

Appendix A

2020-2024 Financial Planning and Budget Process

Timetable of Key Milestones for 2020/21

Date / Meeting	Detail
9 September 2019 Cabinet	Cabinet approves the 2020-2024 Financial Planning and Budget process, incorporating the associated Engagement Strategy.
9 September 2019 Cabinet	Cabinet agrees the 2020/21 Council Tax Support Scheme for consultation.
10 September 2019 to 28 October 2019	Public consultation period on the 2020/21 Local Council Tax Support Scheme.
25 November 2019 Cabinet	Cabinet considers its 2020-2024 initial Budget proposals in relation to General Fund, Schools, Housing Revenue Account & Investment Plan for 2020-2024.
25 November 2019 Cabinet	Cabinet considers the outcomes of the consultation on the 2020/21 Council Tax Support Scheme and proposes a scheme for Council to consider on 16 January 2020.
26 November 2019	Notice of Objection process for the 2020/21 Budget commences.
26 November 2019	Budget and Council Plan engagement process begins. Ends in January 2020.
December 2019 Scrutiny Process	Scrutiny of the 2020-2024 Financial Planning and Budget process.
Mid December 2019	Estimated timing of the 2020/21 Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement.
13 January 2020 Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee considers the results of its review of the 2020-2024 Financial Planning and Budget and Council Plan process.
16 January 2020 Council	Council considers the proposed 2020/21 Local Council Tax Support Scheme from Cabinet and agrees or amends the scheme for 2020/21.

Date / Meeting	Detail
20 January 2020 Cabinet	Cabinet approves the final proposals in relation to the 2020/21 Housing Revenue Account budget and associated Business Plan, including an assessment in relation to the current year's budget monitoring information (2019/20). In addition, Cabinet will agree the Annual Housing Rent policy for 2020/21.
20 January 2020 Cabinet	Cabinet considers its Budget proposals for 2020-2024 in relation to General Fund Revenue, Schools & Investment Plan for 2020-2024, taking into account feedback received as part of Budget Engagement and any recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee.
20 January 2020 Cabinet	2020/21 Council Tax Base agreed by Cabinet.
21 January 2020 Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee/Budget Study Group as appropriate considers Cabinet's final Budget proposals.
27 January 2020 Cabinet	Cabinet meeting to consider any recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Budget Study Group following its review of the Cabinets 2020/21 Budget and Council Tax proposals.
6 February 2020 Council	Cabinet submits to the Council its estimates of amounts for the 2020-2024 Financial Plan and 2020/21 Budget & Council Tax levels
18 February 2020	4pm deadline for responses to the Authority's Notice of Objection
20 February 2020 Council	Reconvened Council meeting to consider Cabinet's estimates of amounts for the 2020-2024 Financial Planning and Budget process and Council Tax levels. Consideration of any responses to the Notice of Objection.
24 February 2020 (if required) Cabinet	<p>Cabinet Meeting to consider any objections to Cabinet's Budget and Council Plan proposals.</p> <p>The Cabinet meeting on 24 February 2020 is now a scheduled meeting with other items of business and will proceed even where no objections are approved.</p>

5 March 2020 (if required) Council	Council meeting to agree the Budget for 2020/21, the Council Tax level for 2020/21 and the Investment Plan for 2020-2024
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* This timetable may change as a result of the current review of the Authority's Constitution, including the annual Budget approval process.