

VJB39. Draft Revenue Budget 2019/20

The Board considered a report by the Treasurer and Assessor presenting the draft Revenue Budget for 2019/20.

The Board's draft revenue Budget for 2019/20 was set out, together with the requisitions for each of the constituent authorities.

The proposed budget was £2,747,530 a 6.3% increase on 2018/19, reflecting an increase of £164,170 in expenditure (which was the anticipated sum required to implement the Barclay Review). The funding assumption was £2,546,605, with a further £200k support from reserves. In regard to reserves, £333,730 was earmarked which left uncommitted reserves of £103,330, 4% of the budget. It was proposed that the floor for reserves of 6% was reduced to 3-6% of the budget. The report set out the risks which the Board faced when considering its budget. These included:

- Lack of certainty over the level of future funding streams from both the constituent authorities and the Cabinet Office
- The ability of the Board to make year on year reductions in its net expenditure.
- The ability of the Board to retain and recruit qualified staff.

Having regard to the risks it was proposed to continue the Spend to Save Fund and Property Maintenance Fund, both of which would be funded from earmarked reserves.

Decision

The Board agreed:-

- (1) it's Revenue Budget for 2019/20 as detailed in appendix a of the report,**
- (2) to revise the minimum level of reserves policy from a fixed 6% to a range of 3% to 6% and this draft budget results in a minimum reserve for 2019/20 of 4% of the net expenditure budget;**
- (3) that the Spend to Save and Property Maintenance Funds are continued from reserves to allow the Board to reduce expenditure in future years, and**
- (4) to requisition the constituent authorities for their share of the net expenditure as outlined in the table below:-**

Table 5: 2019/20 Proposed Requisitions

	Requisition £	Barclay Settlement proposed allocation £	Proposed requisition Total £
Falkirk	1,214,515	42,365	1,256,880
Stirling	868,990	25,450	894,440
Clackmannans	381,015	14,270	395,285
Total	2,464,520	82,085	2,546,605