



Budget Council

Town Hall
Wallasey

28 February, 2022

Dear Councillor

This supplement for the Council meeting to be held at **6.00 p.m. on Monday, 28 February 2022** should be read in conjunction with the Council Summons dated 18 February, 2022.

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Director of Law and Governance

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UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES (S151 OFFICER) SINCE THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Change to figure included within Policy and Resources Committee amendment 15 February 2022

Item (a) (iv) and the last sentence of the amendment moved by Councillor Tom Anderson, seconded by Councillor Jeff Green, was:

libraries currently proposed to cease operation as of 1st July to continue to operate until 1st November 2022 whilst expressions of interest for their community asset transfer are sought and business cases developed and assessed, which will provide a reduction of in-year savings of £470k;

amounting to a reduction in revenue savings of £162k for 2022/23 and future years and £752k for 2022/23 only, with the use of the budget surplus to support this.

However, following the agreement to remove Greasby and Rock Ferry Library from the Libraries proposal from items (a) (i) and (iv), there should have been a further amendment to the figure of £470k above, given that Greasby and Rock Ferry library had been removed from the list for closure and should not have been included in the list of libraries that would remain open until November 2022 in amendment (iv).

Therefore, 'the reduction on in-year savings quoted of £470k' should now be £380k and in total 'a reduction in revenue savings of £752k for 2022/23 only' should now be £662k for 2022/23 only

These revised figures, should therefore also appear in the resolution at (1) (g) (iv)

Calculations as follows:

	Original	Revised
Recurrent costs 22/23 and all future years:		
Removal of Greasby and Rock Ferry Library	£162k	£162k
Non-recurrent costs 22/23 only:		
Establishment of Community Asset Transfer Fund	£282k	£282k
Remaining libraries remaining open until 1 November	<u>£470k</u>	<u>£380k</u>
Total	£752k	£662k

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Director of Resources (S151 Officer)

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ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS FOR BUDGET COUNCIL

28 FEBRUARY 2022

1. LABOUR GROUP ALTERATION

**Proposed by Councillor Janette Williamson
Seconded by Councillor Yvonne Nolan**

That the motion proposed as set out in the recommendation from the Policy and Resources Committee of 15 February, 2022, in minute 129, 'Budget 2022/23 and Medium Term Financial Plan' be subject to an alteration, in that an addition be made with a new paragraph at (1) (i), as follows (the remaining paragraphs being re-lettered):

"An allocation of £125,000 from within the 2022/23 capital programme be identified to enable the total Climate Emergency Budget to remain at £250,000 from revenue and capital for 2022/23. This is in recognition of the increasing concern over the continuing pattern of severe weather and just recently, the worst storms we have seen in decades. We have an obligation to ensure our assets can be fit for purpose and remain in good order so that when such events occur again, we can continue to operate vital council services for residents, with no or minimal disruption'

This does not affect the existing revenue saving of £125,000 already proposed."

2. LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP AMENDMENT

**Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist
Seconded by Councillor Chris Carubia**

That the motion proposed as set out in the recommendation from the Policy and Resources Committee of 15 February, 2022, in minute 129, 'Budget 2022/23 and Medium Term Financial Plan' be subject to the following amendments in part (1):

(e) Delete final sentence and insert....

Brackenwood Golf Course currently proposed to cease operation as at 1 April 2022 to continue to operate until 30 September 2022 whilst expressions of interest for community asset transfer are sought and assessed which will provide a reduction of in-year savings of £55k. This will not affect the saving proposal to come into effect as at 1 April 2022, following Budget Council, for Hoylake Golf Course.

(g) (i) Delete all and insert....

Whilst it has been proposed that Greasby and Rock Ferry libraries are to remain operating for the purposes of community facility and library centres at a cost of

£162k, it remains necessary for the Committee to look at the overall picture and consider the circumstances pertaining to all the other library locations covered by the current consultation.

(g) (ii) *Delete £282k and replace with £113k.*

Insert new paragraph after "(h)Greenbelt where those sites are within it."

(i) That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed "Temporary Closure and Remodelling of Bidston Tennis Centre" be amended to reduce the savings proposals so as to make sufficient monies available to enable Bidston Tennis Centre to continue to operate until 31 March 2023 whilst public consultation and further discussions take place with the Lawn Tennis Association; which will provide a reduction of in-year savings of £114k.

3. GREEN GROUP AMENDMENTS

**Proposed by Councillor Pat Cleary
Seconded by Councillor Jason Walsh**

First Amendment

That the motion proposed as set out in the recommendation from the Policy and Resources Committee of 15 February, 2022, in minute 129, 'Budget 2022/23 and Medium Term Financial Plan' be subject to the following amendments in part (1):

*Delete/amend paragraphs (i) to (iv) in item 1 (g)
Adjust the capital allocation at item 1 (g) (iii) to £750,000*

Add a new paragraph as follows:

Any efficiencies from across the Council achieved beyond the proposed savings at the end of Quarter 2 in 2022/23 and which do not conflict with existing budget provisions or contravene specific guidance or criteria will be allocated to support any successful bid to transfer an existing library facility to a community organisation up to a maximum of £250,000.

Ensure that any groups interested in the transfer of community assets are signposted as appropriate to existing, contracted for, support provided by Wirral Council via third parties to assist with the preparation and development of relevant business cases.

The amended resolution to read:

(g) That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed "Reprovision of the Library Service" be amended to reduce the savings proposals so as to make sufficient monies available so as to enable:

~~(i) Greasby and Rock Ferry libraries to remain operating for the purposes of community facility and library centres at a cost of £162k ; £162K to be made available to the Tourism Communities Culture and Leisure Committee to permanently support library provision across Wirral pending a final determination further to the ongoing public consultation on the future of libraries.~~

~~(ii) expressions of interest in community asset transfer of the libraries to be supported in assisting the production and implementation of business cases at a cost of £282k ; and~~

(ii) an allocation from within the 2022/23 capital programme be identified, where necessary, to enable expressions of interest in community asset transfer of the libraries that may be closed to be supported in assisting the production and implementation of business cases at a cost of ~~£500k~~ £750k; and ensure that any groups interested in the transfer of community assets are signposted as appropriate to existing, contracted for, support provided by Wirral Council via third parties to assist with the preparation and development of relevant business cases; and

(iii) any efficiencies from across the Council achieved beyond the proposed savings at the end of Quarter 2 in 2022/23 and which do not conflict with existing budget provisions or contravene specific guidance or criteria will be allocated to support any successful bid to transfer an existing library facility to a community organisation up to a maximum of £250,000; and

(iv) libraries currently proposed to cease operation as of 1st July to continue to operate until 1st November 2022 whilst expressions of interest for their community asset transfer are sought and business cases developed and assessed, which will provide a reduction of in-year savings of £470k;

amounting to a reduction in Revenue savings of £162k for 2022/23 and future years from the budget surplus, and £470k for 2022/23 only with the use of the £3m contingency reserve to support this.

That the following additional paragraphs be inserted after (g), the remaining paragraphs to be re-lettered (m) to (o):

- (h) That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed “Redesign of Youth Offer” be deleted. This will remove the proposal to withdraw £100k from the Youth Service budget and deletion of one post from the Youth Service.
- (i) That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed “Increase in Charges for Waste and Environmental Services” be amended to reduce the savings proposals so as to make sufficient monies available to enable no charge to be levied for new grey bins at a cost of £35K and no additional ERIC bulky waste collection charges to be levied at a cost of £12K making a total cost of £47K.
- (j) That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed “Income Increase on Allotments” be amended to reduce the savings proposals at a cost of £25K.
- (k) That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed “Reduction to the Climate Emergency Budget” be amended to reduce the savings proposals at a cost of £110K amounting to a reduction in revenue savings of £282k for 2022/23 and future years from the budget surplus.

Second Amendment

That the motion proposed as set out in the recommendation from the Policy and Resources Committee of 15 February, 2022, in minute 129, 'Budget 2022/23 and Medium Term Financial Plan' be subject to the following amendments in part (1):

That the following additional paragraph be inserted after (g), the remaining paragraphs to be re-lettered as appropriate:

- (l) That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed "Removal of Individual Member Budgets" be increased to £250K so as to make sufficient monies available to enable the Climate Emergency Budget for 2022/23 to be increased by £66K.

4. COUNCILLOR JO BIRD'S AMENDMENTS

First Amendment

**Proposed by Councillor Jo Bird
Seconded by Councillor Chris Cooke**

That the motion proposed as set out in the recommendation from the Policy and Resources Committee of 15 February, 2022, in minute 129, 'Budget 2022/23 and Medium Term Financial Plan' be subject to the following amendments in part (1):

Insert a new part (f) as follows, with the rest re-lettered:

- (f) That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed "Closure of Europa Fun/Leisure Pool & Enhanced Gym Offer" be amended to pause re-opening of Europa Fun/Leisure Pool & Enhanced Gym Offer, until 31 March, 2023. This will not affect the saving proposal to come into effect as of 1st April 2022, following Budget Council.

Second Amendment

**Proposed by Councillor Jo Bird
Seconded by Councillor ??**

That the motion proposed as set out in the recommendation from the Policy and Resources Committee of 15 February, 2022, in minute 129, 'Budget 2022/23 and Medium Term Financial Plan' be subject to the following amendments in part (1):

Delete paragraphs (i) and (ii) from part (g) (becomes part (h)) and amend part (iv) (now (ii)) with the following insertions/deletions, as shown:

- (ii) libraries currently proposed to cease operation as of 1st July to continue to operate until ~~1st November 2022~~ **31st March 2023** whilst expressions of

interest for their community asset transfer are sought and business cases developed and assessed, which will provide a reduction of in-year savings of ~~£470k~~ £814K. With the use of £444,000 budget surplus and £370,000 from the £3m contingency reserve for delayed savings to support this.

~~amounting to a reduction in Revenue savings of £162k for 2022/23 and future years and £752k for 2022/23 only with the use of the budget surplus to support this.~~

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**BUDGET PROPOSAL WITH EFFECT OF LABOUR ALTERATION
INCORPORATED**

Resolved (14:1) – That the Committee:

- (1) Considered the response to the financial proposals forming a draft budget for the purposes of consultation under section 65 of the Local Government Finance Act, set out as:**

- Appendix 1 Report of the Section 151 officer as to the robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the calculations and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves**
- Appendix 2 Savings, income and efficiencies proposals**
- Appendix 3 Five year Medium-Term Financial Plan**
- Appendix 4 Budget consultation**
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and approved the same as the basis of the formulation of the draft budget subject to the following alterations and additions to the supporting proposals as set out at Appendix 2. These being:

- (a) That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed “Permanent Closure and Demolition of Woodchurch Leisure Centre” be amended to contain an additional element to the proposal that:**

Demolition of the Woodchurch Leisure Centre will not be progressed whilst a process is undergone to consider the feasibility of any expressions of interest submitted to the Council by 30 September 2022 for the transfer of the Leisure Centre to be operated by a community group or trust. Any transfer of the Leisure Centre will include the earmarked capital costs of £330k for demolition being made available to assist with required capital maintenance works to the site. In addition, if the Directorate is able to make any efficiencies above and beyond the proposed savings at the end of Quarter 1 in 2022/23, that this will be earmarked towards project support for any successful bid to transfer the facility to a community organisation. This does not affect the proposed revenue saving.

- (b) That a report be brought as soon as practicable to the Policy & Resources Committee to establish a Community Asset Transfer policy in respect of services and assets identified in the budget proposals, which should be fully integrated with the Council’s Community Wealth Building Strategy and the principles adopted within it.**

- (c) That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed “Review of Anti-Social Behaviour Team” be deleted. This will remove the proposal of £50k to review the Anti-Social Behaviour Team as the Committee is acutely aware of the blight that anti-social behaviour has on our residents’ lives and the detrimental impact it has on our communities. The £50,000 attached to this saving may be found from a different resource, that being using the Annual Community Safety Grant which the Council receives from the Police and Crime Commissioner which is as yet unallocated for 2022/23. This will both protect our communities and save jobs.
- (d) That the Director for Neighbourhoods ensure that the forthcoming reports to Tourism, Communities, Culture & Leisure Committee contain:
- (i) a full exploration of all proposals submitted during the consultation period for Hoylake and Brackenwood golf courses, including options for increasing fees, alternative provision and environmental projects;
 - (ii) delivery plans for a children’s activity area in the main swimming pool at Europa Pools on dedicated days and school holidays; and
 - (iii) a consideration of how future leisure provision may be underpinned by the Community Wealth Building Strategy and is best able to deliver the Wirral Plan objectives to reduce health inequalities in the Borough.
- (e) That expressions of interest be invited for the transfer of one or more golf courses to a community run body, to be submitted by 30th September 2022, to be developed as a business case and assessed by the Council. This will not affect the saving proposal to come into effect as of 1st April 2022, following Budget Council.
- (f) That a report be brought to a future meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee in respect of a review of the Council’s Social Value Policy, which is requested to take place within the coming six months and focussed on an ambition to make it more ambitious in its targets and for it to integrate with the social value framework currently being developed by the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.
- (g) That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed “Reprovision of the Library Service” be amended to reduce the savings proposals so as to make sufficient monies available so as to enable:
- (i) Greasby and Rock Ferry libraries to remain operating for the purposes of community facility and library centres at a cost of £162k ;

- (ii) expressions of interest in community asset transfer of the libraries to be supported in assisting the production and implementation of business cases at a cost of £282k ; and
- (iii) an allocation from within the 2022/23 capital programme be identified, where necessary, to enable expressions of interest in community asset transfer of the libraries that may be closed to be supported in assisting the production and implementation of business cases at a cost of £500k ; and
- (iv) libraries currently proposed to cease operation as of 1st July to continue to operate until 1st November 2022 whilst expressions of interest for their community asset transfer are sought and business cases developed and assessed, which will provide a reduction of in-year savings of £380k;

amounting to a reduction in Revenue savings of £162k for 2022/23 and future years and £662k for 2022/23 only with the use of the budget surplus to support this.

- (h) That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed “Review of Golf Offer” be amended to contain an additional element to the proposal that:

“Closure of these sites will require alternative proposals for use to be brought forward, which the Council intends as landowner will be for leisure or outdoor use only and would be appropriate to the Greenbelt where those sites are within it.”

- (i) **That an allocation of £125,000 from within the 2022/23 capital programme be identified to enable the total Climate Emergency Budget to remain at £250,000 from revenue and capital for 2022/23. This is in recognition of the increasing concern over the continuing pattern of severe weather and just recently, the worst storms we have seen in decades. We have an obligation to ensure our assets can be fit for purpose and remain in good order so that when such events occur again, we can continue to operate vital council services for residents, with no or minimal disruption.**

This does not affect the existing revenue saving of £125,000 already proposed.

- (j) That an additional proposal be listed at Appendix 2:

- (i) To provide additional useable funding by adopting a proposal to reduce the temperature in occupied Council buildings by 2 degrees, which will in general create a reduced energy cost of £113k; and
- (ii) That the £113,000 savings identified around council energy costs are re-directed into the Local Welfare Assistance Fund to be ringfenced for fuel poverty in the form of one-off flat payments to those residents in most need of assistance with their fuel bills. Residents across the Borough are currently suffering from a cost of

living crisis which means many are choosing between heating and eating. To enable this to be allocated fairly, the Director of Resources is requested to establish a process that will distribute the money in an equitable manner.

- (k) **Members should be kept fully informed of the response to all consultations so that the proposals brought forward tonight are seen in context and that developments involving community asset transfer are assessed by the Policy and Resources Committee in due course.**
- (2) **Noted the role of the Change Programme and the approach to currently active Service Reviews in delivering budget proposals.**
- (3) **Recommends that Council adopt a Revenue Budget, subject to the Local Government Finance Settlement to be issued by The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) of £330.13m.**
- (4) **Recommends that Council approve any surplus funding available from a budget proposal of £330.13m to be transferred to the General Fund.**
- (5) **Accordingly recommends that Council:**
 - (a) **agree the summary Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) set out as Appendix 3 and adopt the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) set out as Appendix 11;**
 - (b) **adopt the fees and charges set out as Appendix 9, with delegated authority being granted:**
 - (i) **to the Section 151 Officer to update the Council's Fees and Charges Directory prior to publication before 1 April 2022**
 - (ii) **to the relevant Director with portfolio, in consultation with the relevant Committee's Chair and Group Spokespersons, to vary existing fees and charges;**
 - (c) **approve the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy for Business Rates for 2022/23 set out as Appendix 10;**
 - (d) **set and maintain the level of General Fund Balances at the higher of**
 - (i) **4% of the Council's net revenue budget, based on a locally determined assessment of the financial risks that the Council may face in the future in accordance with the report of the Section 151 Officer (Appendix 1);**
 - (e) **authorise, in respect of the Budget Proposals, that the Director with portfolio undertake such actions as they consider necessary to implement the agreed Budget and deliver the savings, income and efficiency proposals developed as part of the formulation process and update Committees accordingly;**

- (f) approve the 2022/23 Schools Budget of £316.2m.**
- (6) Recommends that Council delegate authority to the Section 151 Officer, following consultation with the Chair and Group Spokespersons of the Policy and Resources Committee, to do anything necessary to give effect to the proposals contained in the report and to address any funding changes, if any, arising from the final Local Government Finance Settlement once agreed by Parliament.**
- (7) Recommends (subject to a separate vote at Council) that Council:**
- a. Sets the Band D Council Tax at £1,713.00 for the Wirral Borough Council element of the Council Tax, representing a general increase of 1.99% and 1.00% ringfenced increase to Adult Social Care, and the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2022/23 of £163m as detailed in Appendix 8.**
 - b. Notes that the additional precepts from the Police & Crime Commissioner for Merseyside, the Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority and the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority remain in estimated form and delegates authority to the Section 151 Officer to implement any variation to the overall council tax arising from the final notification of the precepts.**

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BUDGET PROPOSAL WITH EFFECT OF LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AMENDMENT INCORPORATED

Resolved (14:1) – That the Committee:

- (1) Considered the response to the financial proposals forming a draft budget for the purposes of consultation under section 65 of the Local Government Finance Act, set out as:**

- Appendix 1 Report of the Section 151 officer as to the robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the calculations and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves**
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and approved the same as the basis of the formulation of the draft budget subject to the following alterations and additions to the supporting proposals as set out at Appendix 2. These being:

- (a) That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed “Permanent Closure and Demolition of Woodchurch Leisure Centre” be amended to contain an additional element to the proposal that:**

Demolition of the Woodchurch Leisure Centre will not be progressed whilst a process is undergone to consider the feasibility of any expressions of interest submitted to the Council by 30 September 2022 for the transfer of the Leisure Centre to be operated by a community group or trust. Any transfer of the Leisure Centre will include the earmarked capital costs of £330k for demolition being made available to assist with required capital maintenance works to the site. In addition, if the Directorate is able to make any efficiencies above and beyond the proposed savings at the end of Quarter 1 in 2022/23, that this will be earmarked towards project support for any successful bid to transfer the facility to a community organisation. This does not affect the proposed revenue saving.

- (b) That a report be brought as soon as practicable to the Policy & Resources Committee to establish a Community Asset Transfer policy in respect of services and assets identified in the budget proposals, which should be fully integrated with the Council’s Community Wealth Building Strategy and the principles adopted within it.**

- (c) That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed “Review of Anti-Social Behaviour Team” be deleted. This will remove the proposal of £50k to review the Anti-Social Behaviour Team as the Committee is acutely aware of the blight that anti-social behaviour has on our residents’ lives and the detrimental impact it has on our communities. The £50,000 attached to this saving may be found from a different resource, that being using the Annual Community Safety Grant which the Council receives from the Police and Crime Commissioner which is as yet unallocated for 2022/23. This will both protect our communities and save jobs.
- (d) That the Director for Neighbourhoods ensure that the forthcoming reports to Tourism, Communities, Culture & Leisure Committee contain:
- (i) a full exploration of all proposals submitted during the consultation period for Hoylake and Brackenwood golf courses, including options for increasing fees, alternative provision and environmental projects;
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- (e) That expressions of interest be invited for the transfer of one or more golf courses to a community run body, to be submitted by 30th September 2022, to be developed as a business case and assessed by the Council. ~~This will not affect the saving proposal to come into effect as of 1st April 2022, following Budget Council.~~ **Brackenwood Golf Course currently proposed to cease operation as at 1 April 2022 to continue to operate until 30 September 2022 whilst expressions of interest for community asset transfer are sought and assessed which will provide a reduction of in-year savings of £55k. This will not affect the saving proposal to come into effect as at 1 April 2022, following Budget Council, for Hoylake Golf Course**
- (f) That a report be brought to a future meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee in respect of a review of the Council’s Social Value Policy, which is requested to take place within the coming six months and focussed on an ambition to make it more ambitious in its targets and for it to integrate with the social value framework currently being developed by the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.
- (g) That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed “Reprovision of the Library Service” be amended to reduce the savings proposals so as to make sufficient monies available so as to enable:

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- (ii) expressions of interest in community asset transfer of the libraries to be supported in assisting the production and implementation of business cases at a cost of ~~£282k~~ £113k; and
- (iii) an allocation from within the 2022/23 capital programme be identified, where necessary, to enable expressions of interest in community asset transfer of the libraries that may be closed to be supported in assisting the production and implementation of business cases at a cost of £500k ; and
- (iv) libraries currently proposed to cease operation as of 1st July to continue to operate until 1st November 2022 whilst expressions of interest for their community asset transfer are sought and business cases developed and assessed, which will provide a reduction of in-year savings of £380k;

amounting to a reduction in Revenue savings of £162k for 2022/23 and future years and £662k for 2022/23 only with the use of the budget surplus to support this.

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- (j) That an additional proposal be listed at Appendix 2:
 - (i) To provide additional useable funding by adopting a proposal to reduce the temperature in occupied Council buildings by 2 degrees, which will in general create a reduced energy cost of £113k; and

- (e) authorise, in respect of the Budget Proposals, that the Director with portfolio undertake such actions as they consider necessary to implement the agreed Budget and deliver the savings, income and efficiency proposals developed as part of the formulation process and update Committees accordingly;**
- (f) approve the 2022/23 Schools Budget of £316.2m.**
- (6) Recommends that Council delegate authority to the Section 151 Officer, following consultation with the Chair and Group Spokespersons of the Policy and Resources Committee, to do anything necessary to give effect to the proposals contained in the report and to address any funding changes, if any, arising from the final Local Government Finance Settlement once agreed by Parliament.**
- (7) Recommends (subject to a separate vote at Council) that Council:**

 - a. Sets the Band D Council Tax at £1,713.00 for the Wirral Borough Council element of the Council Tax, representing a general increase of 1.99% and 1.00% ringfenced increase to Adult Social Care, and the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2022/23 of £163m as detailed in Appendix 8.**
 - b. Notes that the additional precepts from the Police & Crime Commissioner for Merseyside, the Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority and the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority remain in estimated form and delegates authority to the Section 151 Officer to implement any variation to the overall council tax arising from the final notification of the precepts.**

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INCORPORATED**

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Demolition of the Woodchurch Leisure Centre will not be progressed whilst a process is undergone to consider the feasibility of any expressions of interest submitted to the Council by 30 September 2022 for the transfer of the Leisure Centre to be operated by a community group or trust. Any transfer of the Leisure Centre will include the earmarked capital costs of £330k for demolition being made available to assist with required capital maintenance works to the site. In addition, if the Directorate is able to make any efficiencies above and beyond the proposed savings at the end of Quarter 1 in 2022/23, that this will be earmarked towards project support for any successful bid to transfer the facility to a community organisation. This does not affect the proposed revenue saving.

- (b) That a report be brought as soon as practicable to the Policy & Resources Committee to establish a Community Asset Transfer policy in respect of services and assets identified in the budget proposals, which should be fully integrated with the Council’s Community Wealth Building Strategy and the principles adopted within it.**

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- (d) That the Director for Neighbourhoods ensure that the forthcoming reports to Tourism, Communities, Culture & Leisure Committee contain:
- (i) a full exploration of all proposals submitted during the consultation period for Hoylake and Brackenwood golf courses, including options for increasing fees, alternative provision and environmental projects;
 - (ii) delivery plans for a children’s activity area in the main swimming pool at Europa Pools on dedicated days and school holidays; and
 - (iii) a consideration of how future leisure provision may be underpinned by the Community Wealth Building Strategy and is best able to deliver the Wirral Plan objectives to reduce health inequalities in the Borough.
- (e) That expressions of interest be invited for the transfer of one or more golf courses to a community run body, to be submitted by 30th September 2022, to be developed as a business case and assessed by the Council. This will not affect the saving proposal to come into effect as of 1st April 2022, following Budget Council.
- (f) That a report be brought to a future meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee in respect of a review of the Council’s Social Value Policy, which is requested to take place within the coming six months and focussed on an ambition to make it more ambitious in its targets and for it to integrate with the social value framework currently being developed by the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.
- (g) That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed “Reprovision of the Library Service” be amended to reduce the savings proposals so as to make sufficient monies available so as to enable:
- (i) ~~Greasby and Rock Ferry libraries to remain operating for the purposes of community facility and library centres at a cost of £162k;~~ **£162K to be made available to the Tourism Communities Culture and Leisure Committee to permanently support library**

- provision across Wirral pending a final determination further to the ongoing public consultation on the future of libraries.**
- ~~(ii) expressions of interest in community asset transfer of the libraries to be supported in assisting the production and implementation of business cases at a cost of £282k; and~~
 - (ii) an allocation from within the 2022/23 capital programme be identified, where necessary, to enable expressions of interest in community asset transfer of the libraries that may be closed to be supported in assisting the production and implementation of business cases at a cost of ~~£500k~~ **£750k**; and **ensure that any groups interested in the transfer of community assets are signposted as appropriate to existing, contracted for, support provided by Wirral Council via third parties to assist with the preparation and development of relevant business cases; and**
 - (iii) **any efficiencies from across the Council achieved beyond the proposed savings at the end of Quarter 2 in 2022/23 and which do not conflict with existing budget provisions or contravene specific guidance or criteria will be allocated to support any successful bid to transfer an existing library facility to a community organisation up to a maximum of £250,000; and**
 - (iv) **libraries currently proposed to cease operation as of 1st July to continue to operate until 1st November 2022 whilst expressions of interest for their community asset transfer are sought and business cases developed and assessed, which will provide a reduction of in-year savings of £470k;**

amounting to a reduction in Revenue savings of £162k for 2022/23 and future years **from the budget surplus** and £470k for 2022/23 only with the use of the **£3m contingency reserve** to support this.

- (h) **That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed “Redesign of Youth Offer” be deleted. This will remove the proposal to withdraw £100k from the Youth Service budget and deletion of one post from the Youth Service.**
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- (j) **That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed “Income Increase on Allotments” be amended to reduce the savings proposals at a cost of £25K.**
- (k) **That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed “Reduction to the Climate Emergency Budget” be amended to reduce the savings proposals at a cost of £110K amounting to a reduction in revenue savings of £282k for 2022/23 and future years from the budget surplus.**

- (l) **That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed “Removal of Individual Member Budgets” be increased to £250K so as to make sufficient monies available to enable the Climate Emergency Budget for 2022/23 to be increased by £66K.**
- (m) **That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed “Review of Golf Offer” be amended to contain an additional element to the proposal that:**
- “Closure of these sites will require alternative proposals for use to be brought forward, which the Council intends as landowner will be for leisure or outdoor use only and would be appropriate to the Greenbelt where those sites are within it.”**
- (n) **That an additional proposal be listed at Appendix 2:**
- (i) **To provide additional useable funding by adopting a proposal to reduce the temperature in occupied Council buildings by 2 degrees, which will in general create a reduced energy cost of £113k; and**
 - (ii) **That the £113,000 savings identified around council energy costs are re-directed into the Local Welfare Assistance Fund to be ringfenced for fuel poverty in the form of one-off flat payments to those residents in most need of assistance with their fuel bills. Residents across the Borough are currently suffering from a cost of living crisis which means many are choosing between heating and eating. To enable this to be allocated fairly, the Director of Resources is requested to establish a process that will distribute the money in an equitable manner.**
- (o) **Members should be kept fully informed of the response to all consultations so that the proposals brought forward tonight are seen in context and that developments involving community asset transfer are assessed by the Policy and Resources Committee in due course.**
- (2) **Noted the role of the Change Programme and the approach to currently active Service Reviews in delivering budget proposals.**
- (3) **Recommends that Council adopt a Revenue Budget, subject to the Local Government Finance Settlement to be issued by The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) of £330.13m.**
- (4) **Recommends that Council approve any surplus funding available from a budget proposal of £330.13m to be transferred to the General Fund.**
- (5) **Accordingly recommends that Council:**
- (a) **agree the summary Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) set out as Appendix 3 and adopt the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) set out as Appendix 11;**

- (b) adopt the fees and charges set out as Appendix 9, with delegated authority being granted:**
 - (i) to the Section 151 Officer to update the Council's Fees and Charges Directory prior to publication before 1 April 2022**
 - (ii) to the relevant Director with portfolio, in consultation with the relevant Committee's Chair and Group Spokespersons, to vary existing fees and charges;**
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 - (i) 4% of the Council's net revenue budget, based on a locally determined assessment of the financial risks that the Council may face in the future in accordance with the report of the Section 151 Officer (Appendix 1);**
- (e) authorise, in respect of the Budget Proposals, that the Director with portfolio undertake such actions as they consider necessary to implement the agreed Budget and deliver the savings, income and efficiency proposals developed as part of the formulation process and update Committees accordingly;**
- (f) approve the 2022/23 Schools Budget of £316.2m.**
- (6) Recommends that Council delegate authority to the Section 151 Officer, following consultation with the Chair and Group Spokespersons of the Policy and Resources Committee, to do anything necessary to give effect to the proposals contained in the report and to address any funding changes, if any, arising from the final Local Government Finance Settlement once agreed by Parliament.**
- (7) Recommends (subject to a separate vote at Council) that Council:**
 - a. Sets the Band D Council Tax at £1,713.00 for the Wirral Borough Council element of the Council Tax, representing a general increase of 1.99% and 1.00% ringfenced increase to Adult Social Care, and the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2022/23 of £163m as detailed in Appendix 8.**
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**BUDGET PROPOSAL WITH EFFECT OF COUNCILLOR JO BIRD'S
AMENDMENTS INCORPORATED**

Resolved (14:1) – That the Committee:

- (1) Considered the response to the financial proposals forming a draft budget for the purposes of consultation under section 65 of the Local Government Finance Act, set out as:**

- Appendix 1 Report of the Section 151 officer as to the robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the calculations and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves**
- Appendix 2 Savings, income and efficiencies proposals**
- Appendix 3 Five year Medium-Term Financial Plan**
- Appendix 4 Budget consultation**
- Appendix 5 Policy & Service Committee budget proposals feedback**
- Appendix 6 Pressures/Investments**
- Appendix 7 The position for the Dedicated Schools Grant**
- Appendix 11 Medium-Term Financial Strategy**

and approved the same as the basis of the formulation of the draft budget subject to the following alterations and additions to the supporting proposals as set out at Appendix 2. These being:

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Demolition of the Woodchurch Leisure Centre will not be progressed whilst a process is undergone to consider the feasibility of any expressions of interest submitted to the Council by 30 September 2022 for the transfer of the Leisure Centre to be operated by a community group or trust. Any transfer of the Leisure Centre will include the earmarked capital costs of £330k for demolition being made available to assist with required capital maintenance works to the site. In addition, if the Directorate is able to make any efficiencies above and beyond the proposed savings at the end of Quarter 1 in 2022/23, that this will be earmarked towards project support for any successful bid to transfer the facility to a community organisation. This does not affect the proposed revenue saving.

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- (f) **That the savings proposal listed at Appendix 2 headed “Closure of Europa Fun/Leisure Pool & Enhanced Gym Offer” be amended to pause re-opening of Europa Fun/Leisure Pool & Enhanced Gym Offer until 31 March, 2023. This will not affect the saving proposal to come into effect as of 1st April 2022, following Budget Council.**
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The Statutory Calculations and Resolution

It be noted that in accordance with Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended), that Policy and Resources Committee on 17th January 2022 calculated the Council Tax Base 2022/23 for the whole of the properties in its area as 95,172.39 (Item T in the statutory formula).

That the following amounts be calculated and approved by the Council for the year 2022/23 in accordance with Sections 32-36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) (“the Act”):

a) £163,030,300 being the amount calculated in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the Act (amended) as the Council Tax Requirement for 2022/23 (item R in the statutory formula). This amount (D) is determined as being the difference between:

(i) £859,505,100 this being the aggregate of the amounts calculated in accordance with Section 31A (2) of the Act (as amended), i.e., the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates that will be charged to a revenue account for the year in performing its functions, that are required to be set aside for contingencies and reserves and required to be transferred from its General Fund to its Collection Fund in the year and

(ii) £696,474,800 this being the amount calculated in accordance with Section 31A (3) of the Act (as amended), i.e. the aggregate of the amounts of income that the Council estimates will be credited to a revenue account for the year in accordance with proper practices, the amount of reserves that are estimated to be used to provide for the items referred to in paragraph (a) above, and required to be transferred from its Collection Fund to its General Fund in the year.

b) £1,713.00 being the amount calculated in accordance with Section 31B (1) of the Act (amended) as the Basic Amount of Council Tax for 2022/23. This amount being calculated as item R divided by item T (as above).

c) That in accordance with section 36(1) of the Act that the following amounts are calculated for each valuation band in the area:

Wirral –Basic Amount of Council Tax per Valuation Band

A	B	C	D
£1,142.00	£1,332.33	£1,522.66	£1,713.00
E	F	G	H
£2,093.67	£2,474.33	£2,855.00	£3,426.00

These amounts being the amounts given by multiplying the amount calculated as the Basic Amount of Council Tax by the number which in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act is applicable to dwellings in a particular valuation band which is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D.

It be determined that the amount set in (c) above as the Council’s Basic Amount of Council Tax for 2022/23 is not excessive in accordance with the principles determined by the Secretary of State under section 52ZC of the Act (as amended) and that no Referendum to approve the Basic Amount of Council Tax is required. The principles require a Referendum to be held for any increases of 3% or above, as per the Local

Government Finance Settlement for 2022/23. The Settlement included provision for local authorities with social care responsibilities to increase the level of Council Tax by 1% for the Adult Social Care precept; and by up to 2% for the Council element. Where Council Tax is increased at or above 3% a local referendum will be required. The overall proposed increase in the Wirral basic Council Tax is 2.99%, including a Council increase of 1.99%, and is therefore within the Settlement's ceilings.

Wirral –Basic Amount of Council Tax Comparison for Referendum

	2021/22	2022/23	Change	Change
	£	£	£	%
Band D	1,663.27	1,713.00	49.73	2.99

To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Merseyside, the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service and the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority issue precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area. This will be as indicated in the tables which when received will be included in updated tables to Council.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Merseyside

A	B	C	D
£157.98	£184.31	£210.64	£236.97
E	F	G	H
£289.63	£342.29	£394.95	£473.94

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority

A	B	C	D
£55.74	£65.03	£74.32	£83.61
E	F	G	H
£102.19	£120.77	£139.35	£167.22

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority –Mayoral Precept

A	B	C	D
£12.67	£14.78	£16.89	£19.00
E	F	G	H
£23.22	£27.44	£31.67	£38.00

That having calculated the amounts for Wirral together with the Police, Fire and Liverpool City Region – Mayoral Precept the Council in accordance with Section 30 (2) of the Act hereby sets the following amounts as the total amount of Council Tax for the year 2022/23 for each of the categories of dwellings.

Total Council Tax for Wirral

A	B	C	D
£1,368.39	£1,596.45	£1,824.51	£2,052.58
E	F	G	H
£2,508.71	£2,964.83	£3,420.97	£4,105.16