

Council Supplementary Agenda



6. Council Tax and Budget (Pages 3 - 10)

This supplementary agenda pack contains:

- Updated information in relation to a minor change in the GLA precept; and
- The wording of a proposed amendment to the Council Tax and Budget Report submitted by the Opposition Group

Please note that this report will be updated following the meetings of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and the General Purposes and Audit Committee scheduled to be held on the 1 and 3 March respectively. The report will be further updated once the Council has received a decision from the Secretary of State on its request for a capitalisation direction.

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Agenda Item 6

REPORT TO:	Cabinet 7 March 2022 Council 7 March 2022
SUBJECT:	General Fund & Housing Revenue Account Budget 2022/23 to 2024/25 – Addendum Report
LEAD OFFICER:	Katherine Kerswell, Chief Executive Jane West, Corporate Director of Resources (Section 151) David Padfield, Interim Corporate Director of Housing
CABINET MEMBER:	Leader Councillor Hamida Ali – Leader of Croydon Council Councillor Stuart King – Cabinet Member for Croydon Renewal Councillor Callton Young – Cabinet Member for Resources and Financial Governance Councillor Patricia Hay-Justice – Cabinet Member for Homes
WARDS:	All
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: The annual budget is the formal resource allocation process that enables the delivery of the Council’s policies and priorities. In particular, the delivery of the Council’s priorities of value for money for the residents of the borough of Croydon, living within our means and balancing the books are woven throughout this budget. This report sets out the detailed financial budget proposals for the financial year 2022/23 and the further Medium Term Financial Strategy [MTFS] planning assumptions through to 2024/25.	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY: This addendum updates the main report and its Appendix 1E, by giving details of a minor change to the Band C element of the GLA precept and the resultant change to the overall Council Tax for Band C only.	
RECOMMENDATIONS: There are no additional recommendations to either Cabinet or Council as a result of this addendum.	

1. **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2. This report is provided as an addendum to the main report and Appendix 1E in respect of the GLA precept for Band C only which has changed from £351.63 to £351.64 between their original proposed budget papers and those finally approved by the Greater London Assembly. The change being due to

roundings does not impact the Council's own budget position as the monies billed to residents are passed to the GLA as a precept.

3. Table 7 in the main budget and MTFs report is accordingly changed and the corrected version is shown in the table below:

Table 7 – Proposed Council Tax Band Charges

Band	Ratio	Total 21/22 Charge			Proposed 22/23 Charge				
		Croydon (£'s)	GLA (£'s)	Total (£'s)	General (£'s)	ASC (£'s)	Croydon (£'s)	GLA (£'s)	Total (£'s)
A	6 9ths	1,016.33	242.44	1,258.77	922.91	123.81	1,046.72	263.73	1,310.45
B	7 pths	1,185.72	282.85	1,468.57	1,076.72	144.44	1,221.16	307.68	1,528.84
C	8 9ths	1,355.10	323.25	1,678.35	1,230.54	165.08	1,395.62	351.64	1,747.26
D	9 9ths	1,524.49	363.66	1,888.15	1,384.36	185.71	1,570.07	395.59	1,965.66
E	11 9ths	1,863.26	444.47	2,307.73	1,692.00	226.98	1,918.98	483.50	2,402.48
F	13 9ths	2,202.04	525.29	2,727.33	1,999.63	268.25	2,267.88	571.41	2,839.29
G	15 9ths	2,540.82	606.10	3,146.92	2,307.27	309.52	2,616.79	659.32	3,276.11
H	18 9ths	3,048.98	727.32	3,776.30	2,768.72	371.42	3,140.14	791.18	3,931.32

4. The corresponding changes for the above accordingly adjust the tables in Appendix E as follows:

- (G) to which is added the following precept (issued by the Mayor of London, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 82, 83, 85, 86, 88 to 90, 92 and 93 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (“the 1999 Act”) and sections 40, 47 and 48 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (“1992 Act”))

GLA Precept For 2022/23	
Band A	263.73
Band B	307.68
Band C	351.64
Band D	395.59
Band E	483.5
Band F	571.41
Band G	659.32
Band H	791.18

- (H) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (F) and (G) above the Council, in accordance with section 30(2) of the local government finance act 1992, hereby set the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2022/23 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Total Council Tax For 2022/23	
Band A	1,310.45
Band B	1,528.84
Band C	1,747.26
Band D	1,965.66
Band E	2,402.48
Band F	2,839.29
Band G	3,276.11
Band H	3,931.32

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REPORT TO:	COUNCIL 7 MARCH 2022
SUBJECT:	COUNCIL TAX AND BUDGET REPORT – AMENDMENT FROM THE OPPOSITION GROUP
LEAD OFFICER:	John Jones, Interim Monitoring Officer
WARDS:	All

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This is a supplementary paper to agenda item 6, the Council Tax and Budget Report. The paper contains details of a proposed amendment to the budget and capital programme that has been submitted by the Opposition Group.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 This paper is a supplement to agenda item 6, the Council Tax and Budget Report. It details a proposed amendment to the budget and capital programme received from the Opposition Group.

1.2 The amendment is replicated in full below.

2. OPPOSITION GROUP PROPOSED AMENDMENT

To amend the budget and capital programme to include:

Purley Pool Refurbishment and Modernisation Project

One of the defining features of this Labour-led Council in Croydon is how it has wilfully ignored the public on every conceivable matter for 8 long and miserable years. They haven't listened whenever residents seek to protect the character of their streets. They didn't listen when they were warned not to waste money buying a hotel. They failed to listen when it came to Fairfield Halls. But perhaps the worst example has been the sheer pettiness and vindictiveness of how Labour have treated Purley Pool. Labour deliberately neglected this much-loved and much-used leisure centre and pursued a policy of running it down. Hundreds of local people opposed this but they were ignored. Schools were told to spend hours trudging back and forth to other pools that are miles away. Teachers raised severe concerns about the safety of getting small children across Purley Way, but again they were ignored.

This amendment seeks to bring Purley Pool back to life, return it to its status as a much loved and needed local facility, to provide again a suitable place for schoolchildren to learn how to swim and to properly respond to the needs of local residents.

This amendment is a result of Croydon Conservatives **listening** to local people.

Details

This project will encompass the required mechanical engineering and refurbishment works necessary to bring Purley Pool Leisure Centre back to full operational standard as well as operational costs support post reopening for the period of the MTFS. On ongoing commitment to fund the operation from CIL money secures the long-term future of the pool after the period of the MTFS.

The timing allows for procurement as well as for the current estimated times necessary for works completion with a target re-opening the end of 2024. This will be refined as part of the procurement exercise.

Costs and Funding Source

The total cost of the project over will be £3.195m spread across 4 years with the phasing below:

Phased Costing (£1000's)			
Financial Year	Modernisation Works	Operational Support	Year Total
2022/23	960		960
2023/24	1560		1560
2024/25	600	25	625
2025/26		50	50
	Project Total		3195

These costs will be met using unallocated CIL monies from existing receipts and those forecast within the period of the MTFS as per the table below:

Financial Year	CIL Funding (£1000's)
2022/23	960
2023/24	1560
2024/25	625
2025/26	50
Total	3195

The ongoing revenue cost estimated at £50k per annum will be met from CIL.

The Council's criteria for the use of CIL money states:

'The following infrastructure projects or types will, or may be, wholly or partly funded by CIL:

Provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of public sports and leisure'

This clearly provides for the use of CIL to fund this project.

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