



Agenda

Meeting: **Council**
Date: **20 February 2019**
Time: **7.00 pm**
Place: **Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone**

To: **All Members of the Council**

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Head of Paid Service

13. **General Fund Budget & Council Tax Requirement 2019/20 (Pages 3 - 6)**

This report concludes the budget setting process for 2019/20. It sets out recommendations for setting the council tax after taking into account the

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district's council tax requirement (including town and parish council requirements and special expenses in respect of the Folkestone Parks and Pleasure Grounds Charity), the precepts of Kent County Council, the Kent Police & Crime Commissioner and the Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Service.

*Explanations as to different levels of interest

(a) A member with a discloseable pecuniary interest (DPI) must declare the nature as well as the existence of any such interest and the agenda item(s) to which it relates must be stated. A member who declares a DPI in relation to any item must leave the meeting for that item (unless a relevant dispensation has been granted).

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- membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items, or
- where a member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person, or
- where an item would affect the well-being of a member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position.

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ADDENDUM REPORT

Agenda Item – 13 – Report Number A/18/22

General Fund Budget and Council Tax 2019/20

Amended recommendation 2:

To approve the District Council's budget for 2019/20 as presented in the revised Appendix 1 to this report and the council tax requirement for 2019/20, to be met from the Collection Fund, of £12,598,350

Background

At the Cabinet meeting of the 20th February, Cabinet agreed an additional recommendation to report C/18/74 as follows:

“To agree the establishment of an earmarked reserve titled “High Streets Regeneration” to support the delivery of regeneration projects within the Folkestone and Hythe district area. To earmark £3 million to be transferred from the Council's forecast general reserve balance.”

The reason for the Cabinet decision is that the Council recognises the challenges being faced by the High Streets of all our communities at this time. It has recognised this through the establishment of the Folkestone and Hythe Regeneration Board and has already earmarked £250,000 to support the initial work of this board. However, the Council recognises that high streets throughout the Folkestone and Hythe district area are looking to deal with a number of adverse pressures and therefore the Council wishes to support efforts across the area to support and sustain high streets for the foreseeable future. The Cabinet agreed to utilise part of the current general reserve to support the Council's work in meeting this aim through investment in planning, studies and direct investment where appropriate.

The effect of this decision is reflected in the revised Appendix 1 as attached.

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**GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY**

Appendix 1

2017/18		2018/19 Original Budget	2019/20 Original Budget
		(Based on outturn prices)	
		£	£
	SUMMARY OF NET EXPENDITURE		
	Service Heads		
735,196	Corporate Director - Strategy	759,060	616,140
4,354,058	Governance, Law & Regulatory Services	4,745,080	5,107,600
555,251	Human Resources	569,930	597,040
5,449,502	Finance, Customer & Support Services	5,800,490	6,358,120
2,472,069	Strategy, Performance & Communications	2,402,100	2,141,020
1,085,643	Strategic Development	1,321,470	925,840
437,774	Economic Development	293,540	588,040
647,715	Planning	687,860	915,200
1,662,250	Environment & Corporate Assets	2,483,170	2,544,140
(1,761,705)	Recharges	(1,980,500)	(1,980,500)
-	Vacancy Target & Savings Target not included in service heads	(6,000)	(340,000)
15,637,753	TOTAL HEAD OF SERVICE NET EXPENDITURE	17,076,200	17,472,640
444,273	Internal Drainage Board Levies	452,770	461,830
758,114	Interest Payable and Similar Charges	452,210	431,000
(608,318)	Interest and Investment Income	(678,430)	(848,000)
(1,571,614)	New Homes Bonus Grant	(1,361,670)	(1,542,740)
(1,674,707)	Other non-service related Government Grants	(1,240,020)	(1,815,160)
12,985,501	TOTAL GENERAL FUND OPERATING NET EXP	14,701,060	14,159,570
569,306	Net Transfers to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	(906,650)	2,110,247
388,929	Minimum Revenue Provision	373,370	373,370
971,008	Financing of Fixed Assets	197,000	138,000
14,914,744	TOTAL TO BE MET FROM REVENUE SUPPORT GRANT AND LOCAL TAXPAYERS	14,364,780	16,781,187
2,052,914	Town and Parish Council Precepts	2,283,450	2,313,103
310,032	Transfer to/(from) the Collection Fund	(100,000)	-
(4,992,263)	Business Rates Income	(4,244,100)	(3,495,940)
(848,144)	Revenue Support Grant	-	-
11,437,283	TOTAL TO BE MET FROM DEMAND ON THE COLLECTION FUND & GENERAL RESERVE	12,304,130	15,598,350
(11,821,000)	Council Tax-Demand on Collection Fund	(12,183,130)	(12,598,350)
(383,717)	(SURPLUS)/DEFICIT FOR YEAR	121,000	3,000,000
-	CONTRIBUTION FROM GENERAL RESERVE	(121,000)	(3,000,000)
(383,717)	BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	0	0

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