

COUNCIL
26/02/2020 at 6.00 pm



Present: The Mayor – Councillor G. Alexander (Chair)

Councillors Ahmad, Akhtar, Al-Hamdani, Ali, Alyas, Ball, M Bashforth, S Bashforth, Briggs, Brownridge, Byrne, Chadderton, Cosgrove, Curley, Davis, Dean, Fielding, Garry, C. Gloster, H. Gloster, Goodwin, Hamblett, Haque, Harkness, Harrison, Hobin, Hudson, Hulme, A Hussain, F Hussain, Iqbal, Jabbar, Jacques, Leach, Malik, McLaren, Moores, Murphy, Mushtaq, Phythian, Price, Roberts, Salamat, Shah, Sheldon, Shuttleworth, Stretton, Surjan, Taylor, Toor, Ur-Rehman, Williamson and Williams

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Chauhan, Hewitt, Judd and Sykes.

2 TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor made reference to the recent death of the former Ashton-under-Lyne MP, Lord Robert Sheldon whose constituency included Failsworth and Hollinwood.

Councillor Dean paid tribute to the work of Lord Sheldon.

Council held a minute's silence.

3 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER TO BE DETERMINED AT THE MEETING

The Mayor informed the meeting that the Standards Committee had granted a dispensation to allow members who had an interest arising from ownership or occupation of property in Oldham, to participate and vote on the setting of the Council Tax and matters directly related to such decision including the budget calculations. All members declared a pecuniary interest in Item 4 – Budget Proposals, but the dispensation was applicable allowing members to participate and vote on Item 4.

Councillor C. Gloster declared a pecuniary interest by virtue of his employment with Greater Manchester Police.

Councillor H. Gloster declared a pecuniary interest by virtue of her husband's employment with Greater Manchester Police.

Councillor E. Garry declared a pecuniary interest by virtue of her husband's employment with Greater Manchester Police and a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of her membership in the USDAW Trade Union.

Councillor Ball declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of her membership in the UNITE Trade Union.

Councillor Dean declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the UNITE Trade Union.

Councillor M. Bashforth declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of her membership in the GMB Trade Union.

Councillor Leach declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of her membership in the UNITE Trade Union.

Councillor Ur-Rehman declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the UNITE Trade Union.

Councillor Chadderton declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of her membership in the UNISON Trade Union.

Councillor Fielding declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the GMB and UNISON Trade Unions.

Councillor Shah declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of her membership in the GMB and Communications Trade Union.

Councillor Jabbar declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the UNISON and UNITE Trade Unions.

Councillor Mushtaq declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the UNITE Trade Union.

Councillor Roberts declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of her membership in the GMB Trade Union.

Councillor Jacques declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of her membership in the UNISON Trade Union.

Councillor Haque declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the UNITE Trade Union.

Councillor F. Hussain declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the GMB Trade Union.

Councillor Ahmad declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the GMB Trade Union.

Councillor Briggs declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the UNITE Trade Union.

Councillor S. Bashforth declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the GMB Trade Union.

Councillor Ali declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the GMB Trade Union.

Councillor Goodwin declared a pecuniary interest at Item 4g by virtue of his employment by UNITE the Union and a personal interest by virtue of his membership in the UNITE Trade Union.

Councillor Williams declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the USDAW Trade Union.

Councillor Phythian declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the GMB Trade Union.

Councillor Surjan declared a pecuniary and personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of her membership in the UNITE Trade Union.

Councillor Hulme declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the GMB Trade Union and a Saddleworth Parish Councillor.

Councillor Malik declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the UNITE Trade Union.

Councillor Taylor declared a pecuniary interest at Item 4g by virtue of her employment by Communication Workers Union (CWU) and a personal interest by virtue of her membership in the GMB and CWU Trade Unions.

Councillor Davis declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the UNITE Trade Union.

Councillor Akhtar declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the UNITE Trade Union.

Councillor Salamat declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the UNISON Trade Union.

Councillor Shuttleworth declared a personal and pecuniary interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the GMB Trade Union.

Councillor Moores declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the UNITE Trade Union.

Councillor Toor declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of her membership in the UNISON Trade Union.

Councillor McLaren declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the NEU Trade Union.

Councillor Brownridge declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of her membership in the GMB Trade Union.

Councillor Cosgrove declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of her membership in the UNITE Trade Union.

Councillor Price declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of her membership in the GMB Trade Union.

Councillor Stretton declared a personal interest in Item 4g by virtue of her membership in the GMB Trade Union.

Councillor Iqbal declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the CWU Trade Union.

Councillor Alyas declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of his membership in the CWU Trade Union.

Councillor Harrison declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of her membership in the NEU Union.

Councillor Alexander declared a personal interest at Item 4g by virtue of her membership in the UNITE Trade Union.

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TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET CABINET MEETING HELD ON 10TH FEBRUARY 2020 AND TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET IN RELATION TO THE BUDGET FOR 2020/21 AND FURTHER TO THE FOLLOWING ATTACHED REPORTS;

The Mayor requested and it was RESOLVED that Council Procedure Rule 14 (Rules of Debate) be suspended to enable the Leader of the Council to exceed the time limit for his contribution in moving the Administration Budget to 15 minutes with a 30 second extension and the Deputy Leader of the Main Opposition Group in moving the Main Opposition Budget, a time limit of 10 minutes with a 30 second extension. All other speakers would be limited to 4 minutes with a 30 second extension.

The Mayor requested and it was RESOLVED to amend the order of business in the summons to enable the debate on the Capital Programme and the Revenue Budget to take place at the same time in accordance with Council Procedure 12.4(c). The order of business would be Item 4(a), Item 4(d), Item 4(e), Items 4(b) and (f) at the same time, Item 4(g) and then Item 4(c).

The Mayor informed members that regulations had been implemented which required recorded votes on specific decision at the Budget Council meeting. Members would be advised when a recorded vote was required.

Prior to the consideration of the Budget Proposals, the Mayor asked the Council to note the draft minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 10th February 2020.

On a vote being taken, the recommendation was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 10th February 2020 be noted.

a) Housing Revenue Account Estimates for 2020/21 to 2024/25 and Proposed Outturn for 2019/20

Councillor Roberts MOVED and Councillor Jabbar SECONDED a joint report which set out the latest Housing Revenue Account (HRA) outturn estimate for 2019/2020, the detailed budget for 2020/21 and strategic estimates for the four years 2021/22 through to 2024/25. The report also set out the recommended dwelling, non-dwelling rents and service and concierge charges to be applied from April 2020.

It was noted that HRA activities were a key element of the Council's Housing Strategy which had been approved by Council on 10 July 2019 and aimed to provide a diverse Oldham housing offer that was attractive and met the needs of different sections of the population at different stages of their lives. After all relevant issues were taken into account, the project financial position for 2019/2020 was estimated to be a £2.273m positive variance when compared to the original budget forecast for 2019/2020 approved at the Budget Council meeting on 27 February 2019. Most of the variance was attributable to the re-profiling of the HRA funded capital schemes into later years due to revisions to planned spending profiles. The balance at the end of 2019/2020 was projected at £21.750m.

The financial position for 2020/21 showed an estimated HRA closing balance of £18.230m which was sufficient to meet future operational requirements and the potential financial pressures identified in the risk assessment.

The 2020/21 position had been presented after allowing for an increase in dwelling rents of 2.7%, the increase in non-dwelling rents in line with individual contracts, the freezing of all service charges and the setting of Extra Care Housing and Holly Bank concierge charges to fully recover costs.

Members were reminded that the Government had previously advised that PFI properties were exempt from Central Government's 1% Social Rent Reduction policy. This policy was due to end on 31 March 2020. In preparation, Central Government had recently issued updated guidance for the period 2020 – 2025 for all properties, confirming a return to rents being set based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate at September of

the preceding year plus 1%. All Oldham's budget projections for the 2020/2021 budget would follow the rent setting guidance of CPI plus 1%, resulting in an increase of 2.7% (CPI was taken as at September 2019). The financial projections for the HRA over the period 2019/20 to 2024/25 showed an overall reduction in the level of balances from £21.750m at the end of 2019/20 to £7.713m at the end of 2024/25. This was because HRA resources were to be used to support several major approved housing capital projects which included development at Princes Gate Site C, developing temporary accommodation to meet homelessness demands, developing purchase and repair/lease and repair pilot schemes in the private rented sector and financing the purchase of additional housing to add to the Council's HRA stock.

The HRA detailed budget for 2020/21 and strategic estimates for the four years 2021/22 to 2024/25 and the outturn estimate for 2019/20 had been presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value For Money Select Committee on 23 January 2020. The Select Committee was content to commend the report to Cabinet without amendment. Cabinet duly considered the report at its meeting on 10 February 2020 and commended the report to Council.

No members who spoke on this item.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Forecast HRA outturn for 2019/20, as outlined at Appendix A of the report, be approved.
 2. The Proposed HRA budget for 2020/21, as outlined at Appendix B of the report, be approved.
 3. The strategic estimates for 2020/21 to 2024/25, as outlined at Appendix D of the report, be approved.
 4. The proposed increase to dwelling rents for all properties of 2.7% be approved.
 5. The proposed increase to non-dwelling rents as per individual contracts be approved.
 6. The proposal that service charges were unchanged be approved.
 7. The proposal to set Extra Care Housing and Holly Bank concierge charges to fully recover actual costs be approved.
- d) Statement of the Chief Financial Officer on Reserves, Robustness of Estimates and Affordability and Prudence of Capital Investments

Councillor Jabbar MOVED and Councillor Fielding SECONDED a report of the Director of Finance which sought agreement to the level of balances necessary to support the 2020/21 budget underpinned by the agreed policy on Earmarked Reserves, setting a properly balanced revenue budget which includes the

financing of capital investments within the present investment proposals.

Members were informed that in order to comply with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, the Authority's Chief Financial Officer (the Director of Finance) was required to report on the robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the revenue budget calculations and the adequacy of the proposed reserves. This information enabled a longer-term view of the overall financial resilience of the Council to be taken. It also reported on the Director of Finance's consideration of the affordability and prudence of capital investment proposals. The level of general balances to support the budget and an appropriate level of Earmarked Reserves maintained by the Council in accordance with the agreed Council Policy on Earmarked Reserves were an integral part of its continued financial resilience supporting the stability of the Council. Whilst the Council had prepared a detailed revenue budget within a five year Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), a five year Capital Programme and continued the closure of accounts within an appropriate timeframe which allowed early focus on the upcoming challenges and a robust financial transformation programmed, there continued to be a reliance on the use of reserves to balance the revenue budget.

Since 2016/17, reserves of £22.937m had been used to underpin the Council's revenue budget. For 2020/21, there was another proposed use of reserves of £10.008m combined with a number of one-off measures totally £5.150m. The continued use of reserves and one-off measures had had the impact of deferring the changes that were required to balance the revenue budget by on-ongoing sustainable means. The implementation of the next phase of the transformation programme in 2020/21 was expected to begin to address this challenge. The expected benefits of the transformation would be phased over several financial years. It was anticipated that there would continue to be a need to utilise reserves until the programme was complete. As detailed in the Council's Audit Completion Report, presented alongside the Statement of Accounts, the External Auditors concluded that for 2018/19 the Council had made proper arrangements to deliver financial sustainability in the medium term. However, it was also pointed out the "the use of reserves to support revenue budgets in the longer term is not sustainable, and the Council will need to ensure that its longer term financial sustainability does not deplete its reserves to unsustainability low levels".

Members noted that financial resilience did depend in part on the Council maintaining an adequate level of reserves as set out in the report. In order to scrutinise the level of reserves held by the Council, the policy on Earmarked Reserves was considered by the Audit Committee in June 2019 and it was proposed to action the same review again in 2020/21 after the closure of the accounts for 2019/20.

Whilst the Council utilised a number of reserves to support the 2020/21 revenue budget, members were assured that the Council currently remained financially resilient and was working hard to address the pressures that had arisen over of a number

of years and therefore still continued to be well placed to meet the difficult financial challenges that it faced. Members were advised of the robustness of the estimates and the affordability and prudence of the capital estimates for 2020/21. Despite the use of reserves over recent years, the level of reserves was adequate to support the 2020/21 financial position and demonstrated financial resilience. This is only the case provided that action was taken to ensure that the balances are set at the level of £14.991m for 2020/21 as calculated in the report and that all budget options, or in year alternatives, are delivered as planned and monitored.

The Statement of the Chief Financial Officer had been presented for scrutiny to the Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee on 23 January 2020. The Select Committee was content to commend the report to Cabinet. The report was duly considered by Cabinet who approved the report at its meeting on 10 February 2020 and commended the report to Council.

No members who spoke on this item.

RESOLVED that:

1. The proposed General Fund Balance currently calculated for 2020/21 at £14.991m be approved.
 2. The initial estimate of General Fund Balances to support the Medium Term Financial Strategy be noted as follows:
 - £15.187m for 2021/22 and
 - £15.241m for the years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25.
 3. The intended report to be presented to the Audit Committee on Earmarked Reserves to ensure this area was subject to the appropriate scrutiny be approved.
 4. The actions necessary to secure a properly balanced budget as presented in paragraph 3.6 of the report be noted.
 5. The actions necessary to ensure the prudence of the capital investments as noted in Section 4 of the report be approved.
- e) Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2020/21

Councillor Jabbar MOVED and Councillor Fielding SECONDED a report of the Director of Finance which presented the proposed Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2020/21 for approval.

Members were reminded that there was a requirement to have a Council Tax Reduction (CTR) scheme to support residents who qualified for assistance in paying Council Tax. The Local Government Finance Act 2012 placed a requirement that each year a billing authority must consider whether to revise its Council Tax Reduction Scheme or to place it with another scheme. Any change to the 2020/21 scheme must be agreed by Full Council in line with budget setting and no later than 10 March 2020. For Oldham, this

required the Council to agree a revised 2020/21 scheme at the 26 February 2020 Council meeting. Any proposed change must be subject to prior consultation with the major preceptors and the public.

The Council's current CTR scheme limited CTR to a maximum of 85% of Council Tax for a Band A property and removed second adult rebate for those of working age. Following a public consultation exercise in Autumn 2018, the scheme was amended from April 2019 which introduced a range of changes to the scheme largely aimed at supporting those CTR claimants who received Universal Credit (UC). These included the application of some earnings disregards and treatment of information received from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) about UC as a claim for CTR. As more working Housing Benefit (HB) cases moved to UC, Local Authority CTR schemes were in transition as the number of cases aligned to the HB model of assessment reduced and the number of UC cases aligned to the UC structure increased. It was therefore considered pragmatic to wait until more cases had migrated to UC to introduce a fully revised CTR scheme which would appropriately link with the design of UC. This would avoid the administrative complexity of running two distinct working age CTR schemes concurrently and would mean that the 2019/20 CTR scheme would remain unchanged in 2020/21.

At its meeting on 23 January 2020, the Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee (PVFM) scrutinised the proposed Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2020/21. The Select Committee was content to agree to the proposal that there were no changes to the 2019/20 CTR scheme for 2020/21. It was therefore content to commend the proposed CTR scheme for 2020/21 to Cabinet without additional comment. On 10 February 2020, Cabinet duly considered the proposal that there were no changes to the 2019/20 CTR scheme for 2020/21 and agreed to commend the report without amendment to Full Council.

No members spoke on this item.

RESOLVED that the proposed Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2020/21, which was unchanged from the 2019/20 scheme, be approved.

- b) Capital Strategy and Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2024/25

Councillor Fielding MOVED and Councillor Jabbar SECONDED a report of the Director of Finance which set out the Capital Strategy for 2020/21 to 2024/25 and thereby the proposed 2020/21 capital programme which included identified capital investment priorities, together with the indicative capital programme for 2021/22 to 2024/25, having regard to the resources available over the life of the programme.
Capital Strategy

The Council's Capital Strategy and Capital Programme were set over a five-year timeframe. The proposed Capital Strategy and Programme for 2020/21 to 2024/25 took the essential elements of the 2019/24 and previous years' strategies and programmes and moved them forward in the context of the financial and political environment for 2020/21. The Strategy included a longer term vision, a forward look at those projects that were likely to run beyond the five-year strategy and programme period or be initiated subsequently. This covered a timeframe for the 10 years from 2025/26 to 2034/35. The format of the Capital Strategy reflected the requirements of the latest Prudential and Treasury Management Codes issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). The Strategy therefore presented:

- A high-level long-term overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contributed to the provision of services;
- An overview of how the associated risk was managed; and
- The implications for future financial sustainability.

The Capital Strategy was presented at Appendix 1 of the report and ensured that all Council Members were presented with the overall long-term capital investment policy objectives and resulting Capital Strategy requirements, governance procedures and risk appetite. The Strategy incorporated the refreshed and updated elements of the Medium-Term Property Strategy, the Creating a Better Place Strategy, Commercial Property Investment Strategy and Fund, Housing Strategy and Income Strategy. Annex C of Appendix 1 of the report set out the proposed capital expenditure and financing for the period covered by the Capital Strategy, 2020/21 to 2024/25. The Strategy also advised that the Council was proposing to continue the use of the flexibility provided by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to use capital receipts to fund the revenue cost of transformation. The 2020/21 revenue budget would rely on up to £3.750m of such funding from capital receipts. Annex D of the report set out the required Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy which advised of the summary of planned receipts, use and savings.

Capital Programme

The 2019/20 Month 8 Capital Monitoring Position was approved at the Cabinet meeting held on 10 February 2020 and the projections included in that report were a key determinant of the 2020/21 programme. The projected outturn spending position for 2019/20 was £63.945m. The People and Place Directorate which managed all of the major regeneration projects, constituted the main area of expenditure (£33.406m). Ringfenced and Un-Ringfenced grants (£29.888m) followed by Prudential Borrowing provided the main source of financing (£18.967m). Actual expenditure to 30 November 2019 was £33.031m (51.63% of forecast outturn). This spending profile was in line with previous years. However, the position would be kept under review and budgets would continue to be managed in accordance with forecasts.

Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2024/25

The Council had set out its Capital Programme for the period 2020/21 to 2024/25 based on the principles of the Capital Strategy. The Capital Programme and Capital Strategy had been influenced by the level of resources considered available. The level of prudential borrowing included reflected the financing available in the revenue budget, capital receipts aligned with forecasts and grant funding and other contributions based on already notified allocations or best estimates at the time of preparation. If additional resources became available, projects that met the Council's strategic capital objectives would be brought forward for approval.

The Capital Strategy 2020/21 to 2024/25 had seen a significant increase in the level of investment compared to that previously projected. This was due to the incorporation of the spending plans associated with the recently approved Creating a Better Place Strategy which encompassed housing initiatives together with town centre and borough wide regeneration. It also included the findings of the independent review of the Medium-Term Property Strategy. The Capital Strategy also reflected the refreshed Commercial Property Investment Strategy and the Income Strategy as well as the approved Housing Strategy. Members were informed that the anticipated expenditure over the five-year life of the 2019/20 to 2023/24 strategy was £272.939m, taking 2019/20 aside (£63.945m) left £208.994m for the remainder of the approved 2020/21 to 2023/24 Capital Programme. Following the approval of the new and refreshed strategies including Creating a Better Place and moving forward the planning period by one year, the Capital Strategy for 2020/21 to 2024/25 totalled £479.581m. The significant increase in investment to deliver change for Oldham was therefore evident.

A review of the Capital Programme had highlighted that there was already a full range of commitments for the period 2020/21 to 2024/25 but additional funding allocations totalling £270.587m had been added to support the ambitious regeneration programme. The Capital Programme included proposed expenditure for 2020/21 of £147.632m with the largest area of expenditure being on regeneration, transport and infrastructure projects within the People and Place Directorate. Total expenditure decreased to £131.467m in 2021/22, then to £102.510m and £40.999m in 2022/23 and 2023/24 respectively, and in the final year of the current programme 2024/25 spend increased to an estimated £56.973m.

The Government continued to provide significant levels of grant funding, after an initial reduction at the start of the austerity period. The main source of grant income remained education related with Based Need capital grant funding totalling £25.535m over the life of the programme. The grant funding provided by Government could be split into two categories: un-ringfenced and ringfenced resources as explained in Section 10 of the Capital Strategy. The 2020/21 capital programme relied on £22.504m of un-ringfenced and £11.209m of ringfenced grants.

As in previous years, a major source of financing remained prudential borrowing. The amount required in 2020/21 (£99.070m) included borrowing attributed to schemes that had

been reprofiled from prior years and the new borrowing attributed to scheme that had been reprofiled from prior years and the new borrowing associated with the regeneration programme. It was expected that £30m of this prudential borrowing would be financed by income provided from property acquisition and investment. In addition, the timing of the borrowing was linked to the cash position of the Council and may therefore not mirror the spending/financing profile set out above.

There would be a continued review of the capital spending requirements as the Council had further regeneration ambitions, but affordability and deliverability would be a key consideration in this regard. It was possible that the capital position may change prior to the start of 2020/21 and during the year.

Therefore, the overall Capital Programme position would be kept under review and any new information about funding allocations would be presented to Members in future reports.

There had been consultation on the proposed Capital Strategy and Capital Programme for 2020/21 to 2024/25 including the Capital Investment Programme Board on 20 December 2019 and the Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee on 23 January 2020. The Select Committee was content with the report and commended the report to Cabinet.

Cabinet duly considered and approved the report at its meeting on 10 February 2020 and commended the report to Council. In responding to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee held on 4 February 2020 with regard to the Liberal Democrats Budget Proposals, Cabinet also recommended that when a review was undertaken to determine the schemes to be included within the Capital Programme for 2021/22 and future years, that additional health care centres for Saddleworth and Chadderton be considered.

No members spoke on this item.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Capital Strategy for 2020/21 to 2024/25 as detailed at Appendix 1 of this report and summarised at Section 2.1 of the report be approved.
2. The Capital Programme for 2020/21 and indicative programmes for 2021/22 to 2024/25 at Annex C of Appendix 1 to the report and summarised at Sections 2.2 to 2.6 of the report be approved.
3. The consideration of additional health care centres for Saddleworth and Chadderton when a review was undertaken to determine which schemes are included within the Capital Programme for 2021/22 and future years be approved.
4. The Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy as presented at Annex D of Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

f) Revenue Budget 2020/21 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 to 2024/25



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Councillor Fielding MOVED and Councillor Jabbar SECONDED a report of the Director of Finance which provided Council with the forecast budget reduction requirement and the Administration's budget proposals for 2020/21 together with forecast budget reduction requirement estimates for the period 2021/22 to 2024/25 having regard to the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement published on 20 December 2019 and subsequent Final Local Government Finance Settlement published on 6 February 2020, which at the time of report publication, was awaiting Parliamentary approval although no changes were expected.

The report set out the proposals for the Council's Revenue Budget for 2020/21 and the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2020/21 to 2024/25. The report advised Members of the key financial challenges and issues which would be faced by the Council over the forecast period and set out the Administration's revenue budget proposals for 2020/21 together with updated budget reduction requirement estimates for the period 2021/22 to 2024/25. The report presented the purpose and scope of the MTFS and how it had a vital role to play in enabling the translation of the Council's ambition and priorities into action. The report also advised of the national policy landscape and economic context in which the Council was setting its revenue budget for 2020/21 and MTFS to 2024/25. Section 4 of the report highlighted the local strategies and policies relevant to the MTFS which included the Oldham Plan and Corporate Plan, Financial Policies and Strategies as well as other major strategies which had an influence on the allocation of Council resources. Developments in Local Government Finance were included at Section 5 incorporating the new released Financial Management Code together with a commentary on the Council's financial resilience. The report also highlighted policy announcements and implications arising from the Local Government's 2019 Spending Round presented on 4 September 2019, the Local Government Finance Settlement 2020/21 Technical Consultation, the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement (LGFS) published on 20 December 2019 and the Final Local Government Finance Settlement published on 6 February 2020 which, at the time of report publication, was awaiting Parliamentary approval. Members were advised that should there be any changes to the information already received it would not impact on the Council Tax recommendation and any implications for the 2020/21 budget would be reported to 18 March 2020 Council meeting. Key adjustments to funding confirmed in the 2020/21 LGFS were:

- An increase in expected Core Government Funding over previous estimates of £6.664m (estimates assumed the continuation of austerity); and
- An additional £10.596m of Government Grants over and above the expected level – primarily the continuation of previously time limited Improved Better Care Fund and

Winter Pressures Grants (totalling £2.708m) and the 2020/21 Social Care Support Grant (£6.954m).

The LGFS confirmed referendum limits for a general purpose Council Tax increase and the Government would permit rises of up to 2% per annum for 2020/21 without the need to hold a referendum. The Government also confirmed the continued ability to charge an Adult Social Care Precept allowing up to a 2% increase in Council Tax for 2020/21 (ringfenced for use for Adult Social Care). The Council Tax referendum limits for 2020/21 applicable to the Council therefore allowed an overall increase of 4%.

Members were reminded that the Council Tax policy approved within the 2019/20 budget was that for 2020/21, the previous policy would continue. The Council would therefore increase Council Tax by 2% for the Adult Social Care Precept (ASCP) and 1.99% for general purposes; an overall increase of 3.99%. The referendum limits for 2020/21 as advised above would permit this approach. However, mindful of the financial position of the Authority, but also the impact of a further increase in Council Tax on the citizens of Oldham, a revision to Council Tax Policy was proposed. Whilst the 2% increase related to the ASCP would continue, Council Tax for general purposes would increase by 0.99% rather than 1.99%. In overall terms the Oldham Council Tax would increase by 2.99%.

The Government had not proposed Council Tax referendum principles for Mayoral Combined Authorities in 2020/21 but had set referendum principles for Police and Crime Commissioners (including the GM Mayor). These were provided alongside the Police Funding Settlement on 22 January 2020 and the Government had given Police and Crime Commissioners the flexibility to increase funding by setting the Council Tax referendum limit to £10 for a Band D property. An increase of £14 had been approved by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) for the Mayoral General Precept (which included Fire and Rescue Services) and the Mayor had approved an increase of £10 for the GM Police and Crime Commissioner precept.

Members were informed the starting point for preparing the 2020/21 revenue budget estimates was the Month 8 2019/20 revenue budget forecast outturn position, which was approved by Cabinet on 10 February 2020 and was summarised at Section 8 of the report. It highlighted a current adverse projected variance for 2019/20 of £1.367m but advised that it was expected that at year end at least a balanced position would be achieved.

Section 9 of the report detailed key budget adjustments and expenditure pressures underpinning the forecasts that provided the backdrop for the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and were detailed in the report. Based on the latest estimates the budget reduction requirement for 2020/21 had decreased from the previously reported figure of £22.871m to £18.169m. Section 10 of the report detailed the Administration's budget reduction proposals. There were a total of seven proposals expected to deliver savings of £3.011m in 2020/21. If approved in full, these proposals further reduced the budget reduction requirement to £15.158m for 2020/21.

Sections 11 and 12 of the report explained the approach to balancing the 2020/21 budget. In order to remove the requirement for further spending reductions, it was proposed to part finance the 2020/21 budget by using the opportunities provided by the ability to use Capital Receipts to support spending on transformational projects up to a value of £3.750m and from an available Collection Fund Surplus of £1.400m. A number of specific and corporate reserves would be used to address the balance as follows:

- £1.413 from gains anticipated in 2019/20 from the Greater Manchester 100% Business Rates Retention Pilot Scheme;
- £1.300m of further benefit made available by the GMCA from the Greater Manchester 100% Business Rates Retention Pilot Scheme in 2019/20;
- £3.113m from reserves related to a refund of the 2019/20 Waste Levy; and
- £4.182m from Corporate Reserves.

Approval of the proposals as set out in this report in full by Budget Council would deliver a balanced revenue budget for 2020/21. The budget reduction requirement for subsequent years was forecast to be £23.251m for 2021/22, £13.018m for 2022/23, £13.568m for 2023/24 and £12.922 for 2024/25.

Other key sections in the report summarised the forecast reserves and balances position supporting the Council's financial resilience, set out the Administration's proposals in relation to Fees and Charges, and detailed the Council's Pay Policy Statement (as required by Sections 38 to 43 of the Localism Act 2011).

Members were asked to note that as the Government had only provided grant funding notifications for 2020/21, the MTFS estimates for 2021/22 to 2024/25 were based on a series of assumptions and therefore must be considered indicative at this stage. This had generated significant uncertainty and hindered effective planning by the Council, both financially and operationally as future Government funding intentions were difficult to assess. This position, together with the transformational and organisational plans for change that the Council would implement to address the financial challenge were outlined at Section 18 of the report.

The MTFS highlighted the plan to deliver significant savings from 2021/22 onwards. Whilst it was anticipated that the Council would continue to rely on the use of reserves to support its budget setting processes until 2023/24, this would gradually be phased down as the change programmes gathered momentum and sustainable budget reductions were identified. The Revenue Budget 2020/21 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 to 2024/25 were presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee for consultation and scrutiny on 23 January 2020. The Select Committee scrutinised the budget report and the other reports on the agenda that formed a core part of the Council's strategic planning framework. The Select Committee was content to commend the report to Cabinet without additional comment. Cabinet duly considered and approved the report as

its meeting on 10 February 2020 and commended the report to Council.

A further meeting of the Select Committee took place on 4 February 2020 to consider the budget amendments put forward by the Main Opposition Party. Whilst the Select Committee did not accept all of the investment or budget reduction proposals presented, it did make some recommendations to Cabinet. At its meeting on 10 February 2020, Cabinet considered these recommendations and agreed that four be commended to Council. The information in this regard was set out at Section 17 of the report and those related to the revenue budget were addressed at recommendation 15 of this report.

Members who spoke on the item:

g) AMENDMENT

Councillor C. Gloster MOVED and Councillor Al-Hamdani SECONDED the amendment to budget as circulated and detailed in the Council Summons. Councillor C. Gloster expressed his thanks to staff who had assisted in the preparation of the report.

Councillors Hamblett, Harkness, Murphy, H. Gloster and Williamson spoke in support of the Amendment.

Councillors Roberts, Hudson, Curley, Jabbar and Leach spoke against the Amendment.

Councillor Byrne spoke on the Amendment.

Councillor Fielding exercised his right of reply.

Councillor C. Gloster exercised his right of reply.

A recorded vote, in line with the Regulations was then taken on the AMENDMENT as follows:

Councillor		Councillor	
Ahmad	AGAINST	Hussain, A.	AGAINST
Akhtar	AGAINST	Hussain, F.	AGAINST
Al-Hamdani	FOR	Ibrahim	ABSENT
Ali	AGAINST	Iqbal	AGAINST
Alyas	AGAINST	Jabbar	AGAINST
Ball	AGAINST	Jacques	AGAINST
Bashforth, M.	AGAINST	Judd	ABSENT
Bashforth, S.	AGAINST	Larkin	ABSENT
Briggs	AGAINST	Leach	AGAINST
Brownridge	AGAINST	Malik	AGAINST
Byrne	AGAINST	McLaren	AGAINST
Chadderton	AGAINST	Moores	AGAINST
Chauhan	ABSENT	Murphy	FOR
Cosgrove	AGAINST	Mushtaq	AGAINST
Curley	AGAINST	Phythian	AGAINST
Davis	AGAINST	Price	AGAINST

Dean	AGAINST	Roberts	AGAINST
Fielding	AGAINST	Salamat	AGAINST
Garry	AGAINST	Shah	AGAINST
Gloster, C.	FOR	Sheldon	AGAINST
Gloster, H.	FOR	Shuttleworth	ABSENT
Goodwin	AGAINST	Stretton	AGAINST
Hamblett	FOR	Surjan	ABSENT
Haque	AGAINST	Sykes	ABSENT
Harkness	FOR	Taylor	ABSENT
Harrison	AGAINST	Toor	AGAINST
Hewitt	ABSENT	Ur-Rehman	AGAINST
Hobin	FOR	Williams	AGAINST
Hudson	AGAINST	Williamson	FOR
Hulme	AGAINST	Alexander	AGAINST

On a recorded VOTE being taken, 8 VOTES were cast in FAVOUR of the AMENDMENT with 43 VOTES cast AGAINST and 0 ABSTENTIONS. The AMENDMENT was therefore LOST.

NOTE: Councillors Goodwin, Shuttleworth, Surjan and Taylor declared a pecuniary interest in this item and left the Chamber during this item and did not take part in the discussion or vote thereon.

The following Councillors then spoke on the ORIGINAL MOTION:

Councillors S. Bashforth, Shah, Toor, Ball, Ur-Rehman, Dean, Roberts, Surjan, Jacques and Williams spoke in support of the Original Motion.

Councillor Fielding exercised his right of reply.

A recorded VOTE, in line with regulations was then taken on the ORIGINAL MOTION as follows:

Councillor		Councillor	
Ahmad	FOR	Hussain, A.	FOR
Akhtar	FOR	Hussain, F.	FOR
Al-Hamdani	ABSTAIN	Ibrahim	ABSENT
Ali	FOR	Iqbal	FOR
Alyas	FOR	Jabbar	FOR
Ball	FOR	Jacques	FOR
Bashforth, M.	FOR	Judd	ABSENT
Bashforth, S.	FOR	Larkin	ABSENT
Briggs	FOR	Leach	FOR
Brownridge	FOR	Malik	FOR
Byrne	ABSTAIN	McLaren	FOR
Chadderton	FOR	Moores	FOR
Chauhan	ABSENT	Murphy	ABSTAIN
Cosgrove	FOR	Mushtaq	FOR
Curley	ABSTAIN	Phythian	FOR
Davis	FOR	Price	FOR
Dean	FOR	Roberts	FOR

Fielding	FOR	Salamat	FOR
Garry	FOR	Shah	FOR
Gloster, C.	ABSTAIN	Sheldon	ABSTAIN
Gloster, H.	ABSTAIN	Shuttleworth	FOR
Goodwin	FOR	Stretton	FOR
Hamblett	ABSTAIN	Surjan	FOR
Haque	FOR	Sykes	ABSENT
Harkness	ABSTAIN	Taylor	FOR
Harrison	FOR	Toor	FOR
Hewitt	ABSENT	Ur-Rehman	FOR
Hobin	ABSTAIN	Williams	FOR
Hudson	ABSTAIN	Williamson	ABSTAIN
Hulme	FOR	Alexander	FOR

On a recorded VOTE being taken, 42 VOTES were cast in FAVOUR of the ORIGINAL MOTION with 0 cast against and 12 ABSTENTIONS. The ORIGINAL MOTION was therefore CARRIED.

RESOLVED that:

1. The policy landscape and economic context in which the Council was setting its revenue budget for 2020/21 and MTFs to 2024/25 be approved.
2. The impact of Oldham Council Policies and Strategies on the Council's budget setting process and the development of its Medium Term Financial Strategy be approved.
3. The financial forecasts for 2020/21 to 2024/25 having regard to the Local Government Finance Settlement and associated funding announcements be approved.
4. The key issues to be addressed in continuing to respond to the financial challenges facing the Council be approved.
5. The 2020/21 Budget Reduction Proposals at a value of £3.011m be approved.
6. The use of £1.400m of Collection Fund Surplus resources to support the 2020/21 budget be approved.
7. The flexible use of £3.750m of capital receipts to finance expenditure on activities promoting the transformational programme be approved.
8. The use of £5.826m of reserves for specific purposes and £4.182m of corporate reserves to balance the 2020/21 budget be approved.
9. The fees and charges schedule included at Appendix 7 of the report be approved.
10. A Council Tax increase of 2.99% for Oldham Council services resulting in the Band D charges set out at paragraph 15.3 of the report and in detail at Appendix 8 of the report be approved.
11. The proposal to draw on the Collection Fund for major preceptors of £113.721m for Borough Wide Services and £96.466m for Council services be approved.
12. The proposed budget for 2020/21 for the Council set at £233.524m be approved.

13. Revised estimated budget reduction targets of £23.251m for 2021/22, £13.018m for 2022/23, £13.568m for 2023/24 and £12.922m for 2024/25 be approved.
14. The Pay Policy Statement included at Appendix 12 of the report be approved.
15. The review during 2020/21 of the three revenue budget issues put forward by the main Opposition Party and commended to Council by Cabinet be approved.

c) Treasury Management Statement 2020/21

Councillor Jabbar MOVED and Councillor Fielding SECONDED a report of the Director of Finance which presented the strategy for 2020/2021 Treasury Management activities including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement, the Annual Investment Strategy and Prudential Indicators together with linkages to the Capital Strategy.

The Council was required through regulations supporting the Local Government Act 2003 to 'have regard to' the Prudential Code and to set Prudential Indicators for the next three years to ensure that the Council's capital investment plans were affordable, prudent and sustainable. The Council was also required to produce an Annual Treasury Strategy for borrowing and to prepare an Annual Investment Strategy that set out the Council's policies for managing its investments and for giving priority to security and liquidity of those investments.

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Treasury Management 2017 (the Code) also required the receipt by full Council of a Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

The Strategy for 2020/21 covered two main areas:

Capital Issues:

- The Capital expenditure plans and the associated Prudential Indicators
- The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement

Treasury Management Issues:

- The Current Treasury Position
- Treasury Indicators which limit the treasury risk and activities of the Council
- Prospects for Interest Rates
- The Borrowing Strategy
- The Policy on Borrowing in Advance of Need
- Debt Rescheduling
- The Investment Strategy
- The Creditworthiness Strategy
- The Policy regarding the use of external service providers.

The report outlined the implications and key factors related to each of the above Capital and Treasury Management Issues and made recommendations with regard to the Treasury Management Strategy for 2020/21. The report also included an economic background commentary which had been updated to reflect the latest position, especially in relation to the UK leaving the EU on 31 January 2020.

The Audit Committee, as the body charged with the detailed scrutiny of Treasury Management activities considered the proposed Treasury Management Strategy report at its meeting on 20 January 2020. The report was also presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee on 23 January. Both the Audit Committee and the Overview and Performance and Value for Money Select Committee were content to commend the report to Cabinet. The Cabinet duly considered and approved the report at its meeting on 10 February 2020 and commended the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2020/21 to Council.

No members spoke on this item.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Capital Expenditure Estimates as per paragraph 2.1.2 of the report be approved.
2. The MRP Policy and method of calculation as per Appendix 1 of the report be approved.
3. The Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) Projections as per paragraph 2.2.4 of the report be approved.
4. The projected treasury position as at 31 March 2020 as per paragraph 2.3.3 of the report be approved.
5. The Treasury Limits as per Section 2.4 of the report be approved.
6. The Borrowing Strategy for 2020/21 as per Section 2.6 of the report be approved.
7. The Annual Investment Strategy as per Section 2.10 of the report which included risk management and the creditworthiness policy at Section 2.11 of the report be approved.
8. The level of investment in specified and non-specified investments as detailed at Appendix 5 to the report be approved.

Resolutions 1 and 2 related to the Council Tax Base for the Financial Year 2020/2021 as approved by the Cabinet on 16th December 2019 and the Council Tax Requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2020/2021

No members who spoke on this item.

A recorded vote, in line with the Regulations, was then taken on the Resolutions as follows:

Councillor		Councillor	
Ahmad	FOR	Hussain, A.	FOR
Akhtar	FOR	Hussain, F.	FOR
Al-Hamdani	FOR	Ibrahim	ABSENT
Ali	FOR	Iqbal	FOR
Alyas	FOR	Jabbar	FOR
Ball	FOR	Jacques	FOR
Bashforth, M.	FOR	Judd	ABSENT
Bashforth, S.	FOR	Larkin	ABSENT

Briggs	FOR	Leach	FOR
Brownridge	FOR	Malik	FOR
Byrne	FOR	McLaren	FOR
Chadderton	FOR	Moores	FOR
Chauhan	ABSENT	Murphy	FOR
Cosgrove	FOR	Mushtaq	FOR
Curley	FOR	Phythian	FOR
Davis	FOR	Price	FOR
Dean	FOR	Roberts	FOR
Fielding	FOR	Salamat	FOR
Garry	FOR	Shah	FOR
Gloster, C.	FOR	Sheldon	FOR
Gloster, H.	FOR	Shuttleworth	FOR
Goodwin	FOR	Stretton	FOR
Hamblett	FOR	Surjan	FOR
Haque	FOR	Sykes	ABSENT
Harkness	FOR	Taylor	FOR
Harrison	FOR	Toor	FOR
Hewitt	ABSENT	Ur-Rehman	FOR
Hobin	FOR	Williams	FOR
Hudson	FOR	Williamson	FOR
Hulme	FOR	Alexander	FOR

On a recorded VOTE being taken, the RESOLUTION was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLVED that:

1. It be noted that on 16 December 2019, the following amounts were approved by the Cabinet as the Council's Council Tax Base for the Financial Year 2020/21:
 - a) 57,663 for the whole Council area [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act").
 - b) 8,707 for dwellings in the Saddleworth Parish area to which a Parish precept related.
 - c) 5,494 for dwellings in the Shaw and Crompton Parish to which a Parish precept related.
2. The Council Tax Requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2020/21 (excluding Parish Precepts) as being £96,465,586 be approved.

Resolution 3 related to the amounts calculated by the Council for the year 2020/2021 in accordance with Sections 31A to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

No members who spoke on the item.

A recorded vote, in line with the Regulations, was then taken on the RESOLUTION as follows:

Councillor		Councillor	
Ahmad	FOR	Hussain, A.	FOR
Akhtar	FOR	Hussain, F.	FOR

Al-Hamdani	FOR	Ibrahim	ABSENT
Ali	FOR	Iqbal	FOR
Alyas	FOR	Jabbar	FOR
Ball	FOR	Jacques	FOR
Bashforth, M.	FOR	Judd	ABSENT
Bashforth, S.	FOR	Larkin	ABSENT
Briggs	FOR	Leach	FOR
Brownridge	FOR	Malik	FOR
Byrne	FOR	McLaren	FOR
Chadderton	FOR	Moores	FOR
Chauhan	ABSENT	Murphy	FOR
Cosgrove	FOR	Mushtaq	FOR
Curley	FOR	Phythian	FOR
Davis	FOR	Price	FOR
Dean	FOR	Roberts	FOR
Fielding	FOR	Salamat	FOR
Garry	FOR	Shah	FOR
Gloster, C.	FOR	Sheldon	FOR
Gloster, H.	FOR	Shuttleworth	FOR
Goodwin	FOR	Stretton	FOR
Hamblett	FOR	Surjan	FOR
Haque	FOR	Sykes	ABSENT
Harkness	FOR	Taylor	FOR
Harrison	FOR	Toor	FOR
Hewitt	ABSENT	Ur-Rehman	FOR
Hobin	FOR	Williams	FOR
Hudson	FOR	Williamson	FOR
Hulme	FOR	Alexander	FOR

On a recorded VOTE being taken, the RESOLUTION was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLVED that the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2020/21 in accordance with the Sections 31A to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 be approved as follows:

a)	£598,556,880	Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account any Precepts for the Saddleworth and Shaw & Crompton Parish areas
b)	£501,800,494	Being the aggregate for the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
c)	£96,756,386	Being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax Requirement for the year (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act)

d)	£1,677.96	Being the amount at 3(c) above, all divided by Item T(1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
e)	£290,800	Being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act, being the Saddleworth and Shaw & Crompton Parish precepts.
f)	£1,672.92	Being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by the amount by Item T(1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings on those parts of its area to which no special item related.
g)	£1,695.68	Saddleworth Parish Area Being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items related to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned at 3(e) above divided by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items related.
h)	£1,689.78	Being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items related to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned at 3(e) above divided by the amount at 1(c) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items related.

Resolution 4 – Relating to the Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner Precept and the Mayor General Precept (including Fire Services)

No members who spoke on this item.

On being put to the VOTE, the RESOLUTION was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLVED that for the year 2020/21 the Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner Precept and the Mayoral General Precept (including Fire Services) for Greater Manchester had been issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below be noted.



NOTE: Councillors Garry, C. Gloster and H. Gloster declared a pecuniary interest in this item and left the Chamber during this item and did not take part in the discussion or vote thereon.

Resolution 5 – Relating to the Setting of the Council Tax for 2020/2021

No members who spoke on this item.

A recorded vote, in line with the Regulations, was then taken on the RESOLUTION as follows:

Councillor		Councillor	
Ahmad	FOR	Hussain, A.	FOR
Akhtar	FOR	Hussain, F.	FOR
Al-Hamdani	FOR	Ibrahim	ABSENT
Ali	FOR	Iqbal	FOR
Alyas	FOR	Jabbar	FOR
Ball	FOR	Jacques	FOR
Bashforth, M.	FOR	Judd	ABSENT
Bashforth, S.	FOR	Larkin	ABSENT
Briggs	FOR	Leach	FOR
Brownridge	FOR	Malik	FOR
Byrne	FOR	McLaren	FOR
Chadderton	FOR	Moores	FOR
Chauhan	ABSENT	Murphy	FOR
Cosgrove	FOR	Mushtaq	FOR
Curley	FOR	Phythian	FOR
Davis	FOR	Price	FOR
Dean	FOR	Roberts	FOR
Fielding	FOR	Salamat	FOR
Garry	FOR	Shah	FOR
Gloster, C.	FOR	Sheldon	FOR
Gloster, H.	FOR	Shuttleworth	FOR
Goodwin	FOR	Stretton	FOR
Hamblett	FOR	Surjan	FOR
Haque	FOR	Sykes	ABSENT
Harkness	FOR	Taylor	FOR
Harrison	FOR	Toor	FOR
Hewitt	ABSENT	Ur-Rehman	FOR
Hobin	FOR	Williams	FOR
Hudson	FOR	Williamson	FOR
Hulme	FOR	Alexander	FOR

On a recorded VOTE being taken, the RESOLUTION was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLVED that the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2020/21 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings:



Authority/Parish	Council Tax Bands (£)							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Oldham Council	1,115.28	1,301.16	1,487.04	1,672.92	2,044.68	2,416.44	2,788.20	3,345.84
Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner Precept	138.86	162.01	185.15	208.30	254.58	300.87	347.16	416.60
Mayoral General Precept (including Fire Services)	60.63	70.73	80.84	90.95	111.16	131.37	151.58	181.90
Saddleworth Parish Precept	15.17	17.70	20.23	22.76	27.81	32.87	37.93	45.52
Shaw and Crompton Parish Precept	11.24	13.11	14.98	16.86	20.60	24.35	28.10	33.72

Authority/Parish	Council Tax Bands (£)							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Saddleworth Parish Area	1,329.94	1,551.60	1,773.26	1,994.93	2,438.23	2,881.55	3,324.87	3,989.86
Shaw & Crompton Parish Area	1,326.01	1,547.01	1,768.01	1,989.03	2,431.02	2,873.03	3,315.01	3,978.06
All other parts of the Council's area	1,314.77	1,533.90	1,753.03	1,972.17	2,410.42	2,848.68	3,286.94	3,944.34

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 8.34 pm