



Budget Council

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the Budget meeting of the Council to be held at **6.00 p.m. on Monday, 27 February 2023** in the Council Chamber, withing the Town Hall, Wallasey, to take into consideration and determine the following subjects:

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Wirral Council is fully committed to equalities and our obligations under The Equality Act 2010 and Public Sector Equality Duty. If you have any adjustments that would help you attend or participate at this meeting, please let us know as soon as possible and we would be happy to facilitate where possible. Please contact committeeservices@wirral.gov.uk.

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<https://wirral.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

AGENDA

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Council are asked to consider whether they have any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest, in connection with any matter to be debated or determined at this meeting and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of such interest.

2. CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive the Civic Mayor's announcements and any apologies for absence.

3. PROCEDURE FOR BUDGET DECISION MEETING OF COUNCIL (PAGES 1-15)

The Council is requested to consider the recommendation from Policy and Resources Committee of 15 February, 2023, in respect of the procedure to be adopted for this extraordinary meeting of Council, as specified in appendix A to the report of the Director Law and Governance. Minute and report attached.

4. MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL OR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

To consider recommendations and receive reports from Policy and Resources Committee meetings of 18 January and 15 February 2023.

A. COUNCIL TAX 2023/24 (TAX BASE, DISCOUNTS AND EXEMPTIONS AND LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME) (PAGES 17-34)

Minute with recommendations and report attached.

B. BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2023/24 (PAGES 35-181)

Minute with recommendations and report attached.

Further to Minute Item 94 of Policy and Resources Committee, and at the request of members of the Committee, the Section 151 Officer has included a further appendix 11 as part of the report.

Equality Impact Assessments have been completed for all budget proposals and can be found here: [Link](#)

C. CAPITAL MONITORING QUARTER 3 2022/23 (Pages 183-225)

Minute with recommendations and report attached.

D. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023-28 (Pages 227-251)

Minute with recommendations and report attached.

- E. (i) CAPITAL FINANCING STRATEGY 2023/24 (Pages 253-271)**
- (ii) TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2023/24 (Pages 273-305)**
- (iii) INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2023/24 (Pages 307-318)**

5. EXEMPT INFORMATION - EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RECOMMENDATION: That, under section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that

they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act. The Public Interest test has been applied and favours exclusion.

6. EXEMPT APPENDIX - BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2023/24

Full Council Responsibility for Functions

The full responsibility of functions for Full Council can be found at the end of this agenda.



Paul Satoor, Chief Executive

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