

Council
Tuesday, 27 February 2024

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 27 February 2024. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

5 Council Tax Local Discounts & Premiums Policy

1. The following amounts of council tax discount on empty and substantially unfurnished properties are approved from 1 April 2024:
 - a. 100% discount for up to 3 months
 - b. 50% discount for 3-6 months
 - c. 0% discount for 6-24 months
2. A 100% council tax discount for up to 12 months for uninhabitable properties is approved from 1 April 2024.
3. The period after which a long-term empty council tax premium applies is amended from 2 years to 1 year from 1 April 2025.
4. A council tax premium of 100% on second homes is approved from 1 April 2025.
5. The Government's proposed exceptions when empty homes and second homes council tax premiums should not be applied are mirrored in the revised Local Discounts and Premiums Policy.

6 Revenue Budget 2024/25, Medium Term Financial Strategy and Capital Programme 2024-2027

- a) Approve the budget and proposals set out in this report, including the level of Council Tax as set out in the Formal Council Tax Resolution for 2024/25, including Special Expenses & Parish Precepts, at Appendix A;
- b) Note the advice of the Chief Finance Officer in relation to the robustness of the estimates within the overall budget, including the risks contained within it and the adequacy of the proposed level of financial reserves, as set out in the Statutory Report at Appendices B1 – B3;
- c) Approve the council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) at Appendix C;
- d) Note the council's forecast Cumulative Budget Deficit and Budget Strategy 2024/25 to 2026/27 at Appendix D, including the analysis of the movement in the 2024/25 Budget from the position approved by Council in February 2023;
- e) Note the analysis of the Directorate Budgets for 2024/25, by expense type, at Appendix E;
- f) Approve the capital programme for 2024/25 to 2026/27 (Appendices F1, F2 & F3);
- g) Approve the Capital Strategy at Appendix G;

- h) Approve the Treasury Management Strategy at Appendix H1 and note the advice of the treasury management consultants at Appendix H2;
- i) Approve the council's Pay Policy at Appendix I for publication on the council's website from April 2024 (including Appendix I (i) – the payscales for Chorley Council and Appendix I (ii) – the payscales for Shared Services);
- j) Note the Budget Consultation 2024/25 Report at Appendix J;
- k) Note the Impact Assessment of the Budget Proposals for 2024/25 at Appendix K.

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