

To all Members of Stroud District Council

14 January 2019

You are hereby summoned to attend a budget meeting of the **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill on **THURSDAY 24 JANUARY 2019 at 7.00pm.**



Kathy O'Leary  
Chief Executive

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## **AGENDA**

- 1 2018 SOUTH WEST CHALLENGE**  
To congratulate the winning team and present them with the trophy.
- 2 APOLOGIES**  
To receive apologies for absence.
- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
To receive declarations of interest.
- 4 APPOINTMENTS**  
To appoint the Chief Executive as Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer for Stroud District Council.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**  
**Environment Committee** – Councillor Trevor Hall to replace the vacancy left by Councillor Hayward.

## **6 RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

### **6a AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 20 NOVEMBER 2018**

#### **Half Year Treasury Management Activity Report 2018/19 – [Agenda Item 7](#)**

*The relevant committee report is also available on the website page for this Council meeting.*

The Chair of Audit and Standards Committee will present this item.

**That the Council approves the treasury management activity half year report for 2018/2019, and approves the proposals to increase the limit for investment in property funds to £10m set out in paragraph 15.**

### **6b ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 13 December 2018**

#### **Motion regarding Achieving Stroud District Carbon Neutral 2030 Commitment – [Agenda Item 14](#)**

*The agenda is also available on the website page for this Council meeting.*

The Chair of Environment Committee will present this item.

**To ask Stroud District Council to endorse the ‘Climate Emergency’ announced by the administration on 16 November 2018 and pledge to do everything within the Council’s power to make Stroud District carbon neutral by 2030.**

### **6c STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 17 JANUARY 2019**

The Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee will present these items.

- i. Housing Revenue Account (HRA) – Revised 2018 and Original 2019/20 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2018/19 – 2022/23 – [Agenda Item 8a](#)
  - (1) The revised HRA revenue budget for 2018/19 and original budget 2019/20 are approved
  - (2) The movement to and from HRA balances and capital reserves as detailed in Appendix B and section 9 are approved
  - (3) That from 1 April 2019:
    - i) Social rents and affordable rents are decreased by 1%, as calculated in accordance with legislation
    - ii) Garage rents are increased by 2.4%
    - iii) Landlord service charges are increased by 2.4%, except district heating charges which are increased by 14%, capped at £1 per weekAs detailed in Appendix A
  - (4) That provision for repayment of HRA borrowing is made on an annual basis, with flexibility retained for this to be made from revenue, the Major Repairs Reserve, capital receipts, or any combination of these
  - (5) That the HRA Capital Programme for 2018/19 to 2022/23, as detailed in Appendix C, be included in the Council’s Capital Programme.

- ii. General Revenue Estimates – Revised 2018/19 and Original 2019/20 – Agenda Item 8b

**The estimates set out in the report be considered and approved for inclusion in the General Fund Revenue Budget 2019/20 and Medium Term Financial Plan report to Council elsewhere on this agenda.**

- iii. The General Fund Budget 2019/20, Capital Programme and Medium Term Financial Plan – [Agenda Item 8c](#)

**(Subject to the Government’s final settlement announcements):**

- a) to approve the updated Medium Term Financial Plan as set out in Appendices A-C;
  - b) to increase the council tax by 2.99% to £207.52 at Band D, an increase of less than 12p per week for the services provided by Stroud District Council;
  - c) to note the uncertainty around the impact of changes to local government funding in 2020/21;
  - d) to approve the Capital Programme, as set out in Appendix D;
  - e) to approve the planned changes to the reserves as set out in Section 4 of the report and Appendix E.
- iv. Stroud District Council Capital Strategy – [Agenda Item 8d](#)
- a) To approve the Capital Strategy at Appendix A.
  - b) To grant the S151 Officer Delegated Powers to re-profile capital budgets in consultation with the relevant service Committee chairs.
- v. The Fair Pay and Senior Pay Policy Statement 2018/19 - [Agenda Item 10](#)
- To approve the statement.**
- vi. Council Tax Discount for Care Leavers - [Agenda Item 13](#)
- To adopt the scheme to be effective from 1 April 2019.**

## **7 CAR PARKING REVIEW 2018**

To approve and adopt the amended Variation Order after considering the responses to the consultation on the removal of parking charges from Stonehouse and Painswick.