

**Manchester City Council
Report for Resolution**

Report to: Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee – 24 February 2020

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 requested to give consideration to the proposed budget amendments and, if appropriate, make recommendations to the 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

Alignment to the Our Manchester Strategy Outcomes (if applicable)

Manchester Strategy outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS
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. Background

- 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 19 February 2020).
- 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. Details of Amendments received

2.1 Amendment (1) proposed by Councillor Greg Stanton, seconded by Councillor Richard Kilpatrick

To allocate a budget of £960,000 phased equally over three years to enable the Council to make available a £10,000pa Green Neighbourhood Investment Fund in each of the 32 wards, encouraging our neighbourhoods to participate in carbon reduction on a community-led basis shaped by the priorities of the Manchester Climate Change Action Plan; to be funded out of the proposed £2.079m contribution to the Business Rates Reserve for 2020/21.

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2.2 Amendment (2) proposed by Councillor Richard Kilpatrick, seconded by Councillor Greg Stanton

To allocate a budget of £960,000 phased equally over three years to enable the Council to deliver a programme of target hardening (including further alleygating) in areas of benefit; to be funded out of the proposed £2.079m contribution to the Business Rates Reserve for 2020/21.

To allocate a budget of £1.5m to enable the Council to deliver road safety and traffic calming schemes in areas of need; to be funded through transfer from the On-street Parking Reserve.

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2.3 Amendment (3) proposed by Councillor John Leech, seconded by Councillor Richard Kilpatrick.

To establish a three-year budget totalling £600,000 to at least double 24-hour toilet provision in the City Centre, lessening the impact of any Public Space Protection Order on our homeless population; funded through a release of reserves.

Received Monday 17 February at 10:06

2.4 Amendment (4) proposed by Councillor John Flanagan, seconded by Councillor Johns

To set up a one-off fund for £250,000 to be called the Spring Challenge Fund.

Received Monday 17 February at 11:06

3. Recommendations

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