



**Lewes District Council**

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>25 February 2019</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>General fund revenue budget 2019/20, capital programme 2018/19- 2021/22</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Councillor Giles on behalf of the Cabinet</b>

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**Minute extract  
Cabinet – 11 February 2019.**

**60 General fund revenue budget 2019/20, capital programme 2018/19- 2021/22**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Finance Officer, detailing the general fund budget proposals for 2019/20 and capital programme 2018/22.

Summary of the budget proposals, detailed in the report included overall savings and new income totalling £0.6 million, efficiency savings of £0.4 million and new and increased income totalling £0.2 million.

Councillor Nicholson advised that the police precept was increasing by £24 at Band D which was the maximum that they could levy.

Councillor Smith added that the Cabinet had added two requests to the budget, connected to the economic impact survey. Firstly to allocate funding from the Economic and Regeneration reserve of up to £50,000 towards the cost of initial scoping studies into the feasibility of easing the bottlenecks and pinch points on A259 between Brighton and Seaford. The study would recommend alleviation measures and build on the existing evidence base for the Local Plan in modelling new infrastructure required as part of potential new housing growth. Match funding would be sought from key partners including the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP), East Sussex County Council, the Greater Brighton Economic Board and the Newhaven Enterprise Board to support the ambition.

The second request continued last year's proposal from Councillor Osborne in relation to the Vote100 anniversary, to set aside a further £10,000 to build on the undoubted success of the events that the Council had hosted to hold additional engagement events to encourage greater participation of women and minority groups in public.

**Recommended to Council: (Budget and policy framework):**

(1) To approve the general fund budget for 2018/19 (Revised) and 2019/20 (original), set out at appendix 1 to the report, including growth and savings proposals for 2019/20 as set out at appendix 2 to the report.

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(2) To approve an increase in the Council Tax for Lewes District Council of 1.99% resulting in a Band D charge for general expenses of £187.08 for 2019/20.

(3) To approve the revised general fund capital programme 2018/22 as set out at appendix 3 to the report.

(4) To note the section 151 Officer's sign off as outlined in paragraph 1.6 of the report.

**Reason for decisions:**

The Cabinet had to recommend to Full Council the setting of a revenue budget and associated council tax for the forthcoming financial year by law.

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**Meeting: Council**

**Date: 25 February 2019**

**Subject: General fund revenue budget 2019/20 and capital programme 2018/19 - 2021/22**

**Report of: Councillor Gardiner on behalf of the Scrutiny Committee**

**Minute extract**  
**Scrutiny Committee – 7 February 2019**

**48 General fund revenue budget 2019/20 and capital programme 2018/19 - 2021/22**

The Committee received the report of the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) which detailed the General Fund budget proposals for 2019/20 and Capital Programme 2018/22.

Discussion included:

- Whether the figures in relation to the estates and property section listed under Regeneration and Planning indicated income and, if so, where in the report the income was included. The CFO confirmed that the figures reflected income as a result of the acquisition of several shops in Lewes town over the last few years. The CFO clarified that analysis of the income was included within the appendices;

- Whether the Council was receiving a profit in relation to increased recycling within the District. The CFO explained that the general income the Council received in prior years had been reduced as a result of the market not being as favourable as it was in previous years; and
- That detailed information on recycling income be provided at future meetings of the Committee. The CFO confirmed that she would provide the information requested where applicable.

**Resolved:**

That the following recommendations to be considered by Cabinet on 11 February 2019 be noted:

- (i) General Fund budget for 2018/19 (Revised) and 2019/20 (original) Appendix 1 to the agenda report including growth and savings proposals for 2019/20 as set out in Appendix 2 to the agenda report;
- (ii) An increase in the Council Tax for Lewes District Council of 1.99% resulting in a Band D charge for general expenses of £187.08 for 2019/20;
- (iii) Revised General Fund capital programme 2018/22 as set out in Appendix 3 to the agenda report; and
- (iv) Notes the section 151 Officers sign off as outlined in paragraph 1.6 to the agenda report.

**Reason:**

Cabinet has to recommend to Full Council the setting of a revenue budget and associated council tax for the forthcoming financial year by law.

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