

Council – 28 February 2019

Revenue and Capital Budget Plan 2019/20 and Council Tax 2019/20 – Update

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Council is legally required to agree its budget and set a Council Tax for 2019/20 on or before 10 March 2019.
- 1.2. This paper provides final information on the level of resource required by levying bodies, plus agreed precepts from the Police & Crime Commissioner, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (Mayoral Precept) and local parish councils. The Fire & Rescue Authority are not due to meet until 1.00pm on 28 February 2019 to agree their precept. Therefore, the information contained within the report is based on the precept being recommended for approval by the Fire and Rescue Authority. This report will be updated and re-published immediately following confirmation being received from them.
- 1.3. The recommendation to Council on the Authority's Budget and Council Tax level for 2019/20 is contained on the main agenda. Assuming this is approved unaltered at the Budget Council meeting, and the Fire and Rescue Authority confirm their precept at the same level assumed; the overall Council Tax level for 2019/20 is set out below. A formal resolution for Council, based on these figures, will be published as an Appendix immediately following confirmation being received from the Fire & Rescue Authority. If any amendments to the proposed Council Tax level for 2019/20 are made at the Budget Council meeting, a new Council Tax Resolution will be circulated.

2. Charges relating to External / Levying Bodies

- 2.1. The Council is required to pay charges relating to levies from external bodies. The expected amounts to be paid in 2019/20, and their impact on Sefton's budget compared to 2018/19, is shown in the table below: -

<u>Levying Body</u>	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>Change</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) - Transport Levy	18,605,000	18,490,000	-115,000
Waste Disposal Authority	14,430,056	15,442,157	1,012,101
Environment Agency	154,826	157,430	2,604
Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority	65,415	66,723	1,308
Port Health Authority	13,500	27,000	13,500
	33,268,797	34,183,310	914,513

3. Precepts

3.1. Police & Crime Commissioner and Fire & Rescue Precepts

The Police and Crime Commissioner set a budget / precept on 22 February 2019, with a Band C increase of 13.49% (£24.00 on a Band D property). The Fire and Rescue Authority is due to set its budget / precept for 2019/20 on 28 February 2018; with a Band C increase of 2.98% being recommended for approval by the Authority. This report will be updated and re-published immediately following confirmation being received from them.

	Precept			Band C		
	2018/19	2019/20	Change	2018/19	2019/20	Change
	£	£	£	£	£	%
Police	14,760,740	16,981,090	2,220,350	158.20	179.53	13.49
Fire	6,349,848	6,628,654	278,806	68.05	70.08	2.98

3.2. LCRCA Mayoral Precept

To be able to deliver the Mayor's key priorities in 2019/20 a new Mayoral Precept will be levied on Council Taxpayers across the region, with a Band C increase of £16.89 approved at the Authority's meeting on 1 February 2019 (£19.00 on a Band D property).

3.3. Parishes

The Parish precepts variations are highlighted below: -

	Precept			Band C		
	2018/19	2019/20	Change	2018/19	2019/20	Change
	£	£	£	£	£	%
Aintree Village	113,000	114,100	1,100	49.31	49.07	-0.49
Formby	80,000	91,032	11,032	7.80	8.85	13.46
Hightown	5,460	5,460	0	5.62	5.57	-0.89
Ince Blundell	2,009	2,009	0	10.98	10.68	-2.73
Little Altcar	3,074	3,326	252	8.26	8.85	7.14
Lydiate	150,583	156,606	6,023	65.36	67.40	3.12
Maghull	643,347	652,974	9,627	87.37	87.32	-0.06
Melling	20,000	35,000	15,000	17.79	30.84	73.36
Sefton	3,500	7,000	3,500	13.16	25.96	97.26
Thornton	5,000	5,000	0	5.82	5.77	-0.86
	1,025,973	1,072,507				

4. Summary of Budget Proposals for 2019/20

- 4.1. As a result of the information contained within the main report and this update the bridging of the 2019/20 funding gap is shown as follows:

	2019/20 £'m
Additional Budget Pressures from 2018/19	7.800
Public Sector Reform Projects – amended assumptions	5.024
Public Sector Reform Projects – planned savings	9.517
Total Savings Required 2019/20	22.341
Original 2019/20 MTFP Funding Gap (prior to Council Tax Increase)	3.781
Total Revised MTFP Funding Gap (prior to Council Tax Increase)	26.122
Public Sector Reform Projects – planned savings	-9.517
The Local Government Settlement for 2019/20	-5.134
Key MTFP assumption revisions	-5.421
Revised Funding Gap	6.050
Budget Proposals	
Service Delivery Options	-2.269
Remaining Funding Gap	3.781
Council Tax increase (2.99%)	-3.781
Adult Social Care Precept (no increase)	0.000
Balanced Budget	0.000

A summary of the budget for 2019/20 is shown at the revised Appendix C.

5. Recommended Council Tax for 2019/20

- 5.1. Council are recommended to approve the Budget for 2019/20, as set out in the main report.
- 5.2. The recommended overall Band C Council Tax to be raised for 2019/20 (excluding Parish Precepts) is as follows: -

	2018/19	2019/20	Increase
	£	£	%
Sefton	1,355.30	1,395.82	2.99
Police & Crime Commissioner	158.20	179.53	13.49
Fire & Rescue Authority	68.05	70.08	2.98
Mayoral Precept	0.00	16.89	n/a
	1,581.45	1,662.32	5.11

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