

Agenda Item 3
Revenue Budget 2021/2022

Objection to Revenue Budget – Council Tax Increase
(Constitution Reference: Budget and Policy Framework Standing Order F2.9)

Adjourned Council Meeting

11 February 2021

Proposal:

That the Council formally objects to the Cabinet's revenue budget proposals on the basis of the Cabinet's proposed increase in Council Tax of 1.99%, in light of the financial burden and hardship this would cause our residents, particularly during the time of the Covid-19 pandemic and the devastating financial impact this has had on many individuals and their families. (Note: the Conservative Group accept the 3% increase for Adult Social Care to support our partnership work with our health colleagues in the ICO.) The Cabinet are asked to consider a zero percentage increase in Council Tax, recognising that there is a £7.1 million underspend in the current 2020/2021 Financial Year, which was not fully declared at the time of the public consultation on the Cabinet's budget proposals.

In accordance with the Constitution at F2.9, the Council therefore requires the Cabinet to consider this objection by 18 February 2021 either:

- a) submit a revision of the estimates or amounts as amended by the Cabinet with the reasons for any amendments made to the estimates or amounts, to the Council for its consideration; or
- b) inform the Council of any disagreement that the Cabinet has with any of the Council's objections and the Cabinet's reasons for any such disagreement.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas (David)

Seconded by Councillor Lewis (Chris)