

AGENDA

Executive

Monday, 15 February 2021 AT 16:00

This meeting will be a virtual meeting and therefore will not take place in a physical location.

SPECIAL MEETING

Virtual Meeting - Link to View

This meeting will be a virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams and therefore will not take place at a physical location following guidelines set out in Section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020.

Register of Attendance and Declarations of Interest

A roll call of persons in attendance will be taken and Members are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and any interests, relating to any item on the agenda at this stage.

Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence.

Public and Press

To agree that the items of business within Part A of the agenda should be dealt with in public and that the items of business within Part B of the agenda should be dealt with in private.

PART A

To be considered when the Public and Press are present

A.1 **BUDGET 2021/22 – CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT** **AGREED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON 2 FEBRUARY 2021**

(Key Decision)

(The Leader has agreed to this Key Decision item being considered at this meeting, although not in the Notice of Executive Key Decisions for decision today)

To consider the proposed amendments, as set out below, to the Executive's Budget recommendations for 2021/22 carried at the City Council meeting on 2 February 2021.

In dealing with the matters the Executive can –

(a) Submit a revision to their original proposals (which may be the Council's proposed amendments), together with the Executive's reasons for the amendment, which would then be submitted to the Council for consideration;

(b) Inform the Council of any disagreement that the Executive has with the Council's proposed amendments and the Executive's reasons for any such disagreement.

It will then be a matter for the Council to determine the final budget at its special meeting on 17 February 2021.

The amendments are as follows:

1. Mental Health (crisis) Support (as proposed by Councillor Brown)

To provide a grant of £15,000 to support the work of Carlisle Eden Mind and help to meet the increasing demand for their mental health crisis support services, including the possible expansion of the Lighthouse crisis service. The proposal is to be funded from the 2021/22 allocation of Covid-19 funding provided in the Local Government Finance Settlement.

This budget amendment will assist Carlisle Eden Mind, not only in meeting the increased demand due to the impact of Covid on Carlisle residents' mental health but will also act as match funding for applications and bids to other funding bodies to meet essential demand for support.

This amendment also supports this Council's commitment to improving mental health and wellbeing and support the NHS Every Mind Matters campaign.

2. Removal of Rats in domestic properties charge (as proposed by Councillor Betton)

It is proposed to remove the charge for treatment of rats in domestic properties. We believe that now is not the time for the introduction of this new charge with the financial difficulties' households are currently encountering with COVID. We therefore ask the Executive to reconsider the implementation of this charge for 2021/22 and fund the income shortfall from Revenue Reserves.

Copies of the following documents are attached to this Agenda:

- (A) **Executive Budget proposals 2021/22, tabled by the Executive at its meeting on 13 January 2021 (considered by Council on 2 February 2021) and Minute Excerpt EX.06/21.** 5 - 28
- (B) **Proposed Amendments / Objection to the Budget Proposals:**
- (B)(1) **Proposed amendment regarding Mental Health (crisis) Support, including the observations of the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources (from Council on 2 February 2021).** 29 - 30
- (B)(2) **Proposed amendment regarding Removal of Rats in domestic properties charge, including the observations of the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources (from Council on 2 February 2021).** 31 - 32
- (B)(3) **Report RD.60/20 by the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources on the proposed amendment to the Executive Budget Proposals.** 33 - 36

(B)(4) **Supplementary Report (CS.14/21) by the Deputy Chief Executive on the proposed amendment.** 37 -
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(B)(5) **Supplementary Report (GD.20/21) by the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services on the proposed amendment.** 41 -
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(C) **Executive Response to the Proposed Budget Amendment**

The Executive will respond to the Council's proposed amendment and table revised Budget Proposals to recommend to Council on 17 February 2021.
(Copy Proposal to be circulated at the meeting)

PART B

To be considered when the Public and Press are excluded from the meeting

- NIL -

Notes to Members: The Mayor will be asked to dispense with call-in procedures in accordance with Paragraph 15(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, as the matter is due to be considered at a Special Council Meeting on 17 February 2021.

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