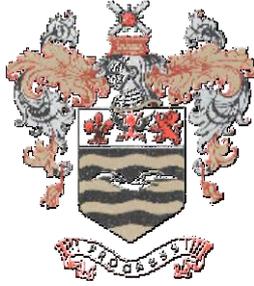


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BLACKPOOL COUNCIL

Friday, 28 February 2020

To: The Members of Blackpool Council

Lady Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of **Blackpool Council** to be held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Blackpool on Monday, 9 March 2020 commencing at 6.00 pm for the transaction of the business specified below.



Director of Governance and Partnerships

Business

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests in the items under consideration and in doing so state:

(1) the type of interest concerned either a

- (a) personal interest
- (b) prejudicial interest
- (c) disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI)

and

(2) the nature of the interest concerned

If any member requires advice on declarations of interests, they are advised to contact the Head of Democratic Governance in advance of the meeting.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2020 (Pages 1 - 8)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 12 February 2020 as a true and correct record.

3 CAPITAL STRATEGY 2020/ 2021 TO 2022/ 2023 (Pages 9 - 18)

To consider the Executive's recommendation from its meeting on the 10 February 2020 regarding the Capital Strategy for 2020/ 2021 to 2022/ 2023 which incorporates the Property Investment Strategy for 2020/ 2021.

4 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/ 2021 TO 2022/ 2023 (Pages 19 - 28)

To consider the recommendations of the Executive on the 10 February 2020 regarding the 2020/ 2021, 2021/2022, 2022/ 2023 Capital Programme – which have been circulated to members under separate cover.

5 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2020/2021 (Pages 29 - 38)

To consider the recommendations of the Executive from its meeting on 10 February 2020 regarding the Treasury Management Strategy for the financial year 2020/2021.

6 COUNCIL TAX 2020/ 2021 (Pages 39 - 48)

To consider the recommendations of the Executive in relation to the draft General Fund Revenue Budget and the setting of a Council Tax for the 2020/ 2021 Financial Year.

NOTE: Appendix 6(c) and an Extended Order of Proceedings for this item will be circulated on Thursday 5 March 2020.

Venue information:

First floor meeting room (lift available), accessible toilets (ground floor), no-smoking building.

Other information:

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Present:

Councillor Cross (in the Chair)

Councillors

Baker	D Coleman	Hutton	Mrs Scott
Benson	G Coleman	Jackson	R Scott
Blackburn	Cox	Kirkland	Smith
Brookes	Critchley	Matthews	Stansfield
Burdess	Farrell	O'Hara	I Taylor
Callow	Galley	Owen	Walsh
Mrs Callow JP	Hobson	Robertson BEM	L Williams
Campbell	Hugo	Roberts	T Williams
Clapham	Hunter	D Scott	Wing

In Attendance:

Neil Jack, Chief Executive

John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services

Diane Booth, Director of Children's Services

Alan Cavill, Director of Communications and Regeneration

Dr Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health

Karen Smith, Director of Adult Services

Steve Thompson, Director of Resources

Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships

Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance

Yvonne Burnett, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Hobson, Robertson and L Williams declared personal interests in agenda item 7 'Rent Review' as Council-appointed non-executive directors of Blackpool Coastal Housing Ltd.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2019

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 September 2019, be signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements on this occasion.

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4 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

Ms Eaglestone addressed the Council on the #BlackpoolBeatingBullying campaign and the anti-bullying Charter Mark intended to be rolled out across schools in Blackpool.

Cllr Benson, Cabinet Member for Schools, Education and Aspiration responded to Ms Eaglestone.

Mr Crowther addressed members on the work of Empowerment, an advocacy charity working within the Blackpool area.

Cllr Blackburn, Leader of the Council responded to Mr Crowther.

5 EXECUTIVE REPORTS, COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader (Tourism and Place) and Deputy Leader (Children) presented reports to the Council on work undertaken in their own portfolio area and those portfolios under their responsibility. The reports covered corporate, strategic and policy issues, together with work being undertaken in transforming services and with partners. The Chairman of the Audit Committee also presented his annual report and Members of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority reported on the meeting held in December 2019.

Questions, comments and debate were invited from all councillors on each of the report areas.

Notes:

1. In response to a question from Councillor T Williams regarding the payment of £14,000 per month to APCO car parks, Councillor Blackburn offered to confirm in writing to all councillors whether the parking spaces were those located at Wilkinsons and the reason for the spaces being reserved.
2. The Council agreed for a two minute extension to the time limit for debate on the report from the Deputy Leader of the Council (Place and Tourism).
3. Councillor Campbell agreed to provide a written response to Councillor M Scott on how the Council ensured that the suppliers to which it awarded contracts met their obligations in terms of social value responsibility as well as the monitoring and reporting arrangements.

6 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2020 / 2021

Members considered the recommendations from the Executive meeting on 20 January 2020 in relation to the approval of a local Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

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Members noted that the percentage reduction was proposed to be at the same level as the previous year, with the exception of those that fell into the vulnerable or low income categories and as such no additional costs had been forecast.

Motion: Councillor Brookes proposed (and Councillor Blackburn seconded):

1. To agree the Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2020 / 2021, as submitted with the Executive report on 20 January 2019.
2. To agree that the reduction applied to working age claimants remains the same as the 2019/ 2020 Scheme agreed by Council on 30 January 2019 and that the main elements and method of calculating awards will be the same.
3. To agree that the Council continue to operate a Discretionary Discount Policy to be awarded in cases of exceptional hardship, as submitted with the Executive report on 20 January 2020'.

Motion carried: The motion was submitted to the Council and carried.

7 RENT REVIEW

The Council considered the recommendations of the Executive from its meeting on 20 January 2020 regarding the levels of rents and service charges for Housing Revenue Account dwellings proposed to be applied to the 2020/2021 financial year, as well as new charges for Housing Revenue Account Services and related Non-Housing Revenue Account properties.

Motion: Councillor Brookes proposed (and Councillor Blackburn seconded):

'To approve the recommendations of the Executive from its meeting held on 20 January 2020 namely:

1. To agree that rents for all Housing Revenue account properties are increased by 2.7% in 2020/ 2021, following rent reductions over the last four years.
2. To agree that the level of Housing Revenue Account balances remain protected at £1 million, as previously agreed.
3. To agree that Housing Revenue Account service charges (as detailed in Appendix B to the report to the Executive) and that other General Fund service charges (as detailed in Appendix C to the report to the Executive) are charged as outlined'.

Prior to voting, five members of the Council requested that the vote on the motion should be recorded. The voting was as follows:

For the motion: Councillors Benson, Blackburn, Brookes, Burdess, Campbell, Critchley, Cross, Farrell, Hobson, Hugo, Hunter, Hutton, Jackson, Kirkland, Matthews, O'Hara, Owen, Smith, Taylor, L Williams – **total 20**.

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Against the motion: Councillors Baker, Mrs Callow, Callow, Clapham, D Coleman, G Coleman, Cox, Galley, Roberts, Robertson, D Scott, Mrs Scott, R Scott, Stansfield, Walsh, T Williams, Wing - **total 17**.

Abstentions: None

Motion carried: The motion was therefore carried.

8 PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2020/ 2021

The Council considered the recommendation from the Chief Officer's Employment Committee in relation to the Pay Policy Statement, which was required to be approved for the 2020/2021 financial year. The Statement set out policy on Chief Officer Remuneration, remuneration of its lowest paid employees including the definition used for this group, as well as the relationship between the chief officer remuneration and that of other staff. Members also noted the guidance from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in terms of other areas the policy statement was expected to cover.

The report highlighted the duty to report on the gender pay gap and Members noted that the Council fared favourably in terms of annual earnings of female employees.

Motion: Councillor Blackburn proposed (and Councillor Campbell seconded):

'To approve the Pay Policy Statement, as submitted to the Chief Officers Employment Committee and attached as an appendix to the Council report'.

Motion carried: The motion was submitted to the Council and carried.

9 POLLING STATION REVIEW

The Council considered the review of polling districts and polling places that had commenced in Autumn 2019 and noted that no formal representations had been received in response to the consultation that had been carried out as part of that process.

Members noted that the recent snap Parliamentary election had since highlighted issues associated with the use of temporary mobile polling stations and that alternative options were currently being pursued.

Motion: Councillor Blackburn proposed (and Councillor L Williams seconded):

1. To endorse the polling districts and polling places as set out in the appendices to this report.
2. To note that alternative options to replace temporary (mobile) polling stations are currently being pursued and to agree that delegated authority is given to the Chief Executive to determine these following appropriate consultation'.

Motion carried: The motion was submitted to the Council and carried.

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10 BEAT THE BULLYING CAMPAIGN

Motion: Having submitted notice and with the agreement of the Council at the meeting to alter the motion, Councillor T Williams proposed (and Councillor Clapham seconded):

‘That this Council

Recognises that bullying in its many and diverse forms is never acceptable especially when young children are the victims

- Requests that the Chief Executive write to every school head teacher in the borough regardless of whether they are an academy, maintained, diocesan or free school encouraging the schools to pledge to support the ‘Beat the Bullying Campaign’ led by the Headstart Resilience Revolution and get involved in achieving the charter mark for that campaign. The charter mark being the first of its kind developed by young people in the country. The letter to also encourage schools to access anti bullying training, which is available.
- The Council has been using the free anti bullying programme which has been initiated by MADD (Making A Direct Difference) About Bullying and this is sponsored by individual businesses and local residents together with a generous donation from Fleetwood Town Football Club. There are also other programmes available such as Stop Speak Support etc’.

Members went on to debate the motion.

Motion carried: The motion was submitted to the Council and carried.

11 SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Motion: Having submitted notice, Councillor T Williams proposed (and Councillor Clapham seconded):

‘There are on average 37,000 house fires per year in the United Kingdom. Last year, including 72 fatalities from Grenfell, 334 lives were lost in residential fires. In general, fewer people are dying from fire related incidents, but figures do fluctuate. In all these 37,000 fires only 25% were fitted with smoke alarms, that’s just 9,000.

The highest cause of fire deaths is smoke inhalation usually started by cooking and electrical appliances left unattended.

In all these fires almost, every life could have been saved if the premises had been fitted with sprinklers systems but so far only a limited type of buildings are forced by legislation to require sprinklers to be deployed.

That is upwards of 300 deaths that could have been avoided. Sprinkler systems are relatively cheap to install at the construction stage and target only the heat source of a specific fire, ensuring that the fire does not spread through the building. The water also removes larger smoke particles greatly reducing asphyxiation from smoke and fumes, it also cools the smoke making it less harmful.

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Sprinkler systems:

- Reduce death and injury from fire
- Reduce the risks to fire fighters
- Protect property and heritage
- Reduce the effects of arson
- Reduce the impact of fire on the environment
- Reduce fire costs and the disruption to the community and business
- Permit design freedoms and encourage innovative, inclusive and sustainable architecture
- Protect mental health and wellbeing
- Promote and support business continuity

Sprinklers reduce injuries by at least 80 per cent, reduce property damage by 90 per cent and substantially reduce damage to the environment from fire.

Fire sprinklers are widely recognised as the single most effective method for fighting the spread of fires in their early stages.

The installation of fire sprinklers could virtually eliminate fire deaths.

Blackpool Council is instigating a major housing development project and as a council the future safety of all Blackpool residents must be ensured.

By passing this motion, the Council will at the forefront of fire safety in the home and the Council's actions of lobbying the Minister could lead the way for other authorities to follow suit and help save many lives.

This Council therefore calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Minister of Housing, Communities and Local Government to consider making it mandatory in building regulations that house builders install Fire Authority approved sprinkler systems on all new residential buildings. These sprinkler systems to be at an adequate level for each particular design of house as agreed with the National Fire Authority'.

Members went on to debate the motion.

Motion carried: The motion was submitted to the Council and carried.

12 ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE (IHRA) WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM

Motion: Having submitted notice, Councillor Blackburn proposed (and Councillor Campbell seconded):

'This Council expresses alarm at the rise in antisemitism in recent years across the UK. This includes incidents when criticism of Israel has been expressed using antisemitic tropes. Criticism of Israel can be legitimate, but not if it employs the tropes and imagery of antisemitism.

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The Council therefore welcomes the UK Government's announcement on 11 December 2016 that it will sign up to the internationally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) guidelines on antisemitism, which define antisemitism thus:

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

The guidelines highlight manifestations of antisemitism as including:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it a behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel".

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This Council welcomes the cross-party support within the Council for combating antisemitism in all its manifestations.

This Council hereby adopts the above definition of antisemitism as set out by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and pledges to combat this pernicious form of racism’.

Members went on to debate the motion.

Motion carried: The motion was submitted to the Council and carried.

13 MAYOR ELECT 2020 / 2021

Motion: Councillor Cross proposed (and Councillor T Williams seconded):

’That Councillor Christian Cox be invited to offer himself for the election of Mayor at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 11 May 2020 and agree that the meeting commences at 2.00pm, as it has in previous years.’

Motion carried: The motion was submitted to the Council and carried.

Mayor

(The meeting ended at 8.27pm)

Any queries regarding these minutes, please contact:
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Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	9 March 2020

CAPITAL STRATEGY 2020/ 2021 TO 2022/ 2023

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the Executive's recommendation from its meeting on the 10 February 2020 regarding the Capital Strategy for 2020/ 2021 to 2022/ 2023 which incorporates the Property Investment Strategy for 2020/ 2021.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the recommendation of the Executive to Council from its meeting held on 10 February 2020, namely:

To approve the Capital Strategy 2020/ 2021 to 2022/ 2023 incorporating the Property Investment Strategy 2020/2021.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Prudential Code now requires local authorities to produce a capital strategy. The capital strategy is intended to give an overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of services along with an overview of how associated risk is managed and the implication for future financial sustainability.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Not applicable - the report once approved will become part of the Council's new approved budget

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council priority is “The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool.”

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Prudential Code requires local authorities to produce a Capital Strategy to demonstrate that capital expenditure and investment decisions are taken in line with service objectives and take account of stewardship, value for money, prudence, sustainability and affordability.

5.2 The Capital Strategy aligns with the priorities set out in the Council Plan and other key Council strategies. The strategy is integrated with the Capital Programme and Treasury Management Strategy.

5.3 All Members of the Council should have received copies of the papers considered by the Executive at its meeting on 10 February 2020, in connection with the Capital Strategy [available via this link](#)

5.4 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.5 List of Appendices:

Appendix 3(a) – Executive Decision Notice EX10/2020– Capital Strategy – 10 February 2020.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 These are detailed in the report considered by the Executive on 10 February 2020.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The Capital Strategy is set out in the papers considered by the Executive at its meeting 10 February 2020.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 The Capital Strategy includes the Council's Risk Appetite Statement in section 12 of the report.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

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Notice of:	EXECUTIVE
Decision Number:	EX10/2020
Relevant Officers:	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	10 February 2020

CAPITAL STRATEGY 2020/21 TO 2022/23

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the Capital Strategy for 2020/21 to 2022/23, attached at Appendix 4a, to the Executive report, incorporating the Property Investment Strategy for 2020/21, attached at Appendix 4b, to the Executive report.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To recommend to the Council to approve the Capital Strategy 2020/21 to 2022/23 incorporating the Property Investment Strategy 2020/21.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Prudential Code now requires local authorities to produce a Capital Strategy. The Capital Strategy is intended to give an overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of services along with an overview of how associated risk is managed and the implication for future financial sustainability.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Not applicable - the report once approved will become part of the Council's new approved budget

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: “The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”.

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Prudential Code requires local authorities to produce a Capital strategy to demonstrate that capital expenditure and investment decisions are taken in line with service objectives and take account of stewardship, value for money, prudence, sustainability and affordability.

5.2 The Capital Strategy aligns with the priorities set out in the Council Plan and other key Council strategies. The strategy is integrated with the Capital Programme and Treasury Management Strategy.

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.4 List of Appendices:

Appendix 4a: Report on the Capital Strategy 2020/21 to 2022/23
Appendix 4b: Property Investment Strategy 2020/21

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 These are set out in the Capital Strategy attached at Appendix 4a, to the Executive report.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 The Capital Strategy includes the Council's Risk Appetite Statement in section 12 of the report at Appendix 4a, to the Executive report.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

14.0 Key decision information:

14.1 Is this a key decision? Yes

14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number: 33/2019

14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? No

14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

15.0 Call-in information:

15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed: 31 January 2020 Date approved:

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 None.

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1 The Executive resolved as follows:

To recommend to the Council to approve the Capital Strategy 2020/21 to 2022/23 incorporating the Property Investment Strategy 2020/21.

18.2 Date of Decision:

10 February 2020

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Prudential Code now requires local authorities to produce a Capital Strategy. The Capital Strategy is intended to give an overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of services along with an overview of how associated risk is managed and the implication for future financial sustainability.

19.1 Date Decision published:

11 February 2020

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1 Councillor Blackburn, in the Chair

Councillors Benson, Brookes, Campbell, Jackson, Kirkland, Smith, Taylor and L Williams.

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1 The following Non Executive Members were in attendance: Councillors Burdess and Farrell.

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Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	9 March 2020

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/ 2021 TO 2022/ 2023

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the recommendations of the Executive on the 10 February 2020 regarding the 2020/ 2021, 2021/2022, 2022/ 2023 Capital Programme – which have been circulated to members under separate cover.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the recommendations of the Executive to Council from its meeting held on 10 February 2020 namely:
- 2.1.1 To approve the Capital Programme for 2020/ 2021 as set out at Appendices A and B to the Executive report.
 - 2.1.2 To adopt the Single Capital Pot approach as outlined in Section 4 of the Capital Programme report as circulated with the agenda for that meeting with a top slice of 12.5% to allow for investment in key priority areas and overspends that are not otherwise fundable.
 - 2.1.3 To approve the Capital Prudential Indicators as identified in Appendix C to the Executive report.
 - 2.1.4 To agree that Executive approval will continue to be required for all Prudential borrowing schemes (reference paragraph 3.1 of the Executive report).

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To ensure delivery of the Council's key objectives. The Capital Programme 2020/ 2021 is consistent with that agreed for 2019/ 2020.
- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget? Not applicable - the report once approved will become part of the Council’s new approved budget
- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:
None.
- 4.0 Council Priority:**
- 4.1 The relevant Council priority is “The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool.”
- 5.0 Background Information**
- 5.1 The Council’s 2020/ 2021 Capital Programme runs concurrently with the 2020/ 2021 General Fund Revenue Budget. Capital schemes usually extend over a number of years and for that reason the programme projects forward indicative spending for three years. This report updates the programme reported in last year’s budget and seeks to ensure that capital expenditure is allocated to areas that will contribute to meeting the Council’s priorities. The Capital Programme submitted for approval for 2020/ 2021 is £20.5m and over a three-year period is estimated at £103.2m
- 5.2 For that reason the programme projects forward indicative spending for three years. This report updates the programme set in 2019/ 2020 and seeks to ensure that capital expenditure is spent in areas that will contribute to meeting the Council's priorities.
- 5.3 The 2020/ 2021 programme is submitted for approval. The 2021/ 2022 and 2022/ 2023 programmes have been drawn up based upon individual allocations and current proposals. These will be reviewed as part of the budget processes for 2021/ 2022 and 2022/ 2023 in the light of changing priorities and final funding levels that mean no commitments can yet be identified in respect of these schemes.
- 5.4 All Members of the Council should have received copies of the papers considered by the Executive at its meeting on 10 February 2020 in connection with the Capital Programme [available via this link](#)
- 5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.6 List of Appendices:

Appendix 4(a) – Executive Decision Notice EX9/2020 – Capital Programme – 10 February 2020.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 As outlined in the report, circulated to members under separate cover.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 These are detailed in the report considered by the Executive on 10 February 2020.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The draft Capital Programme is set out in the papers considered by the Executive at its meeting 10 February 2020. Once approved, capital budget monitoring will be reported to the Executive on a monthly basis with effect from Month 3 2020/ 2021.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 As outlined in the report to the Executive.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Internally with Capital Asset Management Group and the Corporate Leadership Team.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 Individual scheme business cases and budget working papers.

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Notice of:	EXECUTIVE
Decision Notice:	EX9/2020
Relevant Officer:	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	10 February 2020

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21 TO 2022/23

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 Capital Programme – circulated to members under separate cover.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To recommend to Council:

1. To approve the Capital Programme for 2020/21 as set out at Appendices A and B.
2. To adopt the Single Capital Pot approach as outlined in Section 4 with a top slice of 12.5% to allow for investment in key priority areas and overspends that are not otherwise fundable (reference paragraph 4.2).
3. To approve the Capital Prudential Indicators as identified in Appendix C.
4. To agree that Executive approval will continue to be required for all Prudential borrowing schemes (reference paragraph 3.1).

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure delivery of the Council's key objectives. The Capital Programme 2020/21 is consistent with that agreed for 2019/20.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b	Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget?	Not applicable - the report once approved will become part of the Council’s new approved budget
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3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: “The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”.

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Council’s 2020/21 Capital Programme runs concurrently with the 2020/21 General Fund Revenue Budget. Capital schemes usually extend over a number of years and for that reason the programme projects forward indicative spending for 3 years. This report updates the programme reported in last year’s budget and seeks to ensure that capital expenditure is allocated to areas that will contribute to meeting the Council’s priorities. The Capital Programme submitted for approval for 2020/21 is £20.5m and over a three-year period is estimated at £103.2m (See Appendix A and B).

5.2 The Capital Programme now submitted is consistent with that agreed for 2019/20. It includes identified commitments for housing developments. The scale of these commitments means that there are very limited resources to deliver additional schemes that are not fully funded.

5.3	Does the information submitted include any exempt information?	No
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5.4 List of Appendices:

- Capital Programme Report
- Appendix A- Capital Programme Summary
- Appendix B- Capital Programme by Service
- Appendix C- The Prudential Code for Capital Finance- Prudential Indicators

(All circulated to members under separate cover)

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 As outlined in the report, circulated to members under separate cover.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 As outlined in the report, circulated to members under separate cover.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 Once approved, capital budget monitoring will be reported to the Executive on a monthly basis with effect from Month 3 2020/21.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 As outlined in the report, circulated to members under separate cover.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Internally with Capital Asset Management Group and the Corporate Leadership Team.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 Individual scheme business cases and budget working papers.

14.0 Key decision information:

14.1 Is this a key decision? Yes

14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number: 27/2019

14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? No

14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

15.0 Call-in information:

15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process?

No

15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

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16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed: 31 January 2020 Date approved:

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 None.

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1 The Executive resolved as follows:

To recommend to Council:

1. To approve the Capital Programme for 2020/21 as set out at Appendices A and B.
2. To adopt the Single Capital Pot approach as outlined in Section 4 with a top slice of 12.5% to allow for investment in key priority areas and overspends that are not otherwise fundable (reference paragraph 4.2).
3. To approve the Capital Prudential Indicators as identified in Appendix C.
4. To agree that Executive approval will continue to be required for all Prudential borrowing schemes (reference paragraph 3.1).

18.2 **Date of Decision:**

10 February 2020

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

To ensure delivery of the Council's key objectives. The Capital Programme 2020/21 is consistent with that agreed for 2019/20.

19.1 Date Decision published:

11 February 2020

20.0 Executive Members present:

20.1 Councillor Blackburn, in the Chair

Councillors Benson, Brookes, Campbell, Jackson, Kirkland, Smith, Taylor and L Williams.

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes :

22.1 The following Non Executive Members were in attendance: Councillors Burdess and Farrell.

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Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	9 March 2020

TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2020/2021

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the recommendations of the Executive from its meeting on 10 February 2020 regarding the Treasury Management Strategy for the financial year 2020/2021.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the recommendations of the Executive to Council from its meeting held on 10 February 2020, namely:
 - 2.1.1 To approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2020/ 2021 including both the Borrowing and Investment Strategies which are set out in Annex C and Annex D to the Executive report.
 - 2.1.2 To adopt the Treasury Management Policy Statement, the three key principles and four clauses taken from CIPFA's Treasury Management in Public Services Code of Practice and Cross Sectoral Guidance Notes (2017 Edition) and set out in Annex B to the Executive report.
 - 2.1.3 To approve the revised Prudential Indicators and limits for 2019/ 2020 and the new Prudential Indicators and limits for 2020/ 2021 – 2022/ 2023 which are set out in Annex E to the Executive report.
 - 2.1.4 To approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement for 2020/ 2021, which will ensure a prudent Minimum Revenue Provision charge in the annual statement of accounts. The policy is set out within Annex D to the report to the Executive.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 A feature of the 2017 edition of the CIPFA Code of Practice on treasury management activities is the annual approval of strategy and reporting of performance information. This report previously circulated to members under separate cover sets out the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2020/ 2021

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? Yes – however, when approved this strategy will replace the current Treasury Management Strategy.
- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget? Yes
- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:
None
- 4.0 Council Priority:**
- 4.1 The relevant Council priorities are “The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool” and “Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”.
- 5.0 Background Information**
- 5.1 The Council is required by statute to publish an annual Treasury Management Strategy incorporating its Investment Strategy.
- 5.2 In essence, the Treasury Management Strategy is an annual plan of how Blackpool Council will manage its investments and cashflows. It identifies the Council’s borrowing needs and shows how it will invest temporary surplus cash balances and how it will control its banking, money market and capital market transactions.
- 5.3 The Scale of Operations at Annex A in the report to the Executive shows the levels of capital expenditure, long-term borrowing and temporary investments and the impact that spending on new capital schemes has on average Council Tax levels.
- 5.4 All Members of the Council should have received copies of the papers considered by the Executive at its meeting on 10 February 2020, in connection with the Treasury Management Strategy [available via this link](#)
- 5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.6 List of Appendices:

Appendix 5(a) – Executive Decision Notice EX11/2020 – Treasury Management Strategy – 10 February 2020.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 Detailed in the report and Annexes A, B, C and D, which were circulated with the Executive agenda for its meeting on 10 February 2020.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 The key risks are outlined in the report and Annexes, circulated under separate cover, and can be summarised in the following categories:

1. Liquidity Risk (accessibility and/or running out of cash)
2. Market Risk (movements in interest rates – yield)
3. Credit Risk (investment counterparties might default – security)
4. Legal Risk (transactions and actions legal/within regulatory limits)
5. Operational Risk (adequacy of internal processes)

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Consultation has previously taken place with the Council's Treasury Management Panel.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

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Notice of:	EXECUTIVE
Decision Number:	EX11/2020
Relevant Officer:	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	10 February 2020

TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REPORT 2020/21

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 The Treasury Management Strategy Report 2020/21 and its Annexes A, B, C, D, E and F.

2.0 Recommendation:

- 2.1 To recommend the Council:

1. To approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2020/21 including both the Borrowing and Investment Strategies which are set out in Annex C and Annex D to the Executive report.
2. To adopt the Treasury Management Policy Statement, the three key principles and four clauses taken from CIPFA's Treasury Management in Public Services Code of Practice and Cross Sectoral Guidance Notes (2017 Edition) and set out in Annex B to the Executive report.
3. To approve the revised Prudential Indicators and limits for 2019/20 and the new Prudential Indicators and limits for 2020/21 – 2022/23 which are set out in Annex E to the Executive report.
4. To approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement for 2020/21, which will ensure a prudent Minimum Revenue Provision charge in the annual statement of accounts. The policy is set out in Annex F to the Executive report.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation:

- 3.1 A feature of the 2017 edition of the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management Activities is the annual approval of strategy and reporting of performance information. This report circulated to members under separate cover sets out the

Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2020/21.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool".

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Council is required by statute to publish an annual Treasury Management Strategy incorporating its Borrowing and Investment Strategies. It is also required to prepare a Capital Strategy incorporating both strategic investments for economic regeneration as well as more detailed capital plans for effective service delivery. The Council's Capital Strategy is the subject of a separate report and will be presented to the Executive and then to Full Council with the Treasury Management Strategy.

5.2 In essence the Treasury Management Strategy is an annual plan of how Blackpool Council will manage its investments and cashflows. It identifies the Council's borrowing needs and shows how it will invest temporary surplus cash balances, and how it will control its banking, money market and capital market transactions.

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.4 List of Appendices:

Annex A – Scale of Operations

Annex B – Treasury Management Policy Statement 2020/21-2022/23

Annex C – Borrowing Strategy

Annex D – Investment Strategy 2020/21-2022/23

Annex E – Prudential Indicators 2020/21-2022/23

Annex F – Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Strategy 2020/21-2022/23

(all circulated to members under separate cover).

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 Please see the Report and its Annexes A to F.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

- 10.1
1. Liquidity Risk (accessibility and/or running out of cash)
 2. Market Risk (movements in interest rates – yield)
 3. Credit Risk (investment counterparties might default – security)
 4. Legal Risk (transactions and actions legal/within regulatory limits)
 5. Operational Risk (adequacy of internal processes)

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 With the Council's Treasury Management Panel

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

14.0 Key decision information:

14.1 Is this a key decision? Yes

14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number: 31/2019

14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? N/A

14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

15.0 Call-in information:

15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed: 31 January 2020 Date approved:

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 None.

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1 The Executive resolved as follows:

To recommend the Council:

1. To approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2020/21 including both the Borrowing and Investment Strategies which are set out in Annex C and Annex D to the Executive report.
2. To adopt the Treasury Management Policy Statement, the three key principles and four clauses taken from CIPFA's Treasury Management in Public Services Code of Practice and Cross Sectoral Guidance Notes (2017 Edition) and set out in Annex B to the Executive report.
3. To approve the revised Prudential Indicators and limits for 2019/20 and the new Prudential Indicators and limits for 2020/21 – 2022/23 which are set out in Annex E to the Executive report.
4. To approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement for 2020/21, which will ensure a prudent Minimum Revenue Provision charge in the annual statement of accounts. The policy is set out in Annex F to the Executive report.

18.2 Date of Decision:

10 February 2020

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

A feature of the 2017 edition of the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management Activities is the annual approval of strategy and reporting of performance information. This report circulated to members under separate cover sets out the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2020/21.

19.1 Date Decision published:

11 February 2020

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1 Councillor Blackburn, in the Chair

Councillors Benson, Brookes, Campbell, Jackson, Kirkland, Smith, Taylor and L Williams.

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1 The following Non Executive Members were in attendance: Councillors Burdess and Farrell.

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Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	9 March 2020

COUNCIL TAX 2020/ 2021

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the recommendations of the Executive in relation to the draft General Fund Revenue Budget and the setting of a Council Tax for the 2020/ 2021 Financial Year.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To consider the recommendations of the Executive from its meetings on the 10 February 2020 and on 4 March 2020, as summarised in Appendix 6(c) (to be circulated under separate cover).

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 The setting of the General Fund Revenue Budget and the level of Council Tax is consistent with the principles approved by the Executive at its meeting on 10 February 2020.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Not applicable - the report once approved will become part of the Council's new approved budget

- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

A different makeup of the Revenue budget could be applied. The eight guiding principles of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy are referred to in the report to the Executive of 10 February 2020 and 4 March 2020 and how they have been balanced.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are 'The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool' and 'Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.'

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The purpose of this report is to determine the overall level of net expenditure to be included in the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2020/ 2021 and to identify a budget savings plan that will ensure a balanced Budget.

5.2 All Members of the Council should have received copies of the papers considered by the Executive at its meeting on 10 February 2020, in connection with the General Fund Revenue Budget [available via this link](#). Attached at Appendix 6(a) is the decision notice from the meeting of the Executive on 10 February 2020. A copy of the Executive agenda for the 4 March 2020 meeting was also sent to all members on Tuesday 25 February 2020 and is [available via this link](#).

5.3 Following the Executive meeting on 4 March 2020, a copy of the recommendations from that meeting together with a summary Appendix 6(c) detailing the full recommendations to Council will be produced.

5.4 In accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England)(Amendment) Regulations 2014, the Council is asked to note that a recorded vote is required on all budget decisions taken by Council including any amendment to it.

5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.6 List of Appendices:

Appendix 6(a) – Executive Decision Notice EX8/2020 – General Fund Revenue Budget 2020/2021 – Monday 10 February 2020.

Appendix 6(b) – Executive Decision Notice– Council Tax 2020/2021 – to be circulated on Thursday 5 March 2020.

Appendix 6(c) – A summary document detailing all the recommendations for Council to consider relating to the setting of a Council Tax in accordance with the Localism Act 2011- to be circulated on Thursday 5 March 2020.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 It is a Council function to determine the level of Council Tax and to set a budget.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 Human Resources considerations were detailed in the budget report, which was circulated with the Executive agenda for its meeting on 10 February 2020.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 An Equalities Analysis forms was produced for the budget report, which was circulated with the Executive agenda for its meeting on 10 February 2020.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 As outlined in the Budget report, which was circulated with the Executive agenda for its meeting on 10 February 2020 and the Council Tax report circulated with the Executive agenda for the meeting on 4 March 2020.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 As outlined in the Budget, which was circulated with the Executive agenda for its meeting on 10 February 2020.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Details of the consultation undertaken is listed within the Council Tax report circulated with the Executive agenda for the meeting on 4 March 2020.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 Budget working papers and the aforementioned consultation minutes and feedback.

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Notice of:	EXECUTIVE
Decision Number:	EX8/2020
Relevant Officer:	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	10 February 2020

GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2020/21

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the proposal for Blackpool Council's draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2020/21 as outlined in the report circulated to Members under separate cover.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To recommend to Council that the **£5,922,000** Social Care Grant is allocated in full to Children's Social Care (ref. paragraph 4.7).
- 2.2 To recommend to Council the level of net expenditure for the draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2020/21 of **£142,084,000** (ref. paragraph 6.2).
- 2.3 To recommend to Council a level of budget savings of **£19.65m** (ref. paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 and Appendix 2).
- 2.4 To recommend to Council that the Chief Executive be authorised to take any necessary steps to ensure all staffing savings are achieved (ref. paragraph 8.1).
- 2.5 To recommend to Council that the target level of working balances remains at **£6m** (ref. paragraph 10.4).
- 2.6 To consider any further facts, information and stakeholder feedback which may emerge and report the details to the meeting of the Executive on 4 March 2020.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To enable progression to the next stage of the budget process.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget? Not applicable - the report once approved will become the Council’s new approved budget.

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

As outlined in the Budget report.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are both:

“The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”

“Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The purpose of this report is to determine the overall level of net expenditure to be included in the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2020/21 and to identify a budget savings plan that will ensure a balanced budget in-year.

5.2 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.3 List of Appendices:

- Report
- Appendix 1- General Fund Budget
- Appendix 2- Savings Summary
- Appendix 3 – Resident Budget Engagement
- Appendix 4 – Stakeholder Budget Engagement
- Appendix 5 - Assessment of Significant Financial Risks
- Appendix 6- Non-Recurrent funds

(All circulated to members under separate cover)

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 Human Resources considerations are outlined in the budget report, circulated to members under separate cover.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 As outlined in the Budget report, circulated to members under separate cover.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 As outlined in the Budget report, circulated to members under separate cover.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 As outlined in the Budget report circulated to members under separate cover. Appendix 5 forms an Assessment of Significant Financial Risks to Substantiate Target Level of Unearmarked Working Balances.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Informal consultation has taken place via community engagement meetings and the Council has also undertaken two engagement exercises to seek comments and ideas on the Budget, one aimed at individual residents and staff which attracted 127 responses (reference Appendix 3 – Resident Budget Engagement) and the other aimed at stakeholder organisations which received 21 responses (reference Appendix 4 – Stakeholder Budget Engagement) . The questionnaires were available at Council building reception points and online, sought views on Council priorities and services at a broad level and asked for comments on ways in which the Council could save or generate money. Wider consultation has taken place via the Council’s extensive corporate communication methods which include media briefings.

12.2 Consultation with the Trade Unions with regards to staffing issues has been embedded into normal working practices and has also met all formal consultation requirements.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 Budget working papers.

14.0 Key decision information:

- 14.1 Is this a key decision? Yes
- 14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number: 28/2019
- 14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? No
- 14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

15.0 Call-in information:

- 15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No
- 15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE**16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):**

Date informed: 31 January 2020 Date approved:

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

- 17.1 Councillor Kirkland declared a prejudicial interest in decision 1 the nature of the interest being that she was a Council appointed non-Executive director of Blackpool Waste Services Limited trading as Enveco. Councillor Kirkland left the meeting for this part of the decision and took no part in the voting or discussion. (ref. paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 and line 24 of Appendix 2 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2020/2021 papers circulated for the Executive meeting on 31 January 2020).

18.0 Executive decision:

- 18.1 The Executive resolved as follows:

1. To recommend to Council a budget saving of £200,000 from further joint

working of Blackpool Waste Services Limited trading as Enveco with internal waste services (ref. paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 and line 24 of Appendix 2).

(Councillor Kirkland having declared a prejudicial interest left the room during consideration of this decision.)

2. To recommend to Council that the **£5,922,000** Social Care Grant is allocated in full to Children's Social Care (ref. paragraph 4.7).
3. To recommend to Council the level of net expenditure for the draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2020/21 of **£142,084,000** (ref. paragraph 6.2).
4. To recommend to Council a level of budget savings of £19.45m (£19.65m minus £200,000 approved at decision 1). (ref. paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 and Appendix 2).
5. To recommend to Council that the Chief Executive be authorised to take any necessary steps to ensure all staffing savings are achieved (ref. paragraph 8.1).
6. To recommend to Council that the target level of working balances remains at **£6m** (ref. paragraph 10.4).
7. To consider any further facts, information and stakeholder feedback which may emerge and report the details to the meeting of the Executive on 4 March 2020.

18.2 Date of Decision:

10 February 2020

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

To enable progression to the next stage of the budget process.

19.1 Date Decision published:

11 February 2020

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1 Councillor Blackburn, in the Chair

Councillors Benson, Brookes, Campbell, Jackson, Kirkland, Smith, Taylor and L Williams.

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1 Ms Carole Flemington made representations to the Executive as a Unison member and a member of staff at Gloucester Avenue (ref. paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 and line 43 of Appendix 2 to the report). She highlighted the successes of the service and gave a number of personal stories about the impact of the service on service users' lives.

Councillor Blackburn spoke in response to Ms Flemington's representations. He praised the staff involved in the service but highlighted the changing needs of mental health services.

In response to questions from Executive, Ms Karen Smith, Director of Adult Services, highlighted the fall in occupancy rates and the reduced number of referrals to the service.