

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**POLICY, RESOURCES & GROWTH COMMITTEE**

**4.00pm 14 FEBRUARY 2019**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Yates (Chair), Hamilton (Deputy Chair), Janio (Opposition Spokesperson), Bell, Daniel, Gibson, Mitchell, Peltzer Dunn, Sykes and Wealls

**PART ONE**

**1 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

**(a) Declarations of Substitutes**

120.1 Councillor Gibson was present in substitution for Councillor Mac Cafferty.

**(b) Declarations of Interest**

120.2 There were no declarations of interests in matters listed on the agenda.

**(c) Exclusion of Press and Public**

120.3 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any of the items listed on the agenda.

120.4 **RESOLVED:** That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items contained in part two of the agenda.

**2 MINUTES**

121.1 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes from the meeting held on 24 January 2019 be agreed and signed as correct record.

**3 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

I would like to inform those present that this meeting will be webcast live and be capable of repeated viewing.

**4 CALL OVER**

123.1 The following items were reserved for discussion:

- Item 126            Saltdean Lido  
 Item 127            General Fund Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Strategy 2019/20  
 Item 128            Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Investment Programme  
                          2019/20 and Medium Term Financial Strategy  
 Item 129            Targeted Budget Management (TBM) 2018/19: Month 9

## 5 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

124(a)                Two petitions were presented to the committee.

124.1                Reduce Parking Permit Charges – Presented by Mr Felix Elkin

Mr Elkin considers the parking charges for Brighton and Hove to be excessive. Mr Elkin presented the petition and requested that parking charges for other cities across England be compared to Brighton and Hove City Council prices. Mr Elkin researched the total amount of revenue from parking charges and felt that the amount given to Brighton and Hove Buses could be spent elsewhere, including the reduction of parking permits for residents.

The Chairman gave the following response:

Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) was introduced in July 2001 with the aim of reducing congestion and improving traffic management. Any surplus arising from on street parking including resident permits and trader permits is spent on qualifying expenditure as governed by section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended from October 2004 by section 95 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. The surplus generated from charges after direct costs contributes towards the part funding of bus subsidies, concessionary bus fares and Local Transport Plan costs.

The proposed 2019/20 fees follow a review of parking demand in the city and the objectives set out in the Council's Local Transport Plan. Improving air quality is a key objective in Brighton & Hove. Nationally, poor air quality reduced average life expectancy in the UK by over 6 months and is responsible for approximately 50,000 premature deaths annually. In some parts of Brighton & Hove, levels of nitrogen oxides are double European and English legal limits. As part of a range of measures to improve air quality, such as the introduction of a Low Emission Zone, parking charges / costs in this area can help to encourage less polluting travel options and reduce emissions.

Sunday parking and also parking between the period of 6pm - 8pm are still very high demand times and reducing these times / days could cause congestion and accessibility issues if they were to become unrestricted. When consulting on resident parking schemes the Council do offer a number of alternatives including Monday to Friday restrictions or restrictions for just parts of the day e.g. a Light touch parking scheme.

However, if a majority of residents of a particular resident parking zones do require a reduction in the hours or days then this could be considered as a future parking scheme review but would need a signed petition to allow the Council to gauge the support for this consultation taking place so it can be considered for inclusion in the priority parking scheme timetable.

The committee agreed to accept the petition.

124.2 On Street Parking Charges Increases, Brighton and Hove – Presented by Ms Michelle Guyatt.

Ms Guyatt felt that the on street parking charges were prohibitive and stopping tourists from visiting the city. Ms Guyatt also felt that the charges were an excessive income stream for Brighton and Hove City Council (BHCC). Ms Guyatt had estimated running figures and increased income for the Council since charges were increase. Ms Guyatt felt that was unhappy about current charges and the fines issued for non-compliance.

The chairman gave the following response:

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The proposed 2019/20 fees follow a review of parking demand in the city and the objectives set out in the Council's Local Transport Plan. Improving air quality is a key objective in Brighton & Hove. Nationally, poor air quality reduced average life expectancy in the UK by over 6 months and is responsible for approximately 50,000 premature deaths annually. In some parts of Brighton & Hove, levels of nitrogen oxides are double European and English legal limits. As part of a range of measures to improve air quality, such as the introduction of a Low Emission Zone, parking charges in this area can help to encourage less polluting travel options and reduce emissions.

In addition, congestion in the central area can affect the reliability of journey times and long term parking can reduce accessibility and the turnover of spaces. Parking charges can help to encourage alternative transport choices and higher turnover of spaces. Better accessibility through a high turnover of vehicles being parked helps to support local businesses.

As with on-street parking charges, the proposed fees for off-Street parking are considered to be at a level which reflects the Council's traffic

management objectives, particularly to reduce congestion in the city centre and promote alternative forms of transport.

The committee agreed to accept the petition.

124 (b) Written Questions

124.3 No written questions had been received.

124 (c) Deputations

124.4 No deputations had been received.

## 6 MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

125 (a) Petitions

125.1 No petitions had been received from Members.

125 (b) Written Questions

125.2 One written question had been received from Councillor Gibson.

'Can the Chair of the Committee please provide a table showing the annual repayment required of BHCC on a loan (showing repayment periods of 30, 40, 50 and 60 years for each loan), at current PWLB rates for 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 50 million pounds?'

The Chairman gave the following response:

The table below shows the annual financing costs of borrowing based on the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) published rates on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019. These costs are subject to the government's discount to local authorities. This is known as the 'certainty rate' which is 0.20% below the published maturity rate for standard new loans. These rates apply to maturity loans where the principle loan amount is repaid in one lump sum at the end of the loan period.

PWLB rates are updated and published twice daily on banking days and can fluctuate substantially over time primarily due to changes to the Gilts market and the Bank of England Base Rate, and therefore the information in the table is indicative only, i.e. different interest rates would result in different costs.

The annual cost is based on the council's Annuity Minimum Revenue Provision whereby the council sets aside repayments of the principle each year to meet the full loan repayment at the loan expiry date.

The parameters for the council's investment and borrowing are set within the Treasury and Prudential Indicators. The 2019/20 indicators are due to be agreed at Budget Council on the 28 February 2019 as part of the Budget Report.

All loan finance must satisfy a number of conditions:

- It has to be used to fund capital investment
- The loan relates to the lifespan of the assets created
- The cost must be affordable, prudent and sustainable with the financing costs being reflected in the council's revenue budget.

Information for 60 years loans has not been provided as the maximum term for a PWLB loan is 50 years.

Based on Annuity		Period		
30 years		40 years		50 years
PWLB Certainty Rate		2.53%	2.42%	2.39%
<b>Loan amount</b>		<b>£'000 pa</b>	<b>£'000 pa</b>	<b>£'000 pa</b>
£5m		240	197	172
£10m		480	393	345
£20m		959	786	690
£25m		1,199	983	862
£30m		1,439	1,179	1,035
£35m		1,679	1,376	1,207
£40m		1,919	1,572	1,379
£50m		2,398	1,965	1,724

The Chairman passed a paper copy of the table to Councillor Gibson.

125 (c) Letters

125.3 No letters have been received from Members.

125 (d) Notices of

Motion

125.4 No Notices of Motion had been received.

## 7 SALTDEAN LIDO RESTORATION

126.1 The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Culture which considered the Council support for the restoration of the Council owned Saltdean Lido to enable the long term sustainability of the facility since the surrender of the previous leaseholder in 2011.

126.2 The Saltdean Lido Community Interest Company (SLCIC) has received a conditional grant of £4.2m from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) upon the SLCIC achieving match funding. Applications to Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) and Power to Change have been unsuccessful. The Council has been requested to support the restoration with the shortfall of £1.6m to enable the restoration work of the main building to go ahead.

126.3 The report considered the options to the Council to assist with the funding shortfall and the potential implications if assistance is not provided to restore the grade II\* heritage asset listed structure on the Buildings at Risk register.

126.4 Councillor Janio set out the following amendment:

'To add the word *'and'* to recommendation (5) and the additional recommendations (6) as set out below in bold italics:

*That the committee requests that Officers assist the Saltdean Lido CIC by undertaking such activities as they consider appropriate in connection with fundraising for the Lido restoration, including the match funding required to support the HLF grant, and requests that the Executive Director Economy, Environment and Culture to bring a biannual report to PRG Committee detailing the progress made.*

- 126.5 The amendment was seconded by Councillor Bell.
- 126.6 Councillor Janio commented that the Lido was highly valued asset and he supported the underwriting the shortfall. He also stated that he was keen that the Council keep-an-eye on the scheme and that Council officer's should support developers and that CIC should look at other funding wherever possible.
- 126.7 Councillor Sykes stated his support for the amendment and asked if the business case for the CIC was robust and what were the VAT implications on the restoration project.
- 126.8 He was informed that CIC would be able to recover VAT and the CIC business plan seems realistic, in a robust position and operating reliably on a sound basis.
- 126.9 Councillor Peltzer Dunn asked, as the Council was the leaseholder, what would happen if CIC failed and would legal charges be incurred involving the leaseholder and tenant, both of whom were the Council.
- 126.10 He was informed that if CIC failed the lease would revert to the Council and that security was in place with fail clauses.
- 126.11 Councillor Wealls asked if the lease had conditions to repay monies.
- 126.12 He was informed that the Council interests were protected and that the monies were not a loan but a grant.
- 126.13 Councillor Bell noted that the item numbering on page 29 was out of sync and under 7.7.2 Governance - the authority could have increased governance including the oversight of the tender process for works. The Member was pleased to also note that the HLF monitors expenditure and stated that he felt that the Members had a duty of care on behalf of residents to monitor expenditure and that East Brighton had few tourist attractions and the Lido was a valuable asset.
- 126.14 The Chair noted the comments and put the recommendations to the vote.
- 126.15 **RESOLVED:**
- (1) Agrees to the request from Saltdean Lido CIC and underwrites the shortfall in funding of £1.600m towards the restoration of Saltdean Lido to secure the HLF grant of £4.200m;
  - (2) Agrees that if the Saltdean Lido CIC fails to identify alternative sources of funding that the council will provide funding of up to £1.600m pursuant to a funding

agreement;

- (3) Agrees that if the council provides the funding of up to £1.600m it shall fund the contribution by borrowing and be included in the capital investment programme;
- (4) Notes the Saltdean Lido CIC have an outstanding loan of £0.220m and agrees to reschedule the loan repayments with a deferment of 9 months as set out in paragraph 7.4;
- (5) Grants delegated authority to the Executive Director Economy, Environment & Culture to agree the terms of the funding agreement and take all necessary steps to implement the recommendations above; and
- (6) That the committee requests that Officers assist the Saltdean Lido CIC by undertaking such activities as they consider appropriate in connection with fundraising for the Lido restoration, including the match funding required to support the HLF grant, and requests that the Executive Director Economy, Environment and Culture bring a biannual report to PRG Committee detailing the progress made.

## **8 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET, COUNCIL TAX AND CAPITAL STRATEGY 2019/20**

- 127.1 The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director for Finance & Resources which detailed the revenue and capital budget proposals for 2019/20. The Executive Director noted that the report reflected the final year of the 4 year planning framework introduced in 2016/17 and was aligned with the current central government spending review period and 4 year funding deal.
- 127.2 Councillor Sykes requested information relating to the number of posts lost as a result of the funding to libraries, what was the funding provided for Hove Station and what the funding set aside for contingency regarding Brexit.
- 127.3 The Executive Director stated that the loss of 10.5 Full Time Employee (FTE) posts had been reduced to 8, Hove Station funding would need to be confirmed in writing, and the contingency funding for Brexit was £210,000, but not limited to.
- 127.4 The Chief Executive commented that the South East 7 drew on information from across the area and this may reveal where funding may be required and to note that contingency funding was for the resulting issues not Brexit itself.
- 127.5 Councillor Yates thanked the officers for the report and was pleased to see the all year round funding for the Night Shelter and the Mary Clark statue model.
- 127.6 Councillor Gibson requested the dates for the budget review and was informed that it was December 2018 and April 2019.
- 127.7 Councillor Yates wished the committee to note that the plan for funding was a 4 year cycle with ongoing reviews.

127.8 Councillor Gibson was also pleased to note the funding for the all year round Night Shelter. However, he expressed concern at the loss of high dependency bed spaces and the resulting impact on other units.

127.9 The Chair noted the comments and put the recommendations to the vote.

127.1 **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

- (1) The Administration's proposed budget and Council Tax increase on the Brighton & Hove element of the council tax, comprising:
  - i) A general Council Tax increase of 2.99%;
  - ii) The council's net General Fund budget requirement for 2019/20 of £203.583m;
  - iii) The 2019/20 budget allocations to services as set out in the Budget book at Appendix 1 incorporating 2019/20 savings proposals contained in the 4 - Year Integrated Service & Financial Plans;
  - iv) The reserves allocations as set out in paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.** and table 3;
- (2) That Council notes the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy included in the Budget Book at Appendix 1.
- (3) That Council approves the Capital Strategy for 2019/20 at Appendix 2 comprising:
  - i) The strategy for funding the investment in change and flexible use of capital receipts as set out in section 5;
  - ii) The capital resources and proposed borrowing included at Annex 1;
  - iii) The Capital Investment Programme for 2019/20 of £156.650m included within the Budget book at Appendix 1 and incorporating allocations to strategic funds.
- (4) That Council notes the Equalities Impact Assessments to cover all relevant budget options and their cumulative effect as set out in Appendices 6 and 7.
- (5) That Council further notes the budget decision is an indicative resourcing decision to be taken in the context of the explanation in the Legal Implications paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.**
- (6) That Council approves the Treasury Management Strategy Statement as set out in Appendix 3 comprising:
  - i) The Annual Investment Strategy
  - ii) The Prudential and Treasury Indicators
  - iii) The Minimum Revenue Provision policy
  - iv) The authorised borrowing limit for the year commencing 1 April 2019 of £420m.
- (7) That Council notes that supplementary information needed to set the overall council tax will be provided for the budget setting Council meeting as listed in

paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.**

- (8) That Policy, Resources & Growth Committee agrees that Executive Director Finance & Resources be authorised to make any necessary technical, presentational or consequential amendments to this report before submission to full Council.

## **9 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2019/20 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

- 128.1 The Committee considered a joint report of the Executive Director for Finance & Resources and the Executive Director for Neighbourhoods, Communities & Housing, which detailed the proposed Housing Revenue Account (HRA) revenue and capital budget for 2019/20 as required by the Local Government & Housing Act 1989.
- 128.2 Councillor Gibson proposed the following amendment and stated that he felt that the amendment should be considered by the committee in sections and made the following comments:
- The importance of affordable rents was not to be underestimated;
  - The Council buying homes and emergency accommodation was a positive;
  - It was good to spend-to-save and resources identified in the report could expand the scheme;
  - The loss of units under the right-to-buy scheme was almost balanced by the replacement units built by the authority; and
  - Fully approve of housing as a top priority.

To amend the following recommendations, and insert recommendations (3) to (6) as shown below in ***bold italics***:

**Recommendations:** That the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee approve and recommend the following to full Council:

- (1) That full Council approve the updated HRA revenue budget for 2019/20 as shown in Appendix 2 to the report ***(as amended for any change to reserves arising from amendments (3) and (6) below)***; and
- (2) That full Council approve the capital programme budget of £26.964m for 2019/20 and notes the 3 year programme as set out in Appendix 4 to the report ***(as amended for any change to the capital programme arising from amendments (4), (5) and (6) below)***.
- (3) ***That a HRA Rent Support Reserve of £1.050m be created, through a reduction in the reserve funding of the HRA capital programme by borrowing the same, and to apply this reserve in the form of a subsidy over the lifetime of modelled new schemes in order to support the provision of new council homes at lower rents, particularly social rents and 27.5% living wage rents;***

**Chief Finance Officer Comments**

The effect of amendment (a) is to switch the current funding of the capital programme from revenue reserves to borrowing by £1.050m. This will cost approximately £0.031m in borrowing costs from 2020/21. The borrowing costs in 2020/21 and beyond will need to be financed within the HRA revenue budget for 2020/21 and included in budget proposals for this financial year. Depending on agreed rent levels, this may require subsidy from the HRA. Given that HRA rents will begin increasing again from 2020/21, extra revenue resources are potentially available to fund any subsidy but will forego spending on other HRA priorities. Note: there will be no interest due in 2019/20.

The intended purpose of the rent support reserve is to support new housing schemes that are reported to H&NH Committee with an estimated subsidy, enabling rents to be set at a lower level than would otherwise be the case. The use and parameters of this reserve and whether amendments to the rent policy are required would need to be considered. A full equalities impact assessment would also need to be carried out to ensure that the application of this reserve was fair and equitable.

- (4) *That the Purchase Properties budget be increased by £3.500m and added to the 2019/20 HRA Capital programme to be funded by HRA borrowing and Right to Buy receipts;***

**Chief Finance Officer Comments**

This amendment can be funded by a combination of RTB receipts (£1.050m) and borrowing (£2.450m). This would increase the purchase properties budget to £7m for 2019/20. This equates to approximately 32 properties being purchased in 2019/20 based on the average price paid to date. The increase in this budget is likely to require more staffing resources to support this; these costs would need to be met from this capital budget. There is a risk that this budget would not be spent in total given the large increase in budget and the service capacity to deliver this. However, unspent budget can be reprofiled into the following financial year.

The capital programme and business plan already assumes that RTB receipts up to 2021/22 will be fully utilised by the estimated pipeline of schemes within the New Homes for Neighbourhoods programme. The extra £3.500m of expenditure funded by RTB receipts included in this amendment would therefore replace this assumed future expenditure, reducing the 2020/21 to 2021/22 resources (currently £21.410m) for other pipeline schemes by £3.500m.

By effectively bringing this £3.500m forward 1 year, this will result in additional borrowing costs in 2020/21 of approximately £0.074m. Depending on agreed rent levels, this may require subsidy from the HRA. Given that HRA rents will begin increasing again from 2020/21, extra revenue resources are potentially available to fund any subsidy but this will forego spending on other HRA priorities. Note: there will be no interest due in 2019/20.

- (5) *That a budget of £3.500m be added to the 2019/20 HRA Capital programme to purchase buildings to provide emergency homeless accommodation for in-house delivery by the council to be funded by HRA borrowing and RTB***

**receipts;****Chief Finance Officer Comments**

The additional budget of £3.500m could be added to the HRA capital programme for 2019/20 and potentially funded by RTB receipts (£1.050m) and borrowing (£2.450m) but it would still require a detailed report to this committee on all of the associated revenue implications (HRA and General Fund) of providing this type of accommodation to ensure that such a scheme was viable and cost effective. This means the committee does have the alternative option of waiting for this further report rather than adding this scheme to the capital programme now. Importantly, it is still not confirmed whether or not such a scheme would be able to utilise RTB receipts and this will be pursued with the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). The detailed report back to committee would include all implications about the funding of such a project.

Based on similar projects delivered within the HRA, it is unlikely that the scheme would be viable without the use of RTB receipts. If this budget is approved and the purchase of properties for use as Emergency Accommodation does not provide Value for Money, any budget variations, up or down, will be made in accordance with the council's Financial Regulations and Standard Financial Procedures.

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By effectively bringing this £3.500m forward 1 year will result in additional borrowing costs in 2020/21 of approximately £0.074m. Depending on agreed rent levels, this may require subsidy from the HRA. Given that HRA rents will begin to increase again from 2020/21, extra revenue resources are potentially available to fund any subsidy but this will forego spending on other HRA priorities. Note: there will be no interest due in 2019/20.

**(6) *That the Estate Development Budget be increased by £0.050m to £0.405m in the 2019/20 HRA Capital programme, funded from HRA useable reserves.***

**Chief Finance Officer Comments**

The amendment would mean the use of revenue reserves to fund this increase in budget, therefore reducing useable reserves at March 2020 to £3.086m. It should be noted that there is currently a review of EDB being carried out with tenants.

- 128.3 Supporting information to the proposed amendment had been circulated to Members and officers before the meeting.
- 128.4 Councillor Sykes formally seconded the amendment.

- 128.5 The Chair asked if the £7m was for the total of 32 properties that had been bought by the authority and whether the Estate Development Budget (EDB) was over or under spent.
- 128.6 The Executive Director for Finance & Resources confirmed that it was correct and the HRA covered the full cost and that the EDB was under budget and was currently being reviewed. It was noted that the EDB could be spent without coming to committee.
- 128.7 Councillor Janio asked if current projects were to go ahead should EDB funds be available.
- 128.8 The Executive Director for Finance & Resources confirmed that the funds were available.
- 128.9 The Chair noted the request to take each of the revised recommendations of the amendment individually and therefore put each recommendation as amended to the vote. The Chair confirmed that recommendations (1) to (5) as amended had been carried and that the additional recommendation (6) had been lost.

**128.8 RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

- (1) That full Council approve the updated HRA revenue budget for 2019/20 as shown in Appendix 2 to the report (as amended for any change to reserves arising from amendments (3) and (6) below); and
- (2) That full Council approve the capital programme budget of £26.964m for 2019/20 and notes the 3 year programme as set out in Appendix 4 to the report (as amended for any change to the capital programme arising from amendments (4), (5) and (6) below).
- (3) That a HRA Rent Support Reserve of £1.050m be created, through a reduction in the reserve funding of the HRA capital programme by borrowing the same, and to apply this reserve in the form of a subsidy over the lifetime of modelled new schemes in order to support the provision of new council homes at lower rents, particularly social rents and 27.5% living wage rents;
- (4) That the Purchase Properties budget be increased by £3.500m and added to the 2019/20 HRA Capital programme to be funded by HRA borrowing and Right to Buy receipts; and
- (5) That a budget of £3.500m be added to the 2019/20 HRA Capital programme to purchase buildings to provide emergency homeless accommodation for in-house delivery by the council to be funded by HRA borrowing and RTB receipts.

**10 TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) 2018/19: MONTH 9**

- 129.1 The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director of Finance & Resources, which set an indication of forecast risks as at Month 9 of the Council's revenue and capital budgets for the financial year 2018/19.

- 129.2 Councillor Sykes asked how the Adult Social Care spend was being monitored, what were the Housing Services and Temporary Accommodation spends and what was being done about the overspend relating to Cityclean.
- 129.3 He was informed that Adult Social Care had received less funding from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Public Health. The budget is complex with work streams are being set up to help to save money. It was noted that CCG budget setting is often completed way into the new financial year and this had a knock-on effect on Adult Social Care budgets as predictions may not meet delivery.
- 129.4 Temporary accommodation has not seen a huge increase and the Flexible Homes grant is therefore being reserved for Social Services and will have an increased focus on needs and wants. To that end more data is being collated to better allocate resources.
- 129.5 Cityclean are currently recruiting a dedicated commercial waste team to cover ongoing and new issues. This will supply more information to assist with reducing overspends.
- 129.6 Councillor Peltzer Dunn commented that the amended 'Bubble' chart looked healthier and thanked the officers.
- 129.7 Councillor Yates thanked officers for the work involved with the report.
- 129.8 The Chair noted the comments and put the recommendations to the vote.
- 129.9 **RESOLVED:**
- (1) That the forecast risk position for the General Fund which indicates a budget pressure of £0.381m as at month 9 be noted. (This includes an overspend of £1.100m on the council's share of the NHS managed Section 75 services);
  - (2) That, based on downward forecast trends since month 4, the position to be assumed for the purposes of setting the 2019/20 General Fund revenue budget is break-even, indicating a further predicted improvement of £0.381m by year end be noted;
  - (3) That the 2018/19 one-off financial risk safety net of £1.500m can therefore be released and will be available in full to support the 2019/20 General Fund revenue budget be noted;
  - (4) That the forecast for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), which is currently an underspend of £0.900m be noted;
  - (5) That the forecast position for the Dedicated Schools Grant, which is an underspend of £0.865m be noted;
  - (6) That the forecast outturn position on the capital programme and approve the variations and slippage in Appendix 6 and the new schemes as set out in

Appendix 7 to the report be noted; and

- (7) That the advice regarding the council's ability to accept payments in Euros as set out in Section **Error! Reference source not found.** of the report be noted.

**11 ITEMS REFERRED FOR COUNCIL**

130.1 Items 127 and 128 were referred to the Full Council meeting on 27 February 2019.

**Part Two Summary**

**12 PART TWO MINUTES - EXEMPT CATEGORY 3**

Part Two Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 January 2019 were accepted as true record and signed by The Chair.

**13 PART TWO PROCEEDINGS**

132. 1 There were no Part Two proceedings.

The meeting concluded at 5.34pm.

The meeting concluded at 5.34pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of