

City Growth and Regeneration Committee

Wednesday, 29th January, 2025

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY GROWTH AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Members present: Councillor Nelson (Chairperson);
Alderman Lawlor;
Councillors Black, D. Douglas, Duffy,
Harvey, Kelly, Lyons, Maskey, F. McAteer,
McCabe, McDonough-Brown, McDowell, McKay,
I. McLaughlin, R. McLaughlin and O'Neill.

In attendance: Mr. T. Wallace, Director of Finance;
Mr. D. Martin, Strategic Director of Place and Economy; and
Mr. C. Mealey, Committee Services Officer.

Apologies

No apologies were reported.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

Restricted Item

The information contained in the report associated with the following item was restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Resolved – That the Committee agrees to exclude the members of the press and public from the meeting during discussion of the following item as, due to the nature of the items, there would be a disclosure of exempt information as described in Section 42(4) and Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Members were also reminded that the content of 'restricted' reports and any discussion which took place during closed session must be treated as 'confidential information' and that no such information should be disclosed to the public as per Paragraph 4.15 of the Code of Conduct.

Revenue Estimates and District Rate 2025/26

The Committee considered a report in relation to the establishment of the District Rate and the compilation of the Estimates of Revenue Expenditure for the year 2025/26.

The Director of Finance presented an overview of the budgetary pressures facing the Council in 2025/26 and outlined that the paper should not be subject to call-in

as it would cause an unreasonable delay which would be prejudicial to the Council and the public's interest in striking the district rate by the legislative deadline of 15th February, 2025.

He reported the cash limit for the Committee for 2025/26 as recommended by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on the 27th January, 2025 and outlined the next steps in the rate setting process leading to the setting of the rate by Council at its meeting in February, 2025.

Proposal

Moved by Councillor R. McLaughlin,
Seconded by Councillor Black and

Resolved – That the Committee agrees to adopt the recommendations contained within the report.

Accordingly, the Committee:

- i. agreed a cash limit of £22,897,361 for the City Growth and Regeneration Committee for 2025/26 and the individual service estimates detailed in the report;
- ii. agreed that this decision would not be subject to call-in, given that it would cause an unreasonable delay which would be prejudicial to the Council's and the public's interests in striking the rate by the legislative deadline of 15th February, 2025; and
- iii. noted the next steps in the rate setting process.

Chairperson