

# CABINET Post-Decision

## Summary of the Decisions taken

**Date of Meeting** Monday, 3rd February, 2020 **Issued By:-** Nick Pontone

**Date of Delivery to Members:** Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

**Date which any call in must be received by:** Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

**Implementation of decisions delayed to:** Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

(Other than those items marked with an asterisk (\*) which need to be implemented urgently and those items marked with a hash (#) which have been considered by scrutiny in the past 6<sup>th</sup> months and cannot be called in).

AGENDA ITEM.	SUBJECT MATTER	DECISION PROPOSED	WARD	PROPOSED TO BE RESOLVED/ RECOMMENDED
1.	Declarations of Interest	Item 8 – Revenue Budget 2020/21: Councillor Anderson declared that he was a Member of Britwell Parish Council.	-	-
2.	Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th January 2020	Approved.	-	Resolved
3.	Revenue Budget Monitoring Report - 2019-20 (Quarter 3 April to December 2019)	(a) That the reported underlying financial position of the Council, including the Slough Children’s Services Trust (SCST), as at the third quarter of the year be noted;	All	Resolved

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		<p>(b) That the management actions being undertaken by the officers to reduce the budget pressures be noted;</p> <p>(c) That the potential impact on the Council's general reserves and associated implications for the Council based on the latest financial projections, be noted; and</p> <p>(d) That the virements and write offs as requested in Section 9 and 10 of the report be approved.</p>		
4.	Capital Monitoring Report as 31st December 2019	That the report be noted and that the revised 2019-20 budget and the re-profiling of budgets into future years as set out in the report be approved.	All	Resolved
5.	Five Year Plan 2020/21 - 2024/25	That the refresh of the Five Year Plan attached as Appendix A to the report be approved.	All	Recommended
6.	Treasury Management Strategy 2020/21 #	That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2020/21 be approved.	All	Recommended
7.	Capital Strategy: 2020 to 2024 #	<p>(a) That the capital strategy of £259.0m and the associated Minimum Revenue Provision be approved and Recommended to full Council on 20th February 2020.</p> <p>(b) That it be noted that the notional costs of borrowing for the capital programme to the revenue budget would be an increase of up to £5.916m per annum - commencing during the period of the capital strategy to fund borrowing.</p>	All	Recommended

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		<p>(c) That the principles underpinning the capital programme in paragraph 5.1.2 of the report and the Minimum Revenue Provision principles in Section 7 be approved and recommended to full council on 20th February 2020.</p> <p>(d) That the appendices A and B detailing the capital programmes for the General Fund and the Housing Revenue Account be approved and recommended to full council on 20th February 2020.</p> <p>(e) The delegated authority be given to the Director of Finance &amp; Resources, following consultation with the Lead Member for Housing &amp; Community Safety and the Leader of the Council, to adjust the in year HRA borrowing limits to enable the potential acquisition of a HRA site for new housing.</p>		
8.	Revenue Budget 2020/2021 #	<p>That the budget, as attached, be approved.</p> <p>As the billing authority, approve the Council Tax amounts for each band in the borough including precepts from The Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley Police, the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service and the Parishes - whilst noting that these are still to confirm their final council tax precept requirements;</p>	All	Recommended

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		<p><b>Council Tax Resolution</b> – In relation to the Council Tax for 2020/21</p> <p>(a) That in pursuance of the powers conferred on the Council as the billing authority for its area by the Local Government Finance Acts (the Acts), the Council Tax for the Slough area for the year ending 31 March 2021 is as specified below and that the Council Tax be levied accordingly.</p> <p>(b) That it be noted that at its meeting on 16 December 2019 Cabinet calculated the following Tax Base amounts for the financial year 2020/21 in accordance with Regulations made under sections 31B (3) and 34(4) of the Act:</p> <p>(i) 42,918.1 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations) as the Council Tax Base for the whole of the Slough</p>		

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		<p>area for the year 2020/21; and</p> <p>(ii) The sums below being the amounts of Council Tax Base for the Parishes within Slough for 2020/21:</p> <p>Parish of Britwell 868.6 Parish of Colnbrook with Poyle 1,912.9 Parish of Wexham Court 1,416.5</p> <p>(c) That the following amounts be now calculated for the year 2020/21 in accordance with sections 31A to 36 of the Act:</p> <p>(i) £382,396,185 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. (Gross Expenditure);</p> <p>(ii) £321,271,305 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set</p>		

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		<p>out in section 31A (3) (a) to (d) of the Act. (Gross Income);</p> <p>(iii) £61,124,880 being the amount by which the aggregate at paragraph c (i) above exceeds the aggregate at paragraph c (ii) above calculated by the Council as its council tax requirement for the year as set out in section 31A(4) of the Act. (Council Tax Requirement);</p> <p>(iv) £1,424.22 being the amount at paragraph c(iii) above divided by the amount at paragraph b(i) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year, including the requirements for Parish precepts.</p> <p>(v) That for the year 2020/21 the Council determines in accordance with section 34 (1) of the Act, Total</p>		

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		<p>Special Items of £203,925 representing the total of Parish Precepts for that year.</p> <p>(vi) £1,419.47 being the amount at paragraph c (iv) above less the result given by dividing the amount at paragraph c (v) above by the relevant amounts at paragraph b (i) above, calculated by the Council, 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 item relates.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="824 1038 1498 1347"> <thead> <tr> <th>Band</th> <th>Slough Area £</th> <th>Parish of Britwell £</th> <th>Parish of Colnbrook with Poyle £</th> <th>Parish of Wexham Court £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>946.31</td> <td>44.07</td> <td>32.93</td> <td>24.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>1,104.03</td> <td>51.41</td> <td>38.42</td> <td>28.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>1,261.75</td> <td>58.75</td> <td>43.91</td> <td>32.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>1,419.47</td> <td>66.10</td> <td>49.40</td> <td>36.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>1,734.91</td> <td>80.79</td> <td>60.38</td> <td>44.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F</td> <td>2,050.35</td> <td>95.47</td> <td>71.36</td> <td>53.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G</td> <td>2,365.78</td> <td>110.16</td> <td>82.33</td> <td>61.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H</td> <td>2,838.94</td> <td>132.19</td> <td>98.80</td> <td>73.45</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Band	Slough Area £	Parish of Britwell £	Parish of Colnbrook with Poyle £	Parish of Wexham Court £	A	946.31	44.07	32.93	24.48	B	1,104.03	51.41	38.42	28.56	C	1,261.75	58.75	43.91	32.64	D	1,419.47	66.10	49.40	36.72	E	1,734.91	80.79	60.38	44.89	F	2,050.35	95.47	71.36	53.05	G	2,365.78	110.16	82.33	61.21	H	2,838.94	132.19	98.80	73.45		
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		<p>(vii) Valuation Bands</p> <p>Being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at paragraph c (iv) and c (vi) 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 36 (1) of the Act, as the amount to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.</p> <p>(viii) Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2020/21 (excluding Parish precepts) is £60,920,955.</p> <p>(ix) That it be noted that for the year 2020/21 it is assumed that the Thames Valley</p>		



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		<p>Police Authority precept will increase by £10 for a Band D property (the maximum allowed by the Home Office). The police funding settlement was only announced on 22 January. The Police and Crime Panel are provisionally meeting on the 14th February to consider the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner's precept proposals. The following amounts are stated in accordance with section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="920 906 1391 1396"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="920 906 1070 1114">Band</th> <th data-bbox="1070 906 1391 1114">Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Thames Valley £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="920 1114 1070 1150">A</td> <td data-bbox="1070 1114 1391 1150">144.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="920 1150 1070 1187">B</td> <td data-bbox="1070 1150 1391 1187">168.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="920 1187 1070 1224">C</td> <td data-bbox="1070 1187 1391 1224">192.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="920 1224 1070 1260">D</td> <td data-bbox="1070 1224 1391 1260">216.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="920 1260 1070 1297">E</td> <td data-bbox="1070 1260 1391 1297">264.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="920 1297 1070 1334">F</td> <td data-bbox="1070 1297 1391 1334">312.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="920 1334 1070 1370">G</td> <td data-bbox="1070 1334 1391 1370">360.47</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="920 1370 1070 1396">H</td> <td data-bbox="1070 1370 1391 1396">432.56</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Band	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Thames Valley £	A	144.19	B	168.22	C	192.25	D	216.28	E	264.34	F	312.40	G	360.47	H	432.56		
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		<p>(x) That it be noted that for the year 2019/20 the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority has proposed increasing its precept by 1.99% in accordance with section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="920 536 1391 954"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="920 536 1066 647">Band</th> <th data-bbox="1066 536 1391 647">Royal Berkshire Fire Authority £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="920 647 1066 687">A</td> <td data-bbox="1066 647 1391 687">45.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="920 687 1066 727">B</td> <td data-bbox="1066 687 1391 727">52.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="920 727 1066 767">C</td> <td data-bbox="1066 727 1391 767">60.09</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="920 767 1066 807">D</td> <td data-bbox="1066 767 1391 807">67.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="920 807 1066 847">E</td> <td data-bbox="1066 807 1391 847">82.62</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="920 847 1066 887">F</td> <td data-bbox="1066 847 1391 887">97.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="920 887 1066 927">G</td> <td data-bbox="1066 887 1391 927">112.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="920 927 1066 967">H</td> <td data-bbox="1066 927 1391 967">135.20</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>These precepts have not been formally proposed or agreed by the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority and may be subject to further revision.</i></p> <p>(xi) Note that arising from these recommendations, and assuming the major precepts are agreed, the overall Council Tax for Slough Borough Council for 2020/21 including the precepting authorities will be as follows:</p>	Band	Royal Berkshire Fire Authority £	A	45.07	B	52.58	C	60.09	D	67.60	E	82.62	F	97.64	G	112.66	H	135.20		
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		F	2,050.35	312.40	97.64	2,460.39		
		G	2,365.78	360.47	112.66	2,838.91		
		H	2,838.94	432.56	135.20	3,406.70		
		<p>(xii) That the Section 151 Officer be and is hereby authorised to give due notice of the said Council Tax in the manner provided by Section 38(2) of the 2012 Act.</p> <p>(xiii) That the Section 151 Officer be and is hereby authorised when necessary to apply for a summons against any Council Tax payer or non-domestic ratepayer on whom an account for the said tax or rate and arrears has been duly served and who has failed to pay the amounts due to take all subsequent</p>						

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		<p>necessary action to recover them promptly.</p> <p>(xiv) That the Section 151 Officer be authorised to collect (and disperse from the relevant accounts) the Council Tax and National Non-Domestic Rate and that whenever the office of the Section 151 Officer is vacant or the holder thereof is for any reason unable to act, the Chief Executive or such other authorised post-holder be authorised to act as before said in his or her stead.</p> <p>(xv) That in the event that there are any changes to the provisional precept of the Fire or Police Authority, the Section 151 Officer is delegated authority to enact all relevant changes to the Revenue Budget 2020/21, Statutory Resolution and council tax levels.</p>		

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		<p><b>Fees and Charges</b></p> <p>(d) Resolve to increase the Council's fees and charges as outlined in Appendix E for 2020/21.</p> <p><b>Statement on The Robustness Of Estimates &amp; Reserves</b></p> <p>(e) Note the statutory advice of the Chief Finance Officer outlined in Appendix G, the Section 25 statement. This is required to highlight the robustness of budget estimates and the adequacy of the Council's reserves.</p> <p><b>School &amp; Pupil Funding</b></p> <p>(f) Ratify the Schools Forum proposals to transition to 85% of the National Funding Formula; set the Minimum Funding Guarantee at +0.5%; retain the maximum 5% early years funding centrally; transfer £0.250m from the Central Schools Service (CSSB) Block to the High Needs Block; and, the proposed use of the CSSB.</p> <p><b>Use of Flexible Capital Receipts –</b></p> <p>(g) Resolve to agree the Use of Flexible Capital Receipts Strategy outlined in Appendix J.</p>		

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		<p><b>Pay Policy –</b></p> <p>(h) Note the Pay Policy Statement agreed at the Employment &amp; Appeals Committee on 23 January 2020 as detailed in Appendix K.</p> <p><b>Local Taxation Issues</b></p> <p>(i) Note that existing policies on court costs, empty property relief and public room booking have not changed and fees and charges for these areas are as at (d) above.</p>		
9.	Regeneration Update Centre of Slough (Square Mile)	<p>(a) That the inter-dependency between the Centre of Slough Regeneration Framework and the emerging Transport Strategy and Car Parking Strategy be noted.</p> <p>(b) That the Car parking Strategy and Transport Strategy be scheduled for approval by Cabinet in Q3 2020/21.</p> <p>(c) That the Framework Masterplan should test the following propositions to reduce the impact of traffic on the highway network:</p> <p>i. Subject to further detailed modelling, bus lanes be introduced along the entire length of the A4;</p> <p>ii. Junctions along the A4 are upgraded to</p>	All	-

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		<p>accommodate bus priority.</p> <p>iii. Guard-rails along the A4 be removed, subject to risk assessments, to facilitate better access for pedestrians, cycling and public transport.</p> <p>iv. car parking ratios be reduced on commercial and residential developments in the Town Centre and around the borough to ensure the objectives of the Regeneration Framework and the Transport Strategy are met.</p> <p>v. A new Multi-Storey Car Parking (“MSCP”) Strategy be introduced to inform and support the regeneration framework and planning policy for the town centre.</p>		
10.	References from Overview & Scrutiny	There were no references from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee or scrutiny panels.	All	-
11.	Notification of Forthcoming Decisions	Endorsed.	All	Resolved