

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL held within Council Chambers, West Lothian Civic Centre, Livingston, EH54 6FF, on 28 February 2020.

Present – Provost Tom Kerr (Chair), Depute Provost Dave King (Vice Chair); Councillors Alison Adamson, Frank Anderson, Stuart Borrowman, William Boyle, Diane Calder, Janet Campbell, Harry Cartmill, Pauline Clark, Tom Conn, Robert De Bold, David Dodds, Angela Doran, Bruce Fairbairn, Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Peter Heggie, Chris Horne, Carl John, Peter Johnston, Charles Kennedy, Sarah King, John McGinty, Andrew McGuire, Dom McGuire, Andrew Miller, Cathy Muldoon, George Paul, Moira Shemilt, Kirsteen Sullivan, David Tait and Damian Timson

Apologies – Councillor Jim Dickson

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Janet Campbell declared an interest as a paid employee of NHS Lothian.

Councillor Cathy Muldoon declared an interest as a council appointed member of SESTran.

Councillor Chris Horne declared an interest as a council appointed member of SESTran and to West Lothian Leisure Board of Directors.

Councillor John McGinty declared an interest as the council appointed member to NHS Lothian Health Board.

Councillor Tom Kerr declared an interest as a council appointed member to West Lothian Leisure Board of Directors.

Councillor Angela Doran declared an interest as a council appointed member to West Lothian Leisure Board of Directors.

Councillor Andrew Miller declared an interest as a council appointed member to West Lothian Leisure Board of Directors.

2. REVENUE BUDGET 2020/21 TO 2022/23

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services seeking approval of detailed General Fund Revenue Budgets for 2020/21 to 2022/23, to set council tax levels for 2020/21 and to take decisions on associated issues.

In presenting his report the Head of Finance and Property Services advised Council that as a result of announcements by the Scottish Government on 27 February 2020 an additional £95m of revenue funding for local government was being made available in 2021; of this £3.204 million had been allocated to West Lothian Council for 2020/21. He continued to advise that as this additional funding was funded from underspends the money was to be assumed for 2020/21 only and as such increased one-off resources only. These resources could be considered as part of recommendation 13 of the report which noted the one-off resources available and the potential options

for use of these resources.

It was recommended that Council :-

1. Notes that, following the update of the budget model, the council faces an estimated revenue budget gap of £34.5 million over the three years 2020/21 to 2022/23 as a result of the Scottish Government grant funding not being sufficient to meet increasing costs;
2. Notes the up to date position regarding the integrated impact assessments (IIAs) of the proposed budget reduction measures, as set out in Appendix 8;
3. Agrees the budget reduction measures, as set out in Appendix 2, noting that agreement on these measures will leave a budget gap of £1.686 million in 2022/23;
4. Agrees that, at this stage, one off resources from the retained balance should be allocated to address the remaining gap of £1.686 million in 2022/23 and that use of one off resources for the gap, and the potential for additional recurring saving measures, will continue to be reviewed, specifically following receipt of Scottish Government grant settlements for 2021/22 and 2022/23;
5. Notes that, based on current projections, the council will have delivered savings of over £153 million between 2007/08 and 2022/23;
6. Notes the risks to deliverability of the budget reduction measures, as summarised in Appendix 3;
7. Agrees the schedule of fees and charges for 2020/21 to 2022/23, as detailed in Appendix 4;
8. Agrees the 2020/21 level of resources associated with the functions delegated to the West Lothian Integration Joint Board (IJB) of £76.589 million, taking full account of West Lothian Council's share of Scottish Government funding for social care;
9. Agrees the proposed revenue budgets for the three years 2020/21 to 2022/23, as set out in Appendix 5;
10. Agrees a council tax level for 2020/21;
11. Notes the position in regard to the General Fund Balance and other reserves, as detailed in Appendix 6;
12. Approves a strategy of maintaining uncommitted General Fund Balance of £2 million;
13. Notes the one off resources available until 2022/23, after providing for the £1.686 million required to balance the revenue budget in 2022/23, the potential to use these resources for proactive investment in council services and the potential options for use of these resources; and

14. Approves the prudential indicators, as set out in Appendix 7

Motion

“Council notes that the Scottish Government in its Finance Bill continues with huge cuts to revenue funding for councils in Scotland.

The Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) has continually repeated the stark warning from the Independent Accounts Commission that these cumulative cuts are not sustainable and that councils are at a cliff edge.

It is the case that COSLA Leaders (SNP/Labour/Independent/Conservative/Liberal) unanimously agreed at their meeting on 27th September 2019 that councils be given a minimum uplift of inflation plus 3% and, in addition, that all new commitments and duties be fully funded by Scottish Government. This plea for essential funding was uncaringly distorted by the Scottish Government in its budgetary announcement on 6 February 2020 by cutting core revenue funding to councils by £95 million and assuming that all councils will increase council tax by 4.84%. Council notes that, after pressure from councils, COSLA, trade unions and political parties, the Scottish Government at the last minute provided further revenue funding of £95 million, but also notes that this has been funded from Scottish Government underspends.

The council's priorities for the budget period as embedded in its ongoing financial and corporate plans are to:-

- improve attainment and positive destinations for school leavers
- deliver positive outcomes and early intervention for early years
- minimise poverty, the cycle of deprivation and promote equality
- improve the quality of life for older people
- improve the unemployment position in West Lothian
- deliver positive outcomes on health
- reduce crime and improve community safety
- protect the built and natural environment (this is given much greater emphasis by the council's declaration of Climate Emergency agreed at council on 24th September 2019).

The three year detailed budget provides:-

- more certainty for local communities staff and trade unions.
- a sufficiency of time to implement changes to services to implement agreed savings

And which recognises:-

- the increasing cost of providing local services
- West Lothian's rapidly growing population
- insufficient funding by Scottish Government to meet the increasing costs of providing essential services.

Council notes the enormously challenging financial position facing the council as a result of continued severe reductions to council core funding by the

Scottish Government. Whilst providing funding for national commitments, these Scottish Government cuts have directly forced all councils in Scotland to make damaging reductions in essential core local services.

Its recent budgetary allocation to Scottish Councils continues to demonstrate the Scottish Government's ongoing lack of recognition and appreciation of essential services which local councils in general and West Lothian Council in particular provide to these communities. Since 2013/14 local government have seen revenue funding reduced by 3.8% in real terms at the same time that the total Scottish resource budget has increased in real terms by 2.6%. Cosla has repeatedly campaigned for a fair funding settlement for local government to create sustainable communities. The reality for local government in this settlement is a real terms reduction in core funding and therefore cuts to council services, with less resource available to respond to local priorities.

Council agrees that, in these difficult circumstances, the council's long term approach to financial planning, which is fully integrated with the Corporate Plan, is the best way to protect local services and the eight Corporate Plan priorities which have widespread support throughout communities in West Lothian. This approach has been acknowledged as good practice by external regulators, with the Accounts Commission highlighting West Lothian's success in delivering savings in the local government financial overview report in December 2019.

Council notes that the budget protects the young, our senior citizens and those in greatest need and reflects a strong empathy with local people and council staff.

Council agrees that the Scottish Government has shown a prolonged and ongoing lack of respect for Scottish local authorities with chronic underfunding which has forced local authorities to make enforced cuts to services to their communities in order to meet the legal requirement to set legal balanced budgets.

Council notes that Scottish Government cuts have forced the council to make savings of over £120 million since 2007/08, with further savings of nearly £33 million estimated for the three years to 2022/23.

Despite having to face the consequences of the Scottish Government funding cuts, Council commends the ongoing excellent work of council staff, and thanks staff for ensuring that the council has continued to improve performance in most areas, as demonstrated in the council's Local Government Benchmarking Framework overall assessment.

Council agrees that the improvement in performance has been assisted by the Council having in place sound long term planning arrangements and that integrated corporate and financial planning has helped ensure that spending supports delivery of council priorities.

Taking the above factors into account, Council believes that, despite only having funding confirmed for 2020/21, and despite the Scottish Government funding cuts, it is essential that the council continues with the agreed

approach to medium and long term planning that complies with best practice and support effective workforce planning. Council recognises the key role of staff in delivering council services in the years ahead, and agrees that opportunities for redeployment should be maximised, including provision of suitable training for staff.

Council therefore:

1. Notes that, following the update of the budget model, the council faces a revenue budget gap of £34.5 million over the three years 2020/21 to 2022/23 as a result of Scottish Government grant funding not being sufficient to meet increasing costs;
2. Notes the up to date position regarding the integrated impact assessments (IIA) of the proposed budget reduction measures as set out in Appendix 8;
3. Agrees the budget reduction measures for 2020/21 to 2022/23 as set out in Appendix 2, subject to removing the measures O3c (£742,000) for additional service efficiencies within Operational Services and O4b (£248,000) to reduce building cleaning levels through reduced cleaning hours for school summer holidays and Friday afternoons;
4. Agrees that, at this stage, one off resources from the retained balance and the one off resource approved by the Scottish Parliament on 27 February 2020 should be allocated in 2022/23 and that use of one off resources and the potential for recurring additional saving measures, will continue to be reviewed, specifically following receipt of Scottish Government budget settlements for 2021/22 and 2022/23;
5. Notes that, based on current projections, the council will have delivered savings of over £153 million between 2007/08 and 2022/23;
6. Notes the risks to deliverability of the budget reduction measures, as summarised in Appendix 3;
7. Agrees the schedule of charges for 2020/21 to 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix 4 with the exception of the increased charges for school milk which will be retained at current levels for the next three years (£21,000);
8. Agrees the 2020/21 level of resources associated with the functions delegated to the West Lothian Integration Joint Board (IJB) of £76.617 million, taking full account of West Lothian Council's share of Scottish Government funding for social care;
9. Agrees the proposed revenue budgets for the three years 2020/21 to 2022/23, as set out in Appendix 5, but as amended in this motion;
10. Agrees a council tax level for 2020/21 of 4.84% which will generate £5.153 million per annum and will result in an increase across the eight council bands as follows;

Council Tax Band	Properties and % per Band	Total Weekly Increase £	Total Monthly Increase £
A	16,877 (21.4%)	0.76	3.27
B	24,286 (30.9%)	0.88	3.82
C	10,060 (12.8%)	1.01	4.37
D	8,495 (10.8%)	1.13	4.91
E	9,817 (12.5%)	1.49	6.45
F	6,192 (7.9%)	1.84	7.98
G	2,790 (3.5%)	2.22	9.62
H	183 (0.2%)	2.78	12.03

11. Notes the position in regard to the General Fund Balance and other reserves, as detailed in Appendix 6;

12. Approves a strategy of maintaining a minimum uncommitted General Fund Balance of £2 million;

13. Notes the one off resources available from the retained balance and from the additional resources announced by the Scottish Parliament on 27 February 2020, notes that some of these one off resources will be used to fund the proposals detailed in point 3 and point 7 of this motion, and agrees to apply the balance of £6.406 million from these one off resources, across the three years 2020/21 to 2022/23 as follows;

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<i>To improve attainment and positive destinations for school leavers:</i>				
School holiday lunch club and activity club programme	0	60	150	210
Mainstream school transport (non-statutory)	190	190	190	570
Enhanced independent living support (young people)	18	18	18	54
<i>To minimise poverty, the cycle of deprivation and promote equality:</i>				
Staffing resource to increase use of private sector leases	38	19	0	57
Voluntary Organisations Modernisation and Improvement Fund	150	150	150	450
Self service kiosks in libraries replacement	64	0	0	64
<i>To improve the quality of life for older people:</i>				
Wifi in council run care homes and day care centres	28	33	30	91
<i>To improve the unemployment position in West Lothian:</i>				
Jobs Task Force	400	300	300	1,000
<i>To deliver positive outcomes on health:</i>				
Reinstating reactive cutting on sports pitches	31	31	31	93

<i>To reduce crime and improve community safety:</i>				
Community Transport Fund	0	300	300	600
Additional ground maintenance staff for cemeteries	30	30	30	90
<i>To protect the built and natural environment:</i>				
Miners Memorial	10	0	0	10
Feasibility study for potential replacement for CRC sites at Linlithgow and Broxburn	20	0	0	20
Improving signage at all CRC sites and patching at Linlithgow and Broxburn sites	50	0	0	50
New vehicles and equipment for street cleansing	220	0	0	220
Containers at recycling centres for reusable items	5	5	5	15
Containers at recycling centres for reusable items (one off)	10	0	0	10
Roads and footpath accessibility improvements schemes	30	10	0	40
Re-instate opening hours at all 5 CRC sites (net cost)	320	320	320	960
Relocation of Recycling Centres	0	500	500	1,000
Climate Emergency Fund	802	0	0	802
Total One Off Costs	2,416	1,966	2,024	6,406

14. Approves the prudential indicators, as set out in Appendix 7”.

- Moved by Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Kirsteen Sullivan

The Provost invited the Head of Finance and Property Services to comment on the motion as required by Standing Order 15(7). He advised Council that the motion presented a balanced three year budget in accordance with best practice and proposed using all the available resources including the additional one-off resources announced by the Scottish Government the day before. The majority of the one-off resources would apply to time-limited expenditure and would remove two savings with a combined value of approximately £1mn and included not going ahead with the increase in school milk charges.

Amendment

“West Lothian Council SNP Group, condemn the fact that this meeting is being held today despite Council agreeing to adopt more ‘family friendly’ practices. This meeting is a discretionary meeting, decided by the provost as to when it’s held, yet he chose a Friday which is a half day school attendance and had to rearrange 3 other meetings. It also follows the holding of the Rent setting meeting on a school holiday last week. Furthermore, we are disappointed that once again the Labour Group has taken no cognisance of the Accounts Commissions’ recommendation, It is crucial that elected members play a more prominent and leading role in responding to these challenges. They should identify earlier in the budgeting process the priorities which need to form the basis of engagement with communities. A council’s

Best Value duty is the responsibility of all elected members. The council needs an approach where all members are involved effectively in scrutiny of policy priorities and performance on a council-wide basis. Such scrutiny also needs clearer links between budget and service performance.

We welcome the fact that the Scottish Budget announced on 6 February 2020 gives West Lothian an additional £6.404M compared to 19/20 and increased the ability of Councils to use their own 'tax raising' powers (as requested by Councils themselves). This has increased by a further £3.204 million as the council's share of the £95M additional funding agreed for Local Government. We also note that, as per the Revenue Budget Report, the Scottish Government have only indicated funding for one year. With the greater uncertainty this year, around the delay to Westminster Budget, Barnett consequential and the fact that there will be no long term figures available, **it would not be prudent to attempt to set a longer term budget or strategy.**

The SNP Group notes that in 2019/20 this Council's total revenue funding increased by over £19M compared to the previous year and in 2020/21 overall revenue funding will increase by almost £14.8M compared to 2019/20 (after taking account of share of additional £95m confirmed on 27 February 2020). In total, this Council has received almost £34M more than 2 years ago.

The SNP Group notes that the Budget paper before us is laden with references to TYC and decisions taken 2 years ago, as if nothing had changed in the intervening period. The Budget paper is also full of references to the next 2 years and takes no cognisance that this Council is in a vulnerable position with deciding future Budgets when there is so much uncertainty surrounding everything at the moment. Council has to be pragmatic and not get entwined in 'models' and 'guesstimates' and work within the Budgets we know. There is an opportunity, which needs political leadership, to acknowledge the austere times everyone is facing and give the residents of West Lothian a break from constant increases (Rents, Bulky Uplifts, Care Charges) and decreases in service. We acknowledge that as a Council we have a pivotal role in tackling poverty and providing good quality services. This one off funding should be seen as a windfall and should be utilised to give our West Lothian residents some respite from their hardship, even if it is only for a year. Taking account of this, the SNP Group propose revisions to the budget as per table below:

Proposal		2020/21 £'000
Remove Social Care Contributions Policy		1,070
Remove Telecare charges		562
Remove Bulky Uplift Charge		355
Reinstate Taxi Card		220

Reinstate recent cut to Library opening hours		50
Reinstate full opening hours at all CRC's		321
Additional Book Fund Investment		95
Total		2,673

Recognising the financial plight of many of West Lothian's residents and accepting that this 'windfall' should be used to maximise the benefit of our constituents and not to maintain a 5 year policy which seems to be set in stone rather than being dynamic and taking account of changes in circumstances. This year, in particular, there are far too many uncertainties for us to consider anything other than a one year balanced budget, accepting that circumstances will dictate future years outcomes.

The SNP Group propose that the following additional budget initiatives are endorsed for next year,

Additional Budget Initiatives	2020/21 £'000
Connected travel, linking our rural areas to main travel corridors	417
Scottish Welfare Fund Increased	500
Total	917

Officers are requested to prepare reports to the relevant PDSP with options and recommendations on the use of this additional one off budget for the initiatives above.

Taking account of these additional investment initiatives, the total cost of these proposals in 2020/21 is £3.590M and this would be paid for by the 'windfall' money accrued from the Loans Fund reprofiling, as a one off opportunity to maximise the benefit to our hard pressed residents in West Lothian.

The SNP Group note that the Scottish Government have confirmed a further sum of money will be allocated to Local Government for 2020/21 (£95m). The allocation for West Lothian Council has been confirmed as £3.204 million and given the timing of this announcement it is proposed that a further report comes to the May 2020 meeting of Council for decision in respect of options for utilising this funding.

The SNP Group note that we only have to set a 1 year Budget, today, but acknowledge that using the model of 5 year budgeting there could be consequences for future years within the model. Without knowing the outcome of future years financial settlement, these are unquantifiable at present.

Budget Recommendations

West Lothian Council SNP Group propose the Council:

1. Notes that, following the update of the budget model, the council faces an estimated revenue budget gap of £34.5 million over the three years 2020/21 to 2022/23;
2. Notes the up to date position regarding the integrated impact assessments (IIAs) of the proposed budget reduction measures, as set out in Appendix 8;
3. Agrees the budget reduction measures, as set out in Appendix 2, except for the proposed changes resulting from this amendment;
4. Agrees that, at this stage, one off resources from the retained balance for 2021/22 and 2022/23 should be retained subject to the outcome of the Scottish Budget for these years;
5. Notes that, based on current projections, the council will have delivered savings of over £153 million between 2007/08 and 2022/23;
6. Notes the risks to deliverability of the budget reduction measures, as summarised in Appendix 3;
7. Agrees the schedule of fees and charges for 2020/21 to 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix 4, except for the proposed changes detailed in this amendment;
8. Agrees the 2020/21 level of resources associated with the functions delegated to the West Lothian Integration Joint Board (IJB) of £76.589 million, subject to the changes proposed in this amendment, taking full account of West Lothian Council's share of Scottish Government funding for social care;
9. Agrees the proposed revenue budget for 2020/21 as set out in the Appendix to this amendment;
10. Agrees a council tax increase for 2020/21 of 4.84%;
11. Notes the position in regard to the General Fund Balance and other reserves, as detailed in Appendix 6;
12. Approves a current strategy of maintaining an uncommitted General Fund Balance of £2 million;
13. Notes the remaining one off resources available until 2022/23 as set out in the report and taking account of Recommendation 4 above, the use of which will be considered taking account of future Scottish Budgets;
14. Approves the prudential indicators, as set out in Appendix 7.
15. Agrees that the share of the council's further additional funding of £95 million confirmed by the Scottish Government should be subject to a further report presented to the May 2020 Council meeting for decision.

Appendix 1 – SNP Revenue Budget 2020/21**SNP REVENUE BUDGET****2020/21**

	£'000	£'000
Total 2020/21 Revenue Budget as Per Budget Report		441,608

SNP Group Budget**Amendments****Amendments to Budget**

Remove Social Care Contributions Policy	1,070	
Remove Telecare Charges	562	
Remove Bulky Uplift Charge	355	
Reinstate Taxicard	220	
Reinstate Full Opening Hours at CRC Sites	321	
Reinstate Recent Cut to Library Opening Hours	50	
Additional Library Book Fund Investment	95	
Connected Travel - Linking Rural Areas to Main Travel Corridors	417	
Welfare Fund Increase	500	3,590

TOTAL SNP REVENUE EXPENDITURE BUDGET**445,198****Funded as Follows**

Total Recurring 2020/21 Budget Funding as per Budget Report	440,223
Time Limited Funding from Earmarked reserves as per Budget Report	1,385
Total 20/21 Funding as per Revenue Budget Report	441,608

Use of Retained 2019/20 One Off resources	2,154	
Use of Retained 2020/21 One Off resources	1,436	3,590

TOTAL SNP REVENUE FUNDING BUDGET**445,198**

Prior to moving the amendment, the Provost invited the Governance

Manager to advise Council on two points contained in Appendix 1 of the Amendment; these being the Social Care Contribution Policy and Library Opening Hours.

The Governance Manager advised that in relation to the Social Care Contribution Policy, Council Executive had carried out a full review of the policy in October 2019, had agreed changes and that the amended policy should continue until specified review dates. Council had therefore made a decision about the terms of the policy. Likewise, with regards to the library opening hours Council Executive had determined its policy on this matter in December 2019. Therefore, in accordance with Standing Order 28 (changing a decision within six months) those decisions could not be changed unless there the Provost ruled that there had been a material change of circumstances since the decisions were made. .

The Provost ruled that there had been no material change in circumstances in respect of either the Social Care Contributions Policy or the library opening hours. He then provided Councillor Anderson with an opportunity to adjust his amendment accordingly.

Councillor Anderson adjusted his amendment as follows :-

- Social Care Contributions Policy – removed from amendment
- Reinstate recent but to library opening hours – removed from amendment
- Reduce Connected Travel budget from £417,000 to £204,000; and
- Provide funding of £1.333 million to extend holiday lunch clubs to all primary school children who were entitled to free school meals.

Prior to moving the adjusted amendment Councillor Anderson requested a short adjournment to allow his group to discuss a possible further change concerning use of the additional one-off resources of £3.204 million and which had not been factored into the amendment. the Provost adjourned the meeting for a short period.

Following the adjournment Councillor Anderson advised Council that they would move the adjusted amendment as previously stated which provided that the additional funding of £3.204 million was to brought back to the May meeting of West Lothian Council.

- Moved by Councillor Frank Anderson and seconded by Councillor Janet Campbell.

The Provost then invited the Head of Finance and Property Services to comment on the amendment as required by Standing Order 15(7). He advised Council that the amendment was proposing a balanced budget for 2020/21 but not for 2021/22 and 2022/23 so did not provide a medium term financial plan. Additionally, the one-off resources would appear to be getting utilised to fund recurring pressures of £3.59m and with the reduction in charges of £432,000 lost in future years there could potentially be a recurring gap of over £3.5m to be found in savings in 2021/22.

A roll call vote was taken. The result was as follows :-

Motion

Alison Adamson
Stuart Borrowman
Harry Cartmill
Tom Conn
David Dodds
Angela Doran
Bruce Fairbairn
Lawrence Fitzpatrick
Peter Heggie
Chris Horne
Charles Kennedy
Tom Kerr
Dave King
John McGinty
Andrew McGuire
Dom McGuire
Cathy Muldoon
George Paul
Kirsteen Sullivan

Damian Timson

Amendment

Frank Anderson
Willie Boyle
Diane Calder
Janet Campbell
Pauline Clark
Robert De Bold
Carl John
Peter Johnston
Sarah King
Andrew Miller
Moira Shemilt
David Tait

Decision

Following a roll call vote the motion was successful by 20 votes to 12, with one member absent, and it was agreed accordingly.

3. ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21 TO 2027/28

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services seeking approval of an updated General Services Capital programme for 2020/21 to 2027/28.

In presenting his report the Head of Finance and Property Services advised Council that as a result of announcements by the Scottish Government on 27 February 2020 an additional £502,000 of capital funding had been made available to West Lothian Council. This was a specific grant for cycling, walking and safer streets.

It was recommended that the Council :-

1. Notes the progress achieved during the second year of the ten year capital programme;
2. Approves the updated General Services Capital programme for 2020/21 to 2027/28 as set out in Appendix 1;
3. Approves the updated capital funding for 2020/21 to 2027/28 as set out in section D.4 of the report;

4. Notes the outcome of the Integration Relevance Assessment as set out in Appendix 2;
5. Notes that an annual review of the capital strategy approved by council in March 2019 will be undertaken and reported to Council Executive as part of the budget roll forward process in June 2020; and
6. Notes that agreed reporting and monitoring will continue, including quarterly monitoring reports to Council Executive.

The Provost invited the Head of Finance and Property Services to comment on the motion as required by Standing Order 15(7). He advised Council that the report and motion did not cover the additional £502,000 of capital funding for cycling, walking and safer streets. which would be added to the relevant budget.

Decision

To unanimously approve the terms of the report.

4. TREASURY MANAGEMENT PLAN 2020/21

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services seeking approval for the Treasury Management Plan for 2020/21.

It was recommended that the Council approves the 2020/21 Treasury Management Plan.

Decision

To unanimously approve the terms of the report