

## Council – 27 February 2020

### Agenda Item 11 - Revenue and Capital Budget Plan 2020/21 – 2022/23 and Council Tax 2020/21 – Final 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, 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 2020/21 is contained on the main agenda. Assuming this is approved unaltered at the Budget Council meeting, the overall Council Tax level for 2020/21 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 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: -

<b><u>Levying Body</u></b>	<b><u>2019/20</u></b>	<b><u>2020/21</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
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
	<b>34,183,310</b>	<b>34,795,723</b>	<b>612,413</b>

#### **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 set its budget / precept for 2020/21 on 27 February 2020; with a Band C increase of 1.98% being approved by the Authority.

	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
	<b>1,072,507</b>	<b>1,178,936</b>				

## 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:

	<b>2020/21</b>
	<b>£'m</b>
<b>Government Funding</b>	-7.094
<b>Key MTFP updated assumptions</b>	12.010
<b>Non-Recurring Savings</b>	4.229
<b>Revised MTFP Funding Gap</b>	<b>9.145</b>

<b>Potential Budget Options</b>	<b>-6.558</b>
<b>Potential Additions to the Budget</b>	<b>4.030</b>
<b>Potential Additional Funding</b>	<b>-1.298</b>
<b>Revised MTFP Funding Gap – excluding Council Tax</b>	<b>5.319</b>
<b>Council Tax – Core increase (1.99%)</b>	<b>-2.653</b>
<b>Adult Social Care Precept (2.00%)</b>	<b>-2.666</b>
<b>Balanced Budget</b>	<b>0.000</b>

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: -

	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>Increase</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>%</b>
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
	<b>1,662.32</b>	<b>1,728.36</b>	<b>3.97</b>

## **6. Fees and Charges 2020/21**

- 6.1. At the time of publishing the original 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.
- 6.2. In addition, an amendment to the fees and charges proposal relating to Ainsdale and Southport Beach Parking has been developed. This is also shown in the 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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