



<b>CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No: 2.1</b>
<b>29 JANUARY 2020</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

## **BUDGET 2020-21 (MAYOR'S BUDGET)**

### **1.0 PURPOSE**

1.1. This report requests the Board to approve the Mayor's draft budget for 2020/21.

<b><u>DECISION REQUIRED</u></b>	
<b>Lead Member:</b>	<b>James Palmer, Mayor</b>
<b>Lead Officer:</b>	<b>Jon Alsop, Head of Finance (S73)</b>
<b>Forward Plan Ref: 2020/010</b>	<b>Key Decision: Yes</b>
The Combined Authority Board is recommended to approve the Mayor's draft budget for 2020/21.	<b>Voting arrangements</b>  Simple majority of all Members.  This is a recorded vote.

### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. In accordance with the Combined Authorities (Finance) Order 2017, the Mayor must, before 1 February in any financial year, notify the Combined Authority of the Mayor's draft budget in relation to the following financial year.
- 2.2. The process and timetable for approving the Mayor's budget is set out in the appendix.
- 2.3. The draft Mayor's Office budget is shown within the 2020/21 Draft Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) report and is set out below.

## Mayor's Office Draft Budget

<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>
<b>£k</b>	<b>£k</b>	<b>£k</b>	<b>£k</b>	<b>£k</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
(379.9) Revenue Single Pot Funding	(466.8)	(482.5)	(489.6)	(496.9)
<b>(379.9) Total Revenue Funding</b>	<b>(466.8)</b>	<b>(482.5)</b>	<b>(489.6)</b>	<b>(496.9)</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>				
85.0 Mayor's Allowance	85.0	95.6	97.5	99.5
0.0 Mayor's Conference Attendance	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
25.0 Mayor's Office Expenses	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
52.4 Mayor's Office Accommodation	77.4	77.4	77.4	77.4
217.5 Mayor's Office Staff	254.4	259.5	264.7	270.0
<b>379.9 Total Expenditure</b>	<b>466.8</b>	<b>482.5</b>	<b>489.6</b>	<b>496.9</b>

- 2.4. The Mayoral allowance is based on the original recommendation made by the Independent Remuneration Panel for an allowance of £75,000, as approved by the Board on 28th June 2017. The total of £85,000 is made up of the allowance itself, plus an on-cost for employer's national insurance contributions.
- 2.5. The recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel for the Mayor's allowance to be increased to £80,000 to reflect the change in the role and responsibilities of the Mayor was discussed at the CA Board on 29th May 2019.
- 2.6. The Mayor stated at that meeting that if the Board chose to accept the recommendations relating to the Mayoral allowance he would not take the proposed £5,000 increase in allowance during his current term of office.
- 2.7. The draft budget and MTFP for 2021/22 reflects the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel plus indexation and on-costs. The increase over previous years is due to the Mayor choosing not to take the recommended increase during the current Mayoral term.
- 2.8. The Mayor's Office expenses reflects the budget required for the Mayor and the Mayor's Office staff to properly carry out their duties.
- 2.9. The Mayor's Office accommodation costs allows for a full year's costs of the Mayor's offices in Ely.
- 2.10. The Mayor's Office staff budget includes the salary costs plus on-costs of five members of staff.
- 2.11. The Mayor's draft budget will be deemed to be approved if the Combined Authority does not make a report to the Mayor by 8th February 2020.

2.12. The costs of the mayoral functions for 2020/21 will be funded from Revenue Gainshare. There will be no precepts issued by the authority to fund the costs of mayoral functions for 2020/21.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1. There are no other matters to bring to the Board's attention other than those highlighted in other sections of the report.

### **4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1. The Combined Authority is required to prepare a balanced budget each financial year in accordance with statutory timelines.

4.2. The process for the setting of the mayor's budget is contained within the Combined Authorities (Finance) Order 2017.

### **5.0 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS**

5.1. There are no other significant implications to bring to the Board's attention.

### **6.0 APPENDICES**

6.1. The process workflow for the setting of the Mayor's Budget is shown at Appendix A.

<b><u>Source Documents</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Combined Authorities (Finance) Order 2017	<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2017/611/pdfs/uksi_20170611_en.pdf">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2017/611/pdfs/uksi_20170611_en.pdf</a>

**Setting of a Combined Authority's budget: Mayor's general functions - CA (Finance) Order 2017**

