

Council – 27 February 2020

Revenue and Capital Budget Plan 2020/21 – 2022/23 and Council Tax 2020/21 – Update

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Council is legally required to agree its budget and set a Council Tax for 2020/21 on or before 10 March 2020.
- 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 27 February 2020 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 2020/21 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 2020/21 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 2020/21 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 2020/21, and their impact on Sefton's budget compared to 2019/20, is shown in the table below: -

<u>Levying Body</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>Change</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) - Transport Levy	18,490,000	18,851,000	361,000
Recycling and Waste Authority	15,442,157	15,622,453	180,296
Environment Agency	157,430	159,713	2,283
Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority	66,723	68,057	1,334
Port Health Authority	27,000	94,500	67,500
	34,183,310	34,795,723	612,413

3. Precepts

3.1. Police & Crime Commissioner and Fire & Rescue Precepts

The Police and Crime Commissioner set a budget / precept on 18 February 2020, with a Band C increase of 4.95% (or £10 on a Band D property). The Fire and Rescue Authority is due to set its budget / precept for 2020/21 on 27 February 2020; with a Band C increase of 1.98% 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		
	2019/20	2020/21	Change	2019/20	2020/21	Change
	£	£	£	£	£	%
Police	16,981,090	17,997,190	1,016,100	179.53	188.42	4.95
Fire	6,628,654	6,826,314	197,660	70.08	71.47	1.98

3.2. LCRCA Mayoral Precept

To be able to deliver the Mayor's key priorities in 2020/21 a Mayoral Precept is levied on Council Taxpayers across the region, with no increase in the charge approved at the Authority's meeting on 24 January 2020.

	Precept			Band C		
	2019/20	2020/21	Change	2019/20	2020/21	Change
	£	£	£	£	£	%
Mayoral	1,597,463	1,613,184	15,721	16.89	16.89	0.00

3.3. Parishes

The Parish precepts and variations are highlighted below: -

	Precept			Band C		
	2019/20	2020/21	Change	2019/20	2020/21	Change
	£	£	£	£	£	%
Aintree Village	114,100	153,196	39,096	49.07	65.56	33.61
Formby	91,032	91,689	657	8.85	8.85	0.00
Hightown	5,460	9,000	3,540	5.57	9.16	64.45
Ince Blundell	2,009	2,400	391	10.68	12.52	17.23
Little Altcar	3,326	3,319	-7	8.85	8.85	0.00
Lydiate	156,606	166,002	9,396	67.40	71.22	5.67
Maghull	652,974	701,280	48,306	87.32	92.12	5.50
Melling	35,000	36,050	1,050	30.84	31.58	2.40
Sefton	7,000	10,000	3,000	25.96	37.48	44.38
Thornton	5,000	6,000	1,000	5.77	6.76	17.16
	1,072,507	1,178,936				

4. Summary of Budget Proposals for 2020/21

- 4.1. As a result of the information contained within the main report and this update the bridging of the 2020/21 funding gap is shown as follows:

	2020/21
	£'m
Government Funding	-7.094
Key MTFP updated assumptions	12.010
Non-Recurring Savings	4.229
Revised MTFP Funding Gap	9.145
Potential Budget Options	-6.558
Potential Additions to the Budget	4.030
Potential Additional Funding	-1.298
Revised MTFP Funding Gap – excluding Council Tax	5.319
Council Tax – Core increase (1.99%)	-2.653
Adult Social Care Precept (2.00%)	-2.666
Balanced Budget	0.000

A summary of the budget for 2020/21 is shown in a revised Appendix B.

5. Recommended Council Tax for 2020/21

- 5.1. Council are recommended to approve the Budget for 2020/21, as set out in the main report.
- 5.2. The recommended overall Band C Council Tax to be raised for 2020/21 (excluding Parish Precepts) is as follows: -

	2019/20	2020/21	Increase
	£	£	%
Sefton	1,395.82	1,451.58	3.99
Police & Crime Commissioner	179.53	188.42	4.95
Fire & Rescue Authority	70.08	71.47	1.98
Mayoral Precept	16.89	16.89	0.00
	1,662.32	1,728.36	3.97

6. Fees and Charges 2020/21

- 6.1. At the time of publishing the report there were a small number of fees and charges that were still to be determined. These have now been determined and are shown in an addendum to Appendix C.

7. Capital Programme 2020/21 – 2021/22 - Update

- 7.1. An additional scheme was approved by Cabinet on 6 February 2020. The scheme is included in the overall Capital Programme, shown in a revised Appendix D, to be approved by Budget Council.

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