



COUNCIL

**Meeting: Thursday, 24th February 2022 at 6.30 pm
in Civic Suite, North Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2EP**

ADDENDUM

The following items although provided for on the agenda front sheet were not available at the time of publication.

8.	FINAL BUDGET PROPOSALS (INCLUDING MONEY PLAN AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME) (PAGES 5 - 10) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revised Appendix 1 - Money Plan – Earmarked Reserves only• Liberal Democrat Group Proposed Budget Amendments• Labour Group Proposed Budget Amendments
9.	COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2022/23 (PAGES 11 - 18) <p>To consider the report of the Leader of the Council concerning the setting of Council Tax for 2022/23.</p>

Yours sincerely

Jon McGinty
Managing Director

NOTES

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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Disclosable pecuniary interests are defined in the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 as follows –

<u>Interest</u>	<u>Prescribed description</u>
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the Council) made or provided within the previous 12 months (up to and including the date of notification of the interest) in respect of any expenses incurred by you carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract which is made between you, your spouse or civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner (or a body in which you or they have a beneficial interest) and the Council (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the Council's area. For this purpose "land" includes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for you, your spouse, civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the Council's area for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) – (a) the landlord is the Council; and (b) the tenant is a body in which you, your spouse or civil partner or a person you are living with as a spouse or civil partner has a beneficial interest
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where – (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the Council's area and

(b) either –

- i. The total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
- ii. If the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, your spouse or civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

For this purpose, “securities” means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

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14.0 Earmarked Reserves

- 14.1 The Council has limited earmarked reserves with the balance at 31 March 2021 being £4.890m.
- 14.2 Where earmarked reserves are not ring fenced for a specific use, then if necessary, these reserves may potentially be used to support the General Fund.
- 14.3 The Council does face significant uncertainty from 2022/23 and it is expected there will be a significant reduction in retained funding from business rates either through reset or the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council will need to ensure there is sufficient funding in the Business Rates reserve to offset this. The plan assumes £1m will be drawn from this reserve.
- 14.4 During 2022/23 the Council will also draw on earmarked reserves in continuing delivery of agreed programmes. However, it is prudent and sensible to return and increase the level of earmarked reserves to protect the Council going forward particularly in these uncertain times.
- 14.5 The table below provides the current balance of reserves and a forecast by the end of 2022/23:

Reserves Forecast	Balance at 31/03/2021	Transfers 2021/22	Forecast 31/03/2022	Transfers 2022/23	Forecast 31/03/2023
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Historic Buildings	0.053		0.053		0.053
Housing Survey	0.060		0.060		0.060
Shopmobility	0.029		0.029		0.029
Regeneration	0.082	0.150	0.232	0.100	0.332
Insurance	0.010		0.010		0.010
Land Adoption	0.873		0.873		0.873
VAT Shelter	0.160	0.200	0.360	0.200	0.560
Business Rates	1.024		1.024	(0.500)	0.524
Environmental Insurance	0.900		0.900		0.900
Repairs	0.023		0.023	0.100	0.123
Community Builder	0.062	(0.015)	0.047	(0.015)	0.032
Planning Strategy	0.248	(0.150)	0.098	(0.050)	0.048
Flooding Works	0.010		0.010		0.010
Lottery	0.022		0.022		0.022
Museum Bequest	0.305		0.305		0.305
Transformation Reserve	0.100		0.100	(0.075)	0.025
Budget Equalisation Reserve	0.043	0.532	0.575	(0.210)	0.365
Monuments Reserve	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.010	0.010
Destination Marketing	0.200	(0.100)	0.100	(0.100)	0.000
Homelessness	0.100		0.100		0.100
Planning Appeals	0.050		0.050		0.050
Communities	0.030		0.030		0.030
Climate Change	0.100	(0.025)	0.075		0.075
Neighbourhood Spaces	0.100	(0.080)	0.020		0.020

Defibrillator	0.006	(0.006)	0.000		0.000
Property Sinking Fund	0.300	(0.300)	0.000		0.000
Cyber Recovery Reserve	0.000		0.000	0.380	0.380
Total	4.890	0.206	5.096	(0.160)	4.936

Gloucester City Council Budget 2022/23 Liberal Democrat Group Amendments

- That £25,000 be put aside from the Cyber Recovery Reserve to fund an independent inquiry into cyber attack that knocked out the council's IT Systems in December. The inquiry to focus on why it happened, how the recovery was managed and to provide reassurance to the council that it will be properly protected against further such events.
- That the council applies to the Government for a grant from the £37.8m Cyber Security Fund to help cover the financial cost of recovering from the cyber-attack on the council's IT systems. Any award to be deposited in the Cyber Recovery Reserve before being used.
- That the council freezes Shopmobility charges for the next year, which would result in lost income of £450 in next 12 months. Funded via the Shopmobility Reserve, which currently stands at £29,000.
- The city council to purchase three thermal imaging cameras (to include training) at a budget of £1,200 for use by community groups to allow residents and householders to get an understanding on how they could better insulate their homes. Funding to come from the Lottery Reserve
- That a fund is set up to allow each councillor the opportunity to nominate two locations in their ward for extra dual purpose litter bins. This would provide 78 extra bins across Gloucester. Capital cost would be £48,000 with ongoing cost of £25,000 per year for bin emptying. The funding for the capital cost and first year revenue cost to come from the Regulation 59(i) Strategic Infrastructure Fund of £380,000 that has been raised by the Community Infrastructure Levy from the Glevum Green development.
- That the General Fund be reduced by £6,000 and this £6,000 be moved to the Defibrillator Reserve. To allow for further purchases of defibrillators to be located at publicly accessible sites in Gloucester which do not currently have one in the locality.

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Gloucester City Council

Meeting:	Council	Date:	24th February 2022
Subject:	Council Tax Setting 2022/23		
Report Of:	Leader of the Council		
Wards Affected:	All		
Key Decision:	Yes	Budget/Policy Framework:	Yes
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Appendices:	1. Council Tax Resolution		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To recommend to the Council to pass the resolution as set out in the Appendix 1 to this report relating to the setting of Council Tax for 2022/23. The Council agreed its budget and level of Council Tax for 2022/23 at its meeting on 24th February 2022.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Council is asked to **RESOLVE** that

(1) Approve the statutory Council Tax resolutions as set out in the Appendix 1 to the report.

3.0 Background and Key Issues

- 3.1 The Council, earlier in today's meeting, will have determined its budget for the 2022/23 financial year. Having determined the budget, the Council is asked to pass the statutory resolutions relating to Council Tax setting, which will include precepts by the County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire, and Quedgeley Town Council.
- 3.2 The Localism Act 2011 made significant changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and requires the billing authority to calculate a Council Tax requirement for the year, not its budget requirement as previously.
- 3.3 The precept levels of other precepting bodies have been received. These are detailed below:

3.3.1 Quedgeley Town Council

Quedgeley Town Council Precept for 2022/23 is £257916.60. This results in an average Band D Council Tax figure of £39.30 for 2022/23. This represents an increase of 3.20% on the 2021/22 Band D of £38.08.

3.3.2 Gloucestershire County Council

Gloucestershire County Council has set their precept at £55,810,191. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £1451.36. This represents an increase of 3% on the 2021/22 Band D of £1409.22.

3.3.3 Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire has set their precept at £10,770,140.30. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £280.08. This represents an increase of 3.70% on the 2021/22 Band D of £270.08

4.0 Alternative Options Considered

4.1 There are no alternative options available

5.0 Reasons for Recommendations

5.1 To comply with the statutory requirement to set the Council Tax requirement for the forthcoming year as per the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

6.0 Future Work and Conclusions

6.1 The recommendations of the Cabinet are set out in the formal Council Tax Resolution in Appendix 1.

6.2 If the formal Council Tax Resolution at Appendix 1 is approved, the total Band D Council Tax will be as follows:

Authority	2021/22	2022/23	Increase
	£	£	%
City Council	211.99	216.99	2.4%
County Council	1409.22	1451.36	3%
Police and Crime Commissioner	270.08	280.08	3.7%
Quedgeley	38.08	39.30	3.2%

7.0 Financial Implications

7.1 Covered in the report

(Financial Services have been consulted in the preparation this report.)

8.0 Legal Implications

8.1 Covered in the report.

(Legal Services have been consulted in the preparation this report.)

9.0 Risk & Opportunity Management Implications

9.1 It is essential that the composite Council Tax rate is set in accordance with the Council tax billing timetable. Any delay would put the Council at risk of not being able to collect the tax in time to make precept payments which would have serious cash flow implications.

10.0 People Impact Assessment (PIA):

10.1 The report is purely financial in nature and therefore a PIA is not required.

11.0 Other Corporate Implications

Community Safety

11.1 There are no specific Community Safety implications.

Sustainability

11.2 There are no specific Sustainability implications.

Staffing & Trade Union

11.3 There are no specific Staffing and Trade Union implications.

Background Documents:

- Council Tax Practice Note 7
- The Local Government Finance Act 1992
- The Local Government Act 2003
- Localism Act 2011

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Gloucester City Council
Council 24th February 2022
Council Tax Resolution

1. It be noted that Gloucester City Council has calculated the Council Tax Base 2022/23.
 - (a) 38453.80 for the whole Council Area as (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) (the “Act”) :and
 - (b) 6562.70 or dwellings in those parts of its area to which Quedgeley Parish precepts relates as.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council’s own purposes for 2022/23 (excluding Parish Council precepts) is £8,344,090
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2022/23 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act.
 - (a) £86,149,898 – being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2), (a) to (f) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by the Parish Council.
 - (b) £77,547,891 – being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3), (a) to (d) of the Act.
 - (c) £8,602,007 - 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) £223.70 - being the amount at 3.(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (paragraph 1. above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (Basic Band D including Parish Council precepts).
 - (e) £257916.60 - being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Council precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as detailed in paragraph 5. below).
 - (f) £216.99 - being the amount at 3.(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3.(e) above by Item T (sub-paragraph 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 in those parts of its area to which no Parish Council precepts relate. (Basic Band D excluding Parish Council precepts).

Part of the Council's area (District and Parish combined at Band D)

Parish of Quedgeley	£257,916.60
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Being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3.(f) above, the amount of the Parish Council precepts relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned 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 that part of its area;

(g)

Valuation Bands	Quedgeley Town Council	All other parts of the Council's Area
A	170.86	144.66
B	199.34	168.77
C	227.81	192.88
D	256.29	216.99
E	313.24	265.21
F	370.20	313.43
G	427.15	361.65
H	512.58	433.98

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3.(f) by the number which, in proportion set out in Section 36(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

4. To note that for the year 2022/23, the County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire have issued precepts 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;

Valuation Bands	Gloucestershire County Council	Police & Crime Commissioner
A	967.57	186.72
B	1128.84	217.84
C	1290.10	248.96
D	1451.36	280.08
E	1773.88	342.32
F	2096.41	404.56
G	2418.93	466.80
H	2902.72	560.16

5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2022/23 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Valuation Bands	Quedgeley Town Council	All other parts of the Council's Area
A	1325.15	1298.95
B	1546.02	1515.45
C	1766.87	1731.94
D	1987.73	1948.43
E	2429.44	2381.41
F	2871.17	2814.40
G	3312.88	3247.38
H	3975.46	3896.86

6. To note that the relevant basic amount of council tax for the financial year 2022/23, which reflects a £5 increase, is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved by the Secretary of State under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended and the Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) (England) Report 2022/23 and, therefore, the requirement to hold a referendum is not engaged.

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