



**COUNCIL  
AGENDA**  
for the meeting  
on  
7 March 2022 at  
6.30 pm

To: To All Members of the Council

Date: 25 February 2022

The **BUDGET** meeting of **COUNCIL** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Monday, 7 March 2022** at **6.30 pm** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX**

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## **AGENDA – PART A**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence from any Members.

**2. Minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings held on 16 December 2020 (Pages 7 - 30)**

To approve the Minutes from both the Ordinary meeting and Extraordinary meeting held on 16 December 2020 as an accurate record.

**3. Disclosure of Interests**

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and the statutory provisions of the Localism Act, Members and co-opted Members of the Council are reminded that it is a requirement to register disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) and gifts and hospitality to the value of which exceeds £50 or multiple gifts and/or instances of hospitality with a cumulative value of £50 or more when received from a single donor within a rolling twelve month period. In addition, Members and co-opted Members are reminded that unless their disclosable pecuniary interest is registered on the register of interests or is the subject of a pending notification to the Monitoring Officer, they are required to disclose those disclosable pecuniary interests at the meeting. This should be done by completing the Disclosure of Interest form and handing it to the Democratic Services representative at the start of the meeting. The Chair will then invite Members to make their disclosure orally at the commencement of Agenda item 3. Completed disclosure forms will be provided to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion on the Register of Members' Interests.

**4. Urgent Business (if any)**

To receive notice of any business not on the agenda which in the opinion of the Chair, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

**5. Announcements**

To receive Announcements, if any, from the Mayor, the Leader, Head of Paid Service and Returning Officer.

**6. Council Tax and Budget (Pages 31 - 142)**

**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.**

**a) Questions to the Leader**

To last for a total of 15 minutes, the first three minutes available for announcements from the Leader.

**b) Questions to the Cabinet Members for Croydon Renewal and Resources & Financial Governance**

To last for a total of 15 minutes, the first three minutes available for announcements from the Cabinet Members.

**c) Scrutiny Business Report**

To last for a total of 10 minutes, the first two minutes available for announcements from the Chair of Scrutiny and Overview Committee.

**d) Council Tax Debate**

The mover of the budget recommendations shall have 10 minutes to speak, followed by the Leader of the Opposition who shall have 10 minutes to speak. There shall then be five further Members from each group called to speak for no more than three minutes each. The debate shall conclude with a right of reply from the Leader of the Council or other Cabinet Member for not more than five minutes.

At the conclusion of the debate the following recommendations will be taken through a recorded vote:

1.3 1.99% increase for Croydon Services in 2022/23 (in line with government's core spending power assumptions) as detailed in Section 10 of the report and Appendix 1E;

1.4 A 1.00% increase in 2022/23 for the Adult Social Care Precept (in line with government's core spending power assumptions) as detailed in Section 10 of the report and Appendix 1E; and

1.5 To note the draft Greater London Authority precept on the Collection Fund and increase of 8.8% as set out in Appendix 1F.

**7. Recommendations of Cabinet or Committees to Council for decision (Pages 143 - 242)**

To consider the recommendations made by Cabinet or Committees since the last ordinary Council meeting relating to the following matters:

**Cabinet - 7 March 2022**

- i. Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2022/23

**General Purposes and Audit Committee - 16 February 2022**

- i. Appointment of External Auditors

**Appointments Committee - 17 February 2022**

- i. Pay Policy Statement 2022/23

**8. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The following motion is to be moved and seconded where it is proposed to exclude the press and public from the remainder of a meeting:

“That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within those paragraphs indicated in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.”