

Council – 28 February 2019

Revenue and Capital Budget Plan 2019/20 and Council Tax 2019/20 – Final 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, the Fire & Rescue Authority, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (Mayoral Precept) and local parish councils.
- 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 tonight's meeting; the overall Council Tax level for 2019/20 is set out below. The formal resolution for Council is also attached as an Appendix. 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 set its budget / precept for 2019/20 on 28 February 2018; with a Band C increase of 2.98% being approved 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 (£1,597,463 for Sefton), with a Band C charge 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 shown 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 published previously.

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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