance with Section 34(1) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in the area of WPCC.

	£
Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators Band D	1,257.72

- i) being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 4(g) and 4(h) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

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	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
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5. To note that the Greater London Authority have 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 as indicated in the table below, and that the Council agrees the Council Tax levy for 2019/20 by taking the aggregate of 4(i) above and the Greater London Authority precept.

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	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
G L A	213.67	249.29	284.90	320.51	391.73	462.96	534.18	641.02

For information purposes this would result in the following Council Tax Levy for Merton residents:-

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	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Parts inc. WPCC	1,032.22	1,204.26	1,376.30	1,548.33	1,892.40	2,236.48	2,580.55	3,096.66

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DRAFT MTFS 2019-23:	CONSERVATIVE RESOLUTIONS			
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Departmental Base Budget 2018/19	149,808	149,808	149,808	149,808
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FYE – Previous Years Savings	(4,464)	(6,070)	(6,185)	(6,185)
FYE – Previous Years Growth	(2,506)	(2,006)	(2,006)	(2,006)
Amendments to previously agreed savings/growth	206	0	0	0
Change in Net Appropriations to/(from) Reserves	901	622	595	532
Taxi card/Concessionary Fares	37	487	937	1,387
Change in depreciation/Impairment (Contra Other Corporate items)	3,895	3,895	3,895	3,895
Adult Social Care - Additional Spend	1,054	0	0	0
NET COST OF RESOLUTION	1,900	3,805	3,805	3,805
Other	2,334	4,421	4,701	4,777
Re-Priced Departmental Budget	157,408	162,056	165,495	168,808
Treasury/Capital financing	9,817	10,834	12,218	12,133
Pensions	3,552	3,635	3,718	3,801
Other Corporate items	(19,456)	(19,882)	(20,330)	(19,906)
Levies	607	607	607	607
Sub-total: Corporate provisions	(5,480)	(4,806)	(3,787)	(3,365)
Sub-total: Repriced Departmental Budget + Corporate Provisions	151,928	157,250	161,707	165,443
Savings/Income Proposals 2018/19	(2,577)	(8,072)	(9,373)	(9,478)
Sub-total	149,351	149,178	152,334	155,965
Appropriation to/from departmental reserves	(2,152)	(1,873)	(1,846)	(1,783)
Appropriation to/from Balancing the Budget Reserve	(3,934)	(2,090)	0	0
BUDGET REQUIREMENT	143,265	145,215	150,488	154,182
Funded by:				
Revenue Support Grant	0	0	0	0
Business Rates (inc. Section 31 grant)	(44,026)	(39,135)	(39,978)	(40,837)
Brexit Grant	(210)	0	0	0
Adult Social Care Grants inc. BCF	(1,054)	0	0	0
PFI Grant	(4,797)	(4,797)	(4,797)	(4,797)
New Homes Bonus	(2,108)	(1,304)	(1,008)	(800)
Council Tax inc. WPCC	(92,371)	(94,641)	(96,968)	(99,343)
Collection Fund – (Surplus)/Deficit	1,301	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDING	(143,265)	(139,877)	(142,750)	(145,777)
GAP including Use of Reserves (Cumulative)	0	5,337	7,738	8,405
Potential Unfunded ASC commitments due to Loss of Better Care Funding	0	3,218	3,218	3,218
GAP assuming no new ASC Government Grant (Cumulative)	0	8,555	10,956	11,623
Possible Offset if 2019/20 ASC CT hypothecation can be used to replace Better Care Funding	0	(1,742)	(1,742)	(1,742)
GAP assuming no new ASC Government Grant but 2019/20 CT hypothecation can be used(Cumulative)	0	6,813	9,214	9,881

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BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2019

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP AMENDMENT 1 TO THE BUSINESS PLAN: MITIGATING CUTS TO HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS – AGENDA ITEM 5

Given continuing significant cuts to local government funding it is clear difficult decisions need to be made, and this Council joins others in calling on the Government to think again on the proposed cuts.

Notwithstanding these points, this Council would make the following amendments to the Business Plan:

That after Recommendation 1A shall be added: as adjusted by the deletion of saving CSF 2018-12 (Page 23 Savings Proposals Information Pack) Bond Road Reduction in Staffing (£71k) and the addition of a new saving Reducing Trade Union Facilities (£60k) and use of contingency of £11k for the shortfall (see revised Appendix 1 Draft Resolutions).

That after Recommendation 1C shall be added: as adjusted from 2020/21 by the part year effect of the new saving Reducing Trade Union Facilities (£30k) and the deletion of saving CS02 (Page 50 Savings Proposals Information Pack) Introducing Charges for Blue Badges (£15k) and set out in Appendix 7 (revised).

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AMENDMENT 2 TO THE BUSINESS PLAN: WELLBEING INNOVATION FUND

To add a new recommendation after the end of 1F
Introduce a new £1.1m Merton Wellbeing Innovation Fund; a fund to promote social innovation by developing new approaches to help people improve their health and wellbeing; and reducing isolation through promoting independence. Also, work with health partners and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's) to increase this fund. £248k to be transferred from General Fund reserves, which would still leave the latter above minimum prudent recommended levels ("General Fund Balances and Reserves", page 282), with the balance coming from the Outstanding Council Programme Board Reserve and Energy Renewable Reserve. This Fund could also be the first call for an increase if there is an underspend in the General Fund, at the financial end of 2018/19 subject to audit

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AMENDMENT 3 TO THE BUSINESS PLAN: INNOVATION IN GROWING THE COUNCIL'S REVENUE & PROMOTING LONGER-TERM DECISION MAKING

The Council supports a number of amendments relating to innovating in growing the Council's revenue; and in promoting longer-term decision making.

In terms of innovation in the Council's finances: there are several roads in Merton that have not been resurfaced in years. We want a project to look at proactively

borrowing against the revenue cost of road repairs, to spend now and save larger costs later – along Stockport Council's model. Further, the Council could look at ways in which a charitable fund could be established to manage revenue coming from an additional voluntary council tax from Band H properties, based on the models used by Westminster Council and Kensington & Chelsea LBCs. These monies could be used to establish an Education Innovation Fund.

This Council would make the following amendments to the Business Plan:

That after Recommendation 1A shall be added: as adjusted by a new proposal for a Project to Investigate ways to create a Strategic Roads Fund costing £50k, and a further proposal to ensure that the Merton Little Leagues can use the parks for free at a cost of £9k, both funded by the Outstanding Council Programme Board Fund earmarked reserve (see revised Appendix 1 Draft Resolutions).

That after Recommendation 1C shall be added: as adjusted from 2020/21 by the deletion of saving CS27 (Page 21 Savings Proposals Information Pack) Deletion of Scrutiny Officer post (£70k) and set out in Appendix 7 (revised).

That after Recommendation 1C, a new Recommendation 1D and 1E be added and the following Recommendations to be renumbered accordingly

1D

To agree for a consultation to be undertaken with residents in Band H properties to determine their support for introducing a Voluntary Contribution Scheme and if successful, for the scheme to be managed through a new charity organisation to be registered with the Charity Commission;

1E

To establish a Landlord Licensing scheme, with the income generated from the licence fees estimated to be approximately £100k, to be invested in additional enforcement;

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AMENDMENT 4 TO THE BUSINESS PLAN: BUILDING STRONGER, SAFER COMMUNITIES

This Council should step in to help maintain our community police presence for a further 3 years to mitigate the cuts planned by the Mayor as a result of his centralisation plans and funding cuts from Government.

That after Recommendation 1A shall be added: as adjusted by a new proposal for 2 Police Constables under the Met's new PartnershipPlus Scheme at a cost of £114k funded by the Outstanding Council Programme Board Fund earmarked reserve (see revised Appendix 1 Draft Resolutions);

That after Recommendation 1C shall be added: as adjusted from 2020/21 for 2 years for the 2 Police Constables under the Met's new PartnershipPlus Scheme and set out in Appendix 7 (revised).

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GAP assuming no new ASC Government Grant (Cumulative)	0	2,920	7,221	7,888	
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1. Members consider the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission set out in a separate report on the agenda (Item 6), and approve the proposed budget for 2019/20 set out in Section 2 of the revenue report, together with the proposed Council Tax levy in 2019/20.
2. That it be noted that at its meeting on 10 December 2018 the Council calculated its **Council Tax Base for the year as 74,951.7** in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012(SI 2012: 2914).
3. That it be noted that the Council calculated the **Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators (WPCC) Tax Base for the year as 11,464.4** in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.
4. That the Council agrees 4(a) - 4(i) below, which are calculated in accordance with Section 31A to 49B of the Localism Act 2011, amending Section 32 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
 - a) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) (a) to (f) of the Act

	£m
Gross Revenue Expenditure of Service Committees	546.911
Corporate Provisions	(3.777)
Amounts Payable to the Levying Bodies	0.949
Contribution to/(from) Financial Reserves	(4.300)
Gross Expenditure	539.783

- b) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) (a) to (d) of the Act

	£m
Gross Income	(447.413)

- c) being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax Requirement for the year

	£m
Council Tax Requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2017/18 (including special expenses re WPCC)	92.370

- d) being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of revenue support grant, and baseline funding (NNDR) to constitute the Council's Settlement Funding Assessment

	£m
Revenue Support Grant including Transition Grant	0
Baseline funding NNDR inc. top-up & Section 31 Grant	(44.026)
Settlement Funding Assessment	(44.026)

- e) being the amount at 4(c) above, divided by the amount for Council Tax Base at 2 above, calculated by the Council above, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including special items (WPCC)).

	£
Merton's General Band D Council Tax Levy (including properties within Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators area)	1,232.39

- f) being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act

	£
Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators Special Levy	342,822

- g) being the amount at 4(e) above, less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(f) above by the amount of the Council Tax Base at 2 above in accordance with Section 34 (2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special items (WPCC special levy) relates.

	£
Merton's General Band D Council Tax Levy (excluding WPCC)	1,227.82

- h) being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 4(g) above, the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in the area of Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators (WPCC) mentioned above at 4(f) divided by the amount at 3 above, calculated in

accordance with Section 34(1) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in the area of WPCC.

	£
Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators Band D	1,257.72

- i) being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 4(g) and 4(h) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

Part of the Councils Area	Valuation Bands							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Parts inc. WPCC	838.48	978.23	1,117.97	1,257.72	1,537.21	1,816.71	2,096.20	2,515.44

5. To note that the Greater London Authority have 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 as indicated in the table below, and that the Council agrees the Council Tax levy for 2019/20 by taking the aggregate of 4(i) above and the Greater London Authority precept.

Precepting Authority	Valuation Bands							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
G L A	213.67	249.29	284.90	320.51	391.73	462.96	534.18	641.02

For information purposes this would result in the following Council Tax Levy for Merton residents:-

Part of the Council's Area	Valuation Bands							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Parts inc. WPCC	1,032.22	1,204.26	1,376.30	1,548.33	1,892.40	2,236.48	2,580.55	3,096.66

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	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Departmental Base Budget 2018/19	149,808	149,808	149,808	149,808
Inflation (Pay, Prices)	4,244	7,094	9,945	12,796
Autoenrolment/Nat. ins changes	0	0	0	0
FYE – Previous Years Savings	(4,464)	(6,070)	(6,185)	(6,185)
FYE – Previous Years Growth	(2,506)	(2,006)	(2,006)	(2,006)
Amendments to previously agreed savings/growth	206	0	0	0
Change in Net Appropriations to/(from) Reserves	901	622	595	532
Taxi card/Concessionary Fares	37	487	937	1,387
Change in depreciation/Impairment (Contra Other Corporate items)	3,895	3,895	3,895	3,895
Adult Social Care - Additional Spend	1,054	0	0	0
NET COST OF RESOLUTION	0	114	114	0
Other	2,334	4,421	4,701	4,777
Re-Priced Departmental Budget	155,508	158,365	161,804	165,003
Treasury/Capital financing	9,817	10,834	12,218	12,133
Pensions	3,552	3,635	3,718	3,801
Other Corporate items	(19,456)	(19,882)	(20,330)	(19,906)
Levies	607	607	607	607
Sub-total: Corporate provisions	(5,480)	(4,806)	(3,787)	(3,365)
Sub-total: Repriced Departmental Budget + Corporate Provisions	150,028	153,559	158,016	161,638
Savings/Income Proposals 2018/19	(2,577)	(8,072)	(9,373)	(9,478)
Sub-total	147,451	145,487	148,643	152,160
Appropriation to/from departmental reserves	(2,152)	(1,873)	(1,846)	(1,783)
Appropriation to/from Balancing the Budget Reserve	(2,034)	(3,990)	0	0
BUDGET REQUIREMENT	143,265	139,624	146,797	150,377
Funded by:				
Revenue Support Grant	0	0	0	0
Business Rates (inc. Section 31 grant)	(44,026)	(39,135)	(39,978)	(40,837)
Brexit Grant	(210)	0	0	0
Adult Social Care Grants inc. BCF	(1,054)	0	0	0
PFI Grant	(4,797)	(4,797)	(4,797)	(4,797)
New Homes Bonus	(2,108)	(1,304)	(1,008)	(800)
Council Tax inc. WPCC	(92,371)	(94,641)	(96,968)	(99,343)
Collection Fund – (Surplus)/Deficit	1,301	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDING	(143,265)	(139,877)	(142,750)	(145,777)
GAP including Use of Reserves (Cumulative)	0	(254)	4,047	4,600
Potential Unfunded ASC commitments due to Loss of Better Care Funding	0	3,218	3,218	3,218
GAP assuming no new ASC Government Grant (Cumulative)	0	2,964	7,265	7,818
Possible Offset if 2019/20 ASC CT hypothecation can be used to replace Better Care Funding	0	(1,742)	(1,742)	(1,742)
GAP assuming no new ASC Government Grant but 2019/20 CT hypothecation can be used(Cumulative)	0	1,222	5,523	6,076

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