

Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 1 March 2024

Present:

The Right Worshipful, the Lord Mayor Councillor Dar – in the Chair

Councillors:

Andrews, Abdullatif, Akbar, Azra Ali, Ahmed Ali, Shaukat Ali, Amin, Appleby, Bell, Benham, Brickell, Bridges, Butt, Chambers, Chohan, Collins, Connolly, Cooley, Craig, Curley, Davies, Douglas, Evans, Flanagan, Fletcher, Foley, Gartside, Good, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hilal, Holt, Hughes, Hussain, Igbon, Ilyas, Iqbal, Johns, Johnson, T Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kilpatrick, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leech, J Lovecy, Ludford, Lynch, Marsh, McCaul, McHale, Midgley, Moran, Muse, Noor, Northwood, Nunney, Ogunbambo, Rahman, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Riasat, Richards, I Robinson, T Robinson, Rowles, Sadler, M Sharif Mahamed, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, Simcock, Stogia, Taylor, Wheeler, Wiest, Whiston, White, Wills, Wilson and Wright

CC/24/14 The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business

The Lord Mayor informed the meeting that there were no announcements to make or urgent business for consideration.

CC/24/15 Interests

No interests were declared regarding any of the business contained in the Council Summons.

CC/24/16 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

CC/24/17 The Council's Revenue and Capital Budget 2024/25

The Council met to consider and set the 2024/25 budget, Council Tax resolution for 2024/25 and Collection Fund budget for 2024/25. In doing so, the proceedings of the Art Galleries Committee on 14 February 2024, which provided details of the Art Galleries budget for 2024/25 were submitted for approval. In addition, the part proceedings of the Executive on 14 February 2024 were submitted for approval, which contained details on the following:

- Revenue Budget Monitoring Update to the end of December 2023
- Capital Programme Budget Monitoring 2023/24
- Medium Term Financial Strategy and 2024/25 Revenue Budget
- Corporate Core Budget 2024/25

- Children and Education Services Budget 2024/25
- Public Health Budget 2024-27
- Adult Social Care Budget 2024/27
- Neighbourhoods Directorate Budget 2024/25
- Housing Revenue Account 2024/25 to 2026/27
- Growth and Development Directorate Budget 2024/25
- Dedicated Schools Grant 2024/25
- Capital Strategy and Budget 2023/24 to 2026/27
- Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2024/25, including Borrowing Limits and Annual Investment Strategy
- Budget consultation results 2024/25
- Budget Equality and Poverty Impact Assessments

The Council also considered the following reports:-

- Details of proposed budget amendment;
- The Council Tax Resolution 2024/25.

In addition, the Council received the minutes of the Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee on 26 February 2024, that considered the Budget Report 2024-2025.

The Lord Mayor provided Council with an explanation of the process to be followed at the meeting to consider and vote on the two amendments received and to then consider the documents submitted and in doing so, to set the Council's budget for 2024/25 by a named electronic vote.

Councillor Rahman moved the proceedings of the Art Galleries Committee and the part proceedings of the Executive, both held on 14 February 2024.

Councillor Akbar then moved the Revenue and Capital Budgets and the recommendations as detailed in the reports submitted, this was seconded by Councillor Craig. Councillor Akbar then presented his budget statement for 2023/24 to Council.

The Lord Mayor reported that as there was no current Opposition Group or Finance spokesperson, there would be an opportunity for the leader or spokesperson from each of the opposition groups to respond to Councillor Akbar's budget statement for a combined time of 20 minutes. Councillor Johnson and Councillor Kilpatrick gave a response to the budget statement.

The Council then considered an amendment to the Council Budget 2024/25.

Two amendments to the budget that were proposed by Councillor Leech had been submitted. The amendments were seconded by Councillor Good.

Proposed amendment 1:

'In order to support the least well-off Manchester Council Taxpayers during the continuing cost of living crisis, the following proposals to the Council Tax

Support Scheme as follows:

- To allocate a budget of £770,000, subject to consultation, to enable the Council to deliver a Council Tax rebate to Manchester residents in receipt of the maximum Council Tax support equivalent to increasing the maximum support from 85% to 87.5%; to be funded through the transfer from the General Fund Reserve.
- To allocate a budget of £75,000, subject to consultation, to enable the Council to deliver a Council Tax rebate to Manchester residents in receipt of the maximum Council Tax support equivalent to the increase that they would be expected to pay to cover the increased precepts for the Police and Fire services and to cover the increase of the Mayoral General precept; to be funded through the transfer from the General Fund Reserve.'

The Lord Mayor put the amendment to the vote. The outcome was recorded as follows:

For the amendment (8)

Councillors:

Abdullatif, Good, Johnson Kilpatrick, Leech, Northwood, Nunney and Wiest

Against the amendment (77)

Councillors:

Akbar, Azra Ali, Ahmed Ali, Shaukat Ali, Amin, Appleby, Bell, Benham, Brickell, Bridges, Butt, Chambers, Chohan, Collins, Connolly, Cooley, Craig, Curley, Davies, Douglas, Evans, Flanagan, Fletcher, Foley, Gartside, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hilal, Holt, Hughes, Hussain, Igbon, Ilyas, Iqbal, T Judge, Karney, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Lovecy, Ludford, Lynch, Marsh, McCaul, McHale, Midgley, Moran, Muse, Noor, Ogunbambo, Rahman, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Riasat, Richards, I Robinson, T Robinson, Rowles, Sadler, M Sharif Mahamed, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, Simcock, Stogia, Taylor, Wheeler, Whiston, White, Wills, Wilson and Wright (*Councillor Moran indicated to the meeting that she had intended to vote against the amendment but had mis-voted.)

Abstentions (2)

Councillors: Andrews and Dar

The Lord Mayor declared the amendment lost.

Proposed amendment 2:

'In order to tackle long-standing problems with highways maintenance, gully repairs, fly tipping, littering and illegal parking as follows (amendment 2a and 2b):

- To allocate a budget of £1,000,000 to invest additional resources into highways maintenance, to tackle the backlog of road and pavement repairs and gully repairs, to save money on future accident trip claims and to reduce the ongoing day to day maintenance costs on gully clearing and repairs; to be funded through the transfer from the General Fund Reserve.
- To allocate a budget of £350,000 to invest additional resources into CCTV to tackle fly tipping hotspots by improving detection rates and increasing enforcement and reducing instances of fly tipping, and to add or replace unsuitable bins in specific problem spots where existing bin capacity results is insufficient; to be funded through the transfer from the Budget Smoothing Reserve.
- To allocate a budget of £105,000 to invest additional resources into CCTV enforcement vehicles to tackle specific parking enforcement hotspots; to be funded through the transfer from the On-street Parking Reserve.

All proposals in this amendment are one off spending commitments for 2024/2025, with a review to be carried out on the cost-effectiveness of the parking enforcement income generated by the leasing of additional CCTV enforcement vehicles.'

The Lord Mayor put the amendment to the vote. The outcome was recorded as follows:

For the amendment (7)

Councillors:

Good, Johnson Kilpatrick, Leech, Northwood, Nunney and Wiest

Against the amendment (78)

Councillors:

Abdullatif, Akbar, Azra Ali, Ahmed Ali, Shaukat Ali, Amin, Appleby, Bell, Benham, Brickell, Bridges, Butt, Chambers, Chohan, Collins, Connolly, Cooley, Craig, Curley, Davies, Douglas, Evans, Flanagan, Fletcher, Foley, Gartside, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hilal, Holt, Hughes, Hussain, Igbon, Ilyas, Iqbal, T Judge, Karney, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Lovecy, Ludford, Lynch, Marsh, McCaul, McHale, Midgley, Moran*, Muse, Noor, Ogunbambo, Rahman, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Riasat, Richards, I Robinson, T Robinson, Rowles, Sadler, M Sharif Mahamed, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, Simcock, Stogia, Taylor, Wheeler, Whiston, White, Wills, Wilson and Wright

Abstentions (2)

Councillors: Andrews and Dar

The Lord Mayor declared the amendment lost.

The Lord Mayor then invited the Council to vote on the budget motion proposed by Councillor Akbar, as the substantive budget resolution, and in doing so sought Council:-

1. To approve the minutes of the Art Galleries Committee held on 14 February 2024, to agree the Art Galleries budget for 2024/25.
2. To adopt the part proceedings of the Executive held on 14 February 2024, as included in the Council summons and in particular, the Council is recommended to approve as elements of the budget for 2024/25:
 - An increase in the basic amount of Council Tax (i.e., the Council's element of Council Tax) by 2.99% and Adult Social Care precept increase of 2%.
 - The contingency sum of £0.6m.
 - Corporate budget requirements to cover levies/charges of £72.463m, capital financing costs of £43.926m, additional allowances and other pension costs of £8.497m and insurance costs of £2.004m.
 - The inflationary pressures and budgets to be allocated in the sum of £17.357m; and delegate the final allocations to the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources.
3. To note the minutes of the Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee held on 26 February 2024, regarding the consideration of the overall budget proposals and in doing so to note the consideration of the budget by the five scrutiny committees.
4. To note the 2024/25 Budget Consultation Results report.
5. To note the Capital Programme Monitoring 2023/24 report.
6. That in considering the Capital Strategy and Budget for 2023/24 to 2026/27 report, to:
 1. Approve the budget changes for the capital programme noted in section 7, of the report.
 2. Note the capital programme as presented in Appendix 3 of the report (£408.2m in 2023/24, £463.7m in 2024/25, £173.8m in 2025/26, £62.9m in 2026/27. £7.8m in 2027/28 and £5.6m in 2028/29) which will require prudential borrowing of £424.0m to fund non-HRA schemes over the four-year period for which provision has been made in the revenue budget for the associated financing costs (within limits previously agreed).
 3. Note that the profile of spend is provisional, and a further update will be provided in the outturn report for 2023/24.
 4. To delegate authority to:

- a) The Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources to approve capital expenditure on schemes which have budget approval.
 - b) The Chief Executive and Director of Highways in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment for the approval of the list of schemes to be undertaken under the Highways capital programme.
 - c) The Chief Executive and Director of Highways to implement the Highways schemes in accordance with the Capital Approval process and after consultation with the Executive Member for Environment on the final details and estimated costs.
 - d) The Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources to add qualifying spend to save projects to the capital budget accordingly up to a maximum of £5m in 2024/25 and then £5m per year thereafter.
 - e) The Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources to approve Powering Our Schools qualifying spend to save loan schemes outside of £5m maximum invest to save outlined in constitution.
 - f) The Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer, in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources to accelerate spend from later years, when necessary, within the programme subject to resource availability.
 - g) The Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources to agree and approve where appropriate the programme of schemes for the delivery of the corporate asset management programme.
 - h) The Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer and the Strategic Director for Growth and Development in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources to agree and approve acquisitions using the Strategic Acquisitions budget.
7. That in considering the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2024/25, including Borrowing Limits and Annual Investment Strategy, to:
1. Approve the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement, the:
 - Borrowing Requirement listed in Section 7 of the report;
 - Borrowing Strategy outlined in Section 10 of the report;
 - Annual Investment Strategy detailed in Section 11 of the report;
 - Prudential and Treasury Indicators listed in Appendix A of the report;
 - MRP Strategy outlined in Appendix B of the report;
 - Treasury Management Policy Statement, at Appendix C of the report;and,

- Treasury Management Scheme of Delegation, at Appendix D of the report.
2. Delegate to the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer, in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources, the power to pursue any restructuring, rescheduling or redemption opportunities available, including amendments to the Treasury Management Strategy if the changes require it. Any changes required to the Strategy will be reported to members at the earliest opportunity.
8. That in considering the Council Tax Resolution 2024/25 report:
1. To adopt those proceedings of the Executive on 14 February 2024 which contain details of the following:
 - Medium Term Financial Strategy and Revenue Budget 2024/25
 - Corporate Core Budget 2024/25
 - Children and Education Services Budget 2024/25
 - Public Health Budget 2024/25
 - Adult Social Care Budget 2024/25
 - Neighbourhoods Budget 2024/25
 - Homelessness Budget 2024/25
 - Growth and Development Budget 2024/25
 - Housing Revenue Account 2024/25 to 2026/27
 - Schools Budget 2024/25
 - Capital Strategy and Budget 2024/25 to 2026/27
 - Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2024/25, including Borrowing Limits and Annual Investment Strategy
 2. To note the proposed Savings and Efficiencies, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report submitted.
 3. To note the proposed Growth and Investments, as detailed in Appendix 2 to this report.
 4. To note the position on Reserves, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report submitted.
 5. To note that the Council Tax determination, included at Appendix 4 reflects the budget position.
 6. To note the information on the referenda, as detailed in Section 3 of the report submitted.
 7. To approve the Council Tax determination, as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report submitted.
 - Calculates the Council Tax requirement in accordance with Section 31A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011.

- Calculates a basic amount of Council Tax and an amount of tax for each valuation band (the Council element) in accordance with Sections 31B and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992, as amended.
 - Sets an amount of Council Tax for each category of dwellings in each valuation band in accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992.
9. To approve the Treasury Management Strategy including borrowing requirement and strategy, Annual Investment Strategy, Prudential and Treasury Indicators, Minimum Revenue Provision strategy included at Appendix 5.
10. To Approve the Collection Fund Budget for 2024/25, as set out in Appendix 6 to the report submitted.

For the Motion: (77)

Councillors:

Abdullatif, Akbar, Azra Ali, Ahmed Ali, Shaukat Ali, Amin, Appleby, Bell, Benham, Brickell, Bridges, Butt, Chambers, Chohan, Collins, Connolly, Cooley, Craig, Curley, Davies, Douglas, Evans, Flanagan, Fletcher, Foley, Gartside, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hilal, Holt, Hughes, Hussain, Igbon, Ilyas, Iqbal, Judge, Karney, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Lovecy*, Ludford, Lynch, Lyons, Marsh, McCaul, McHale, Midgley, Moran, Muse, Noor, Ogunbambo, Rahman, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Riasat, Richards*, I Robinson, T Robinson, Rowles, Sadler, M Sharif Mahamed, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, Simcock, Taylor, Wheeler, Whiston, White, Wills, Wilson and Wright (*Councillors Lovecy and Richards indicated to the meeting that they had intended to vote for the budget motion but had mis-voted.

Against the motion (0)

Abstaining (9)

Councillors: Andrews, Dar, Good, Kilpatrick, Johnson, Leech, Northwood, Nunney and Wiest

The Lord Mayor declared the Budget 2024/25 motion carried.

Decisions:

1. To approve the minutes of the Art Galleries Committee held on 14 February 2024, to agree the Art Galleries budget for 2024/25.
2. To adopt the part proceedings of the Executive held on 14 February 2024, as included in the Council summons and in particular, the Council is recommended to approve as elements of the budget for 2024/25:
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 3. Note that the profile of spend is provisional, and a further update will be provided in the outturn report for 2023/24.
 4. To delegate authority to:
 - a) The Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources to approve capital expenditure on schemes which have budget approval.
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7. That in considering the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2024/25, including Borrowing Limits and Annual Investment Strategy, to:
1. Approve the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement, the:
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5. To note that the Council Tax determination included at Appendix 4 reflects the budget position.
6. To note the information on the referenda, as detailed in Section 3 of the report submitted.
7. To approve the Council Tax determination, as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report submitted.

The Council Tax determination:

- Calculates the Council Tax requirement in accordance with Section 31A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011.
 - Calculates a basic amount of Council Tax and an amount of tax for each valuation band (the Council element) in accordance with Sections 31B and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992, as amended.
 - Sets an amount of Council Tax for each category of dwellings in each valuation band in accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992.
9. To approve the Treasury Management Strategy including borrowing requirement and strategy, Annual Investment Strategy, Prudential and Treasury Indicators,

Minimum Revenue Provision strategy included at Appendix 5.

10. To Approve the Collection Fund Budget for 2024/25, as set out in Appendix 6 to the report submitted.

CC/24/18 Thanks to the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer

The Lord Mayor reported that Carol Culley, the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer would be leaving the Council on 15 March 2024, to take up a new role. The Lord Mayor thanked Carol on behalf of all members of the Council for her exemplary and dedicated work during her 24 years as Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer, that has ensured the Council has continued to deliver a balanced budget. The Lord Mayor wished Carol every success in her future role.

COUNCIL TAX

SETTING THE AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX FOR THE COUNCIL'S AREA
IT IS RESOLVED:

1. That the estimates prepared by the Executive at its meeting on 14 February 2024 be approved.
2. That it be noted that the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer acting under delegated powers has determined the amount of 134,937.9 as the Council Tax base for Manchester for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Section 31A (3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and regulations 3 to 5 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012.
3. That the following amounts can be now calculated by the Council for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Sections 31A to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
 - (a) £1,886,100,893 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in the Section 31A (2) (a) to (f) of the Act.
 - (b) £1,656,840,996 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) (a) to (d) of the Act.
 - (c) £229,259,897 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Sections 31A(4) of the Act, as its council tax requirement for the year.
 - (d) £1,699.00 being the amount at 3(c) above divided by the amount at 2 above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year.
 - (e) Valuation Bands being the amount given multiplying the amount at 3(d) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands. The band bill is shown in the table below.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1,132.66	1,321.44	1,510.22	1,699.00	2,076.56	2,454.11	2,831.67	3,398.00

4. That it be noted that for the year 2024/25 the major precepting authorities have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Precepting Valuation bands

Greater Manchester Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner Precept:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
170.86	199.34	227.82	256.30	313.25	370.21	427.16	512.60

Greater Manchester Mayoral General Precept (including Fire Services):

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
75.30	87.85	100.40	112.95	138.05	163.15	188.25	225.90

5. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(e) and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2024/25 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1,378.82	1,608.63	1,838.44	2,068.25	2,527.86	2,987.47	3,447.08	4,136.50

1. CALCULATING THE COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT

Section 31A Calculations

- 1.1 Section 31A of the Local Government Finance 1992 requires the Council to make three calculations:
 1. an estimate of the Council's required gross revenue expenditure - Section 31A(2)
 2. an estimate of its anticipated income (excluding that from council tax) and of reserves to be used to aid the revenue account - Section 31A(3)
 3. a calculation of the difference between (i) and (ii) above, (i.e. the Council Tax requirement) - Section 31A(4)

- 1.2 In its Section 31A(2) calculation the Council is required to allow for the following:
 - **Section 31A(2)(a)** - the estimated revenue account expenditure it will incur during the year in performing its functions.
 - **Section 31A(2)(b)** - an appropriate allowance for contingencies for the year, e.g. for unforeseen occurrences such as disasters, storm damage, higher than expected inflation etc.
 - **Section 31A(2)(c)** - any raising of financial reserves for future expenditure - examples of this include payments into a redemption fund, internal insurance etc.
 - **Section 31A(2)(d)** - any revenue account deficit for a previous financial year which has not yet been provided for.
 - **Section 31A(2)(da)** - any amount estimated to be transferred from the general fund to the collection fund in accordance with regulations by reference to sums received by the authority in respect of business rates.
 - **Section 31A(2)(e)** - any amount estimated to be transferred from the General Fund to the Collection Fund in accordance with Section 97(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 - i.e. the Council's share of any collection fund deficit.
 - **Section 31A(2)(f)** - any amounts estimated to be transferred from the General Fund to the Collection Fund by direction of the Secretary of State under Section 98(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 - including an estimate of the shortfall in the collection of Non-domestic Rates in excess of the allowance.

- 1.3. In its Section 31A(3) calculation the Council must calculate the aggregate of sums to be put against gross expenditure, namely:

- **Section 31A(3)(a)** - estimated income from fees, charges, and government grants plus other sums payable into the general fund (but excluding council tax).
- **Section 31A(3)(aa)** – any amount estimated to be transferred from the collection fund to the general fund in accordance with regulations by reference to sums received by the authority in respect of business rates.
- **Section 31A(3)(b)** - any amount estimated to be transferred from the Collection Fund to the General Fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 - i.e. the Council's share of any collection fund surplus.
- **Section 31A(3)(c)** - sums to be transferred from the Collection Fund to the General Fund pursuant to a direction of the Secretary of State under Section 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 - including allowances for costs of collection of business rates.
- **Section 31A(3)(d)** - the amount of financial reserves/balances which the authority intends to use towards meeting its revenue expenditure.

1.4 On the basis of current estimates, the calculations would be as follows:

	HRA £	Other £	Total £
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Section 31A (2)(a)	126,254,000	1,713,302,893	1,839,556,893
Section 31A (2)(b)	0	600,000	600,000
Section 31A (2)(c)	0	45,944,000	45,944,000
Section 31A (2)(d)	0	0	0
Section 31A (2)(da)	0	0	0
Section 31A (2)(e)	0	0	0
Section 31A (2)(f)	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	126,254,000	1,759,846,893	1,886,100,893
<u>Income</u>			
Section 31A (3)(a)	(100,579,000)	(1,043,590,601)	(1,144,169,601)
Section 31A (3)(aa)	0	(360,872,631)	(360,872,631)
Section 31A (3)(b)	0	(24,574,689)	(24,574,689)
Section 31A (3)(c)	0	(1,121,075)	(1,121,075)
Section 31A (3)(d)	(25,675,000)	(100,428,000)	(126,103,000)
Total Income	(126,254,000)	(1,530,586,996)	(1,656,840,996)

1.5 Council Tax Requirement under Section 31A(4) being the amount by which the aggregate under Section 31A(2) exceeds the aggregate under Section 31A(3) is £229,259,897.

2. CALCULATING THE BASIC AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX

2.1. Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires the Council to calculate the basic amount of its Council Tax - this is in effect the Council element of the Band D Council tax.

2.2 This calculated by applying the following formula:

$$R \div T$$

Where:

R: is the Council Tax requirement, and

T: is the approved Council Tax base

2.3 Calculating the Basic Amount of Council Tax

Council Tax Requirement £229,259,897
Divided by:

Council Tax Base 134,937.9

Band D Basic Amount of Council Tax is: £1,699.00

Prudential and Treasury Indicators 2024/25 to 2026/27

Please note last year's approved figures are shown in brackets.

	Treasury Management Indicators	2024-25		2025-26		2026-27	
		%		%		%	
1	Estimated Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream⁵	5.42		5.45		5.33	
2	Estimated Net Income from Commercial and Service Investments to Net Revenue Stream	9.9		8.1		7.7	
		£m		£m		£m	
3	Authorised Limit - external debt						
	Borrowing	2,180.6	(1,811.9)	2,185.6	(1,811.9)	2,185.6	
	Other long-term liabilities	190.0	(190.0)	190.0	(190.0)	190.0	
	TOTAL	2,370.6	(2,001.9)	2,375.6	(2,001.9)	2,375.6	
4	Operational Boundary - external debt						
	Borrowing	1,828.1	(1,726.3)	1,981.4	(1,728.1)	2,088.1	
	Other long-term liabilities	190.0	(190.0)	190.0	(190.0)	190.0	
	TOTAL	2,018.1	(1,916.3)	2,171.4	(1,918.1)	2,278.1	
5	Estimated external debt	1,623.8	(1,611.0)	1,826.6	(1,613.3)	1,968.9	
6	Upper limit for total principal sums invested for over 364 days	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	
7	Estimated Capital Expenditure						
	Non - HRA	396.9	(155.7)	127.9	(22.5)	37.8	
	HRA	66.8	(43.7)	45.9	(11.6)	25.1	
	TOTAL	463.7	(199.4)	173.8	(34.1)	62.9	
8	Estimated Capital						

	Financing Requirement (as at 31 March)					
	Non – HRA	1,883.6	(1,893.7)	2,007.1	(1,845.4)	1,960.3
	HRA	302.5	(322.5)	303.9	(323.9)	305.5
	TOTAL	2,186.1	(2,216.2)	2,311.0	(2,169.3)	2,265.8

9	Maturity structure of borrowing during 2024-25	Upper Limit		Lower limit	
	under 12 months	70%	(70%)	0%	(0%)
	12 months and within 24 months	60%	(60%)	0%	(0%)
	24 months and within 5 years	60%	(40%)	0%	(0%)
	5 years and within 10 years	40%	(50%)	0%	(0%)
	10 years and above	70%	(80%)	30%	(30%)
10	Has the Authority adopted the CIPFA Treasury Management Code?	Yes			

The status of the indicators will be included in Treasury Management reporting during 2024/25. They will also be included in the Council’s Capital Budget monitoring reports during 2024/25.

**Definitions and Purpose of the Treasury Management Indicators noted above
Estimated Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream**

The authority will set for the forthcoming year and the following financial years an estimate of financing costs to net revenue stream. The indicator recognises that ultimately all debts of a local authority fall on the taxpayer, and that therefore when considering affordability, it is important to review the scale of financing costs to net revenue.

Estimated Net Income from Commercial and Service Investments to Net Revenue Stream

The authority will set for the forthcoming year and the following financial years an estimate of new income from commercial and service investments to net revenue stream. The indicator is intended to show the financial exposure of the authority to the loss of income, and therefore the proportionality of commercial and service investment income to the authority’s overall budget.

Estimated Capital Expenditure

The authority sets a capital budget for each financial year, which includes an estimate of the capital expenditure which might be incurred. The figures here also include changes to other long-term liabilities.

Estimates Capital Financing Requirement

The capital financing requirement reflects the authority's underlying need to finance capital expenditure and is based on all capital expenditure including that incurred in previous years.

Authorised Limit - external debt

The local authority will set for the forthcoming financial year and the following two financial years an authorised limit for its total external debt, excluding investments, separately identifying borrowing from other long-term liabilities. Other long-term liabilities include PFI's, service concessions and finance leases. Due to the introduction of IFRS16 (Leasing) on the 1st of April 2022, more of the Council's lessee leases will be classed as finance leases and will become other long-term liabilities, therefore the value will increase from previous years. Work is underway to determine the value of this change in accounting standards, but £20.0m has been added to the indicator at this stage and will be reviewed once this work is complete. This prudential indicator is referred to as the Authorised Limit.

Operational Boundary - external debt

The local authority will also set for the forthcoming financial year and the following two financial years an operational boundary for its total external debt, excluding investments, separately identifying borrowing from other long-term liabilities. This prudential indicator is referred to as the Operational Boundary.

Both the Authorised Limit and the Operational Boundary need to be consistent with the authority's plans for capital expenditure and financing; and with its treasury management policy statement and practices. The Operational Boundary should be based on the authority's estimate of most likely, i.e. prudent, but not worst-case scenario. Risk analysis and risk management strategies should be considered. The Operational Boundary should equate to the maximum level of external debt projected by this estimate. Thus, the Operational Boundary links directly to the Authority's plans for capital expenditure; its estimates of capital financing requirement; and its estimate of cash flow requirements for the year for all purposes. The Operational Boundary is a key management tool for in-year monitoring. It will probably not be significant if the Operational Boundary is breached temporarily on occasions due to variations in cash flow. However, a sustained or regular trend above the Operational Boundary would be significant and should lead to further investigation and action as appropriate. Thus, both the Operational Boundary and the Authorised Limit will be based on the authority's plans. The authority will need to assure itself that these plans are affordable and prudent. The Authorised Limit will in addition need to provide headroom over and above the Operational Boundary enough for example for unusual cash movements.

Estimated external debt

After the year end, the closing balance for actual gross borrowing plus (separately), other long-term liabilities are obtained directly from the local authority's Balance Sheet.

The prudential indicator for Estimated External Debt considers a single point in time and hence is only directly comparable to the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary at that point in time. Actual external debt during the year can be compared.

Upper limit for total principal sums invested for over 364 days

The authority will set an upper limit for each forward financial year period for the maturing of investments made for a period longer than 364 days. This indicator is referred to as the prudential limit for Principal Sums Invested for periods longer than 364 days.

The purpose of this indicator is so the authority can contain its exposure to the possibility of loss that might arise as a result of it having to seek early repayment or redemption of principal sums invested.

Maturity structure of new borrowing

The authority will set for the forthcoming financial year both upper and lower limits with respect to the maturity structure of its borrowing. These indicators are referred to as the Upper and Lower limits respectively for the Maturity Structure of Borrowing.

Liability Benchmark

The liability benchmark is a projection of the amount of loan debt outstanding that the authority needs each year into the future to fund its existing debt liabilities, planned prudential borrowing and other cash flows. The benchmark shows the gap between the authority's outstanding loans at future points in time and the authority's need to for borrowing (the benchmark). It can be used to identify the debt maturities needed for new borrowing in order to match to future liabilities.

Local Prudential Indicators

The Council has not yet introduced Local Prudential Indicators to reflect local circumstances but will review on a regular basis the need for these in the future.

COLLECTION FUND BUDGET 2024/25	Budget Estimate £'000
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
<u>COUNCIL TAX</u> (Surplus) / Deficit Brought forward	(2,159)
<u>Precepts:</u>	
• Mayoral General (including Fire Services)	15,241
• Mayoral Police & Crime Commissioner	34,585
• City of Manchester	229,259
Total Precepts	279,085
Council Tax Total Expenditure	276,926
<u>BUSINESS RATES</u> (Surplus) / Deficit Brought forward	(23,031)
<u>Payments/Transfers:</u>	
• Mayoral General (including Fire Services)	3,645
• City of Manchester	360,873
Total Payments/transfers	364,518
Business Rates Total Expenditure	341,487
Collection Fund Total Expenditure	618,413
<u>INCOME</u>	
<u>COUNCIL TAX</u>	
Council Tax Income	289,208
Write Off of uncollectable amounts	(1,144)
Allowance for Impairment	(8,978)
Council tax receivable	279,085
<u>Contribution of Council Tax (surplus) / deficit:</u>	
• Mayoral General (including Fire Services)	(118)
• Mayoral Police & Crime Commissioner	(267)
• City of Manchester	(1,774)
<i>(Includes one third of 2020/21 in year deficit)</i>	
Total Contribution to Council Tax (surplus) / deficit	(2,159)
Council Tax Total Income	276,926
<u>BUSINESS RATES</u>	
Non-Domestic Business Rates Income	398,356
Enterprise Zone growth above baseline	(1,971)
Cost of Collection Allowance	(1,121)
Losses in Collection	(9,742)

Increase in Provision for Appeals	(21,004)
Business rates receivable	364,518
<u>Contribution of Business Rates (surplus) / deficit:</u>	
• Mayoral General (including Fire Services)	(230)
• City of Manchester	(22,801)
Total Contribution to Business Rates (surplus) / deficit	(23,031)
Business Rates Total Income	341,487
Collection Fund Total Income	618,413
MOVEMENT ON FUND BALANCE	
Council Tax (Surplus) / Deficit Carried forward	0
Business Rates (Surplus) / Deficit Caried forward	0
Collection Fund (Surplus) / Deficit	0