

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair to welcome councillors, officers of the Council, witnesses and the public to the meeting and introduce councillors, officers and witnesses who are present.

2. Apologies

3. Disclosures of Interest

Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, or personal interests (including other pecuniary interests), they may have in the business to be transacted, and officers to disclose any interests they may have in any contract to be considered.

4. Scrutiny of Milton Keynes Council's Draft Budget Proposals for 2018/19

During October 2017 the Budget Scrutiny Committee held a series of focussed meetings where it met with and received presentations from Cabinet Members and the Council's senior budget holders to review, scrutinise, and form judgements on the financial pressures facing the Council which had been identified as part of the development of the 2018/19 draft budget. The Committee presented its recommendations to Cabinet on 7 November 2017 and Cabinet's response to the report was circulated to the Committee on 4 December 2017.

Cabinet considered the full draft 2018/19 budget proposals on 5 December 2017 and made the following decisions:

1. That the draft Revenue Budget 2018/19 and latest Medium Term Financial Strategy forecast for 2018/19 to 2021/22) be approved as a basis for consultation with the public and stakeholders.
2. That the provisional Council Tax at Band D of £1,328.89 for the Milton Keynes element of the Council Tax be agreed for consultation, being a 4.99% increase on the previous year, including the additional 3% adult social care precept offsetting some of the additional costs arising from the increase in demand for adult social care.
3. That the estimated position for the Dedicated Schools Grant and the planned consultation with schools and the Schools Forum for 2018/19 be noted.
4. That the draft Housing Revenue Account Budget, including the required 1% rent decrease, be approved as a basis for consultation.
5. That, in line with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003, it be noted that the Corporate Director, Resources, is of the view that the draft General Fund Budget and Housing Revenue Account is robust and the forecast reserves are adequate, subject to a further review of risks.
6. That the proposed fees and charges for 2018/19, which are exceptions to the Income and Collection Policy, be noted.
7. That the equalities impact assessments for the draft Revenue Budget 2018/19 be noted.
8. That the draft forecast parking surplus be noted.
9. That the draft Capital Programme for 2018/19 to 2021/22 be approved.
10. That the resource allocation for the draft Tariff Programme be noted.

The report considered by Cabinet explaining the draft budget proposals for 2018/19, including relevant annexes but excluding the Housing Revenue Account, is attached as Item 4 (**pages 9 to 73**).

The purpose of the January meetings is to enable the Budget Scrutiny Committee to review and comment on the proposed reductions in Council spending and its plans for income growth in 2018/19. The Committee will scrutinise the proposals as follows:

- **03 January 2018:** Place (excluding Housing and Growth, Economy & Culture) and Capital Programme;
- **09 January 2018:** People;
- **16 January 2018:** Resources and Corporate Core; Growth, Economy & Culture
- **23 January 2017:** Review and Preparation of Report

At these sessions, Cabinet Members have been asked to present to the Committee for scrutiny:

- What the proposed reduction involves;
- Why this particular reduction has been proposed;
- The robustness of any plans for income growth; and
- Implementation strategy (risks, mitigation etc)

The following Annexes to the report on the *Draft Council Budget 2018/19 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 to 2021/22* are included in this agenda pack:

Annex C1	2018/19 Budget Reductions
Annex C2	2018/19 Budget Income
Annex E	GF Reserves Assessment
Annex F	Earmarked Reserves
Annex G	Fees and Charges- including: Exemptions to the Income Policy; Additional Concessions
Annex H	2018/19 – 2021/22 Forecasting Model
Annex I	2018/19 GF Budget Summary
Annex J	2018/19 Draft Parking Surplus Account
Annex K1	Capital Programme – Changes 2018/19
Annex K2	Capital Programme – New Schemes P1
Annex K3	Capital Programme – New Schemes P2
Annex L	Draft Tariff Resource Allocation
Annex M	2018/19 Draft Budget Risk Register
Annex R	Legal Framework

Please note that Annexes A and B (Pressures), Annexes, N, O, P, Q (Housing Revenue Account) are not included as part of this agenda pack as they relate to work already covered by the Budget Scrutiny Committee at previous meetings.

The full report and all associated documents can be viewed on the Council's website at:

<http://milton-keynes.cmis.uk.com/milton-keynes/Calendar/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/5633/Committee/1172/Default.aspx>

The Committee may need to consider excluding the public and press in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, should it wish to discuss specific proposals which would identify individual members of staff.