
SUMMARY OF CABINET / CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 19 February 2024

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISION ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 1 March 2024**

23 February 2024

Public Business

- Denotes items that have been referred to, or have been, or are to be considered by, Audit and Procurement Committee.
- # Denotes items that are to be referred to, or are to be considered by, Council. Accordingly Call-in does not apply.
- ◆ Denotes a matter where the associated report has already been considered by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee or a Scrutiny Board. Where this body has endorsed the recommendations or made recommendations that have been accepted by the Cabinet/Cabinet Member Call-in does not apply.
- * Denotes other items that have been referred to, or have been, or are to be considered by, the Scrutiny Co- ordination Committee or a specific Scrutiny Board.
- Split recommendations. Please see note at foot of item for details of the recommendations that are not subject to call-in.

Note: The Limitations on Call-in are set out at the end of this sheet.

Cabinet – Tuesday 20 February 2024

Report 3 Council Tax Setting Report 2024/25

Councillor R Brown

Recommendations:

That Cabinet recommend to Council the approval of recommendations (1) to (5).

Council is recommended:

- 1) To note the following Council Tax base amounts for the year 2024/25, as approved by Cabinet on 9 January 2024, in accordance with Regulations made under Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 ("the Act"):
 - a) 87,734.0 being the amount calculated by the Council as its Council Tax base for the year for the whole Council area;
 - b)

Allesley	403.7
Finham	1,564.8
Keresley	561.8

being the amounts calculated by the Council as its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

2) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Act:

a) £867,820,927 being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils (Gross Expenditure and reserves required to be raised for estimated future expenditure);

b) £691,923,346 being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act. (Gross Income including reserves to be used to meet the Gross Expenditure but excluding Council Tax income);

c) £175,897,581 being the amount by which the aggregate at (2)(a) above exceeds the aggregate at (2)(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year;

d) £2,004.90
$$\frac{(2)(c)}{(1)(a)} = \frac{£175,897,581}{87,734}$$

being the amount at (2)(c) above divided by the amount at (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. (Average Council Tax at Band D for the City including Parish Precepts).

e) £51,447 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act. (Parish Precepts);

f) £2,004.31
$$= \frac{(2)(d) - (2)(e)}{(1)(a)} = \frac{£2,004.90 - £51,447}{87,734.0}$$

being the amount at (2)(d) above, less the result given by dividing the amount at (2)(e) above by the amounts at (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 the area to which no special item relates. (Council Tax at Band D for the City excluding Parish Precepts);

g)

Coventry (unparished area)	£2,004.31
Allesley	£2,046.16
Finham	£2,017.93
Keresley	£2,027.86

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (2)(f) above, the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case 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 relate. (Council Taxes at Band D for the City and Parish)

h)

Valuation Band	Parts of Which no special item relates	Parish of Allesley	Parish of Finham	Parish of Keresley
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	£	£	£	£
A	1,336.21	1,364.11	1,345.29	1,351.91
B	1,558.91	1,591.46	1,569.50	1,577.23
C	1,781.61	1,818.81	1,793.72	1,802.54
D	2,004.31	2,046.16	2,017.93	2,027.86
E	2,449.71	2,500.86	2,466.36	2,478.49
F	2,895.11	2,955.56	2,914.78	2,929.13
G	3,340.52	3,410.27	3,363.22	3,379.77
H	4,008.62	4,092.32	4,035.86	4,055.72

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (2)(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(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 dwelling listed in different valuation bands.

- 3) To note that for the year 2024/25 the Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands and West Midlands Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:

Valuation Band	Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands	West Midlands Fire Authority
	£	£
A	143.70	50.13
B	167.65	58.49
C	191.50	66.84
D	215.55	75.20
E	263.45	91.91
F	311.35	108.62
G	359.25	125.33
H	431.10	150.40

- 4) That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (2)(h) and (3) above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Act, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2024/25 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Band	Parts of which no special item relates	Parish of Allesley	Parish of Finham	Parish of Keresley
	£	£	£	£
A	1,530.04	1,557.94	1,539.12	1,545.74
B	1,785.05	1,817.60	1,795.64	1,803.37
C	2,040.05	2,077.25	2,052.16	2,060.98
D	2,295.06	2,336.91	2,308.68	2,318.61
E	2,805.07	2,856.22	2,821.72	2,833.85
F	3,315.08	3,375.53	3,334.75	3,349.10
G	3,855.10	3,894.85	3,847.80	3,864.35
H	4,590.12	4,673.82	4,617.36	4,637.22

- 5) That the Council determines that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2024/25 is not excessive in accordance with the principles set out in the Secretary of State's report, under Sections 52ZC and 52ZD of the Act.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 4 **Budget Report 2024/25**

Councillor R Brown

Recommendations:

That Cabinet recommend to Council the approval of recommendations (1) to (11) below.

Council is recommended to:

- 1) Approve the Medium-Term Financial Strategy in Appendix 1 to this report, as the basis of its medium-term financial planning process.
- 2) Approve the Budget proposals in Appendix 2, after due consideration of the consultation responses set out in Appendix 3 and the Equality Impact Assessment set out in Appendix 11 to 28 in relation to proposals to revise the Council Tax Support scheme.
- 3) Approve the total 2024/25 revenue budget of £870m in Table 1 and Appendix 5, established in line with a 4.9% City Council Tax increase and the Council Tax Requirement recommended in the Council Tax Setting Report considered on today's agenda.
- 4) Note the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) comments confirming the adequacy of reserves and robustness of the budget in Section 5.1.2 and 5.1.3.
- 5) Approve the Capital Strategy incorporating the Capital Programme of £157.5m for 2024/25 and the forward commitments arising from this programme totalling £405m between 2024/25 to 2028/29 detailed in Section 2.3 and Appendix 6.
- 6) Authorise in respect of food waste, the introduction of a separate weekly food waste collection to be implemented with effect from 1 April 2025 delivering the savings in Appendix 2 and detailed in Section 2.3.4, including:- the acceptance of the capital grant funding of £1.87m from the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs specifically for the delivery of a separate food waste collection, and - the addition of £1.87m grant funding to the capital programme in 24/25 to facilitate the necessary capital investment required to bring this recommendation into effect.

- 7) Approve the addition to the capital programme of a new capital scheme for Temporary Accommodation acquisition at a total cost of £1.5m funded from prudential borrowing to support the delivery of the saving line Increasing alternative Temporary Accommodation provisions in Appendix 2 - Budget Proposals and Financial Position and detailed in Section 2.3.5.
- 8) Approve the expansion of the existing Residential Children's Home Strategy scheme at a total cost of £1.4m funded from prudential borrowing to support the delivery of the saving line Expansion of Residential Strategy in Appendix 2 - Budget Proposals and Financial Position and detailed in Section 2.3.6.
- 9) Approve the Council's Treasury Management Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2024/25 in Section 2.4 and the Prudential Indicators and limits described and detailed in Appendix 8, the Commercial Investment Strategy for 2024/25 in Section 2.5 and Appendix 7 and the Commercial Investment Indicators detailed in Appendix 8.
- 10) Consider and note the proposed changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme set out in Appendix 9 to the report, as a result of the consultation (Appendix 10) and the Equality Impact Assessment (Appendix 16).
- 11) Approve the implementation of the revised Council Tax Support scheme as laid out in Appendix 9a of this report with effect from 1st April 2024.

The above recommendations were approved.

Limitations on Call-in

A call-in will normally be regarded as appropriate UNLESS:-

1. It falls within paragraph 18 of the Scrutiny rules (Part 3E of the Constitution) – ie. it relates to:-
 - (i) a matter which is to be determined by the Council.
 - (ii) a decision of the Cabinet/Cabinet Member taken as a matter of urgency and the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee (or his/her nominee) had been invited to attend the meeting where the urgent decision had been taken or the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee has previously agreed the need for urgency.
 - (iii) a decision made by an employee exercising delegated authority.
 - (iv) decisions of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.
 - (v) decisions of the Planning Committee.
 - (vi) decisions of the Appeals and Appointments Panels.
 - (vii) decisions of the Audit and Procurement Committee.
 - (viii) a matter where the associated report has already been considered by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee or a Scrutiny Board who have endorsed the recommendations or made recommendations that have been accepted by the Cabinet/Cabinet Member.
2. The call-in form is not completed correctly.
3. The call-in form is received after the specified time.
4. The reason for the call-in is unclear or does not relate directly to the decision specified on the call-in form.
5. The reason for the call-in is a question, the answer to which can be found in the report relating to the decision which is being called in.