

**Manchester City Council
Report for Resolution**

Report to: Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee – 27 February 2023
Council - 3 March 2023

Subject: Details of Proposed Budget Amendments

Report of: The City Solicitor

Summary

This report provides details of amendments to the Executive’s budget proposals that have been submitted in accordance with Paragraph 18.3 of the Council’s Rule of Procedure.

Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to give consideration to the proposed budget amendments and, if appropriate, make recommendations to Council.

Wards Affected: All

Environmental Impact Assessment - the impact of the issues addressed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city

Not applicable.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - the impact of the issues addressed in this report in meeting our Public Sector Equality Duty and broader equality commitments
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Not applicable.

Manchester Strategy outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS/Contribution to the Strategy
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	Not applicable.
A highly skilled city: world class and home-grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	Not applicable.
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	Not applicable.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	Not applicable.
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	Not applicable.

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

None

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 In accordance with Council Rule of Procedure 18.3, when the Executive makes recommendations to the Council in relation to calculating the budget requirement and setting the Council tax, any amendments to those recommendations which affect those calculations, or the level of Council Tax must be submitted in writing and received by the Chief Executive by 4.00 p.m. on the seventh day after the meeting of the Executive (this being Wednesday 22 February 2023).
- 1.2 Any such amendment, together with the recommendations of the Executive, is to be referred to the Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee which will report to the Council meeting in March at which the Council calculates the budget and sets the Council Tax ("the Budget Council").
- 1.3 In doing so, nothing in Rule 18.3 will prevent Members moving amendments at Budget Council in accordance with Rule 18.1 (amendments to be moved at Council must be in writing and be received by the Chief Executive at least 30 minutes before the meeting) or the Executive reconvening and revising their recommendations to Budget Council.
- 1.4 Where such amendments or revised recommendations arise out of the proceedings of the Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee, nor will anything in Rule 18.3 require a further meeting of the Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee in such circumstances.

2.0 Details of Amendments Received

2.1 Amendment (1) proposed by Councillor Leech, seconded by Councillor Good

To allocate a budget of £900,000 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 82.5% to 85%; to be funded through the transfer from the General Fund Reserve.

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 from the Budget Smoothing Reserve.

All proposals in this amendment are one off spending commitments for 2023/2024.

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3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 The recommendations are set out at the front of this report.