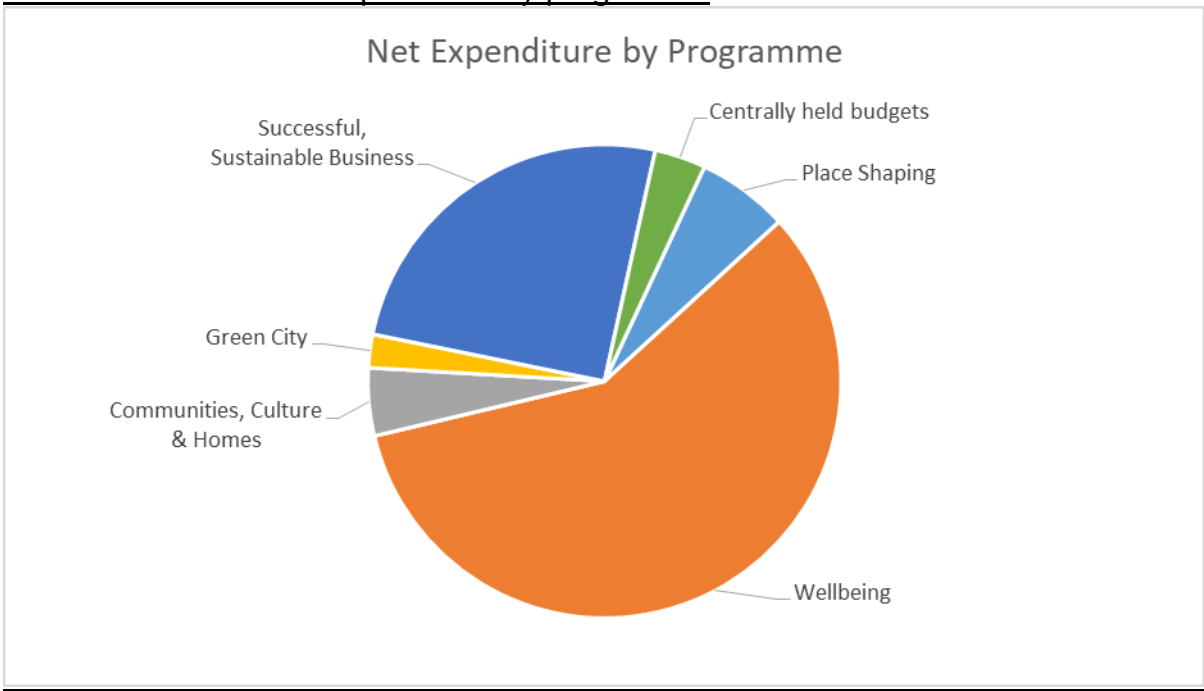


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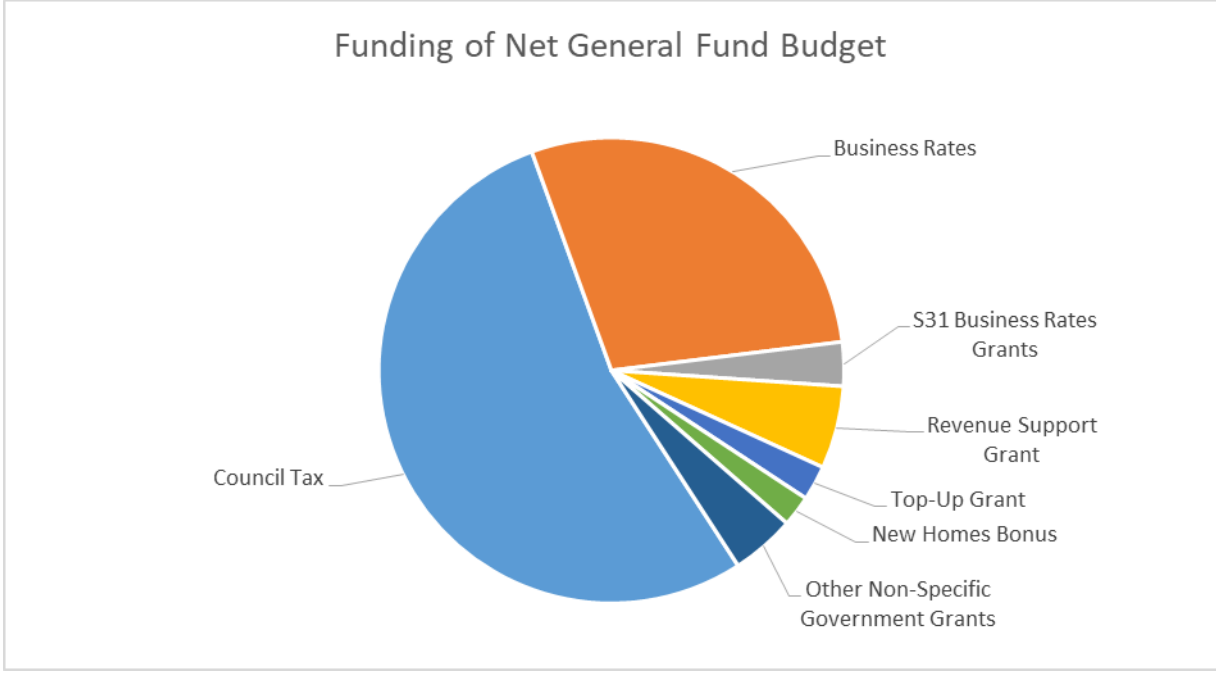
THE REVENUE BUDGET 2020/21 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2020/21 TO 2022/23	
<u>INTRODUCTION</u>	
1.	This report sets out how the budget for 2020/21 will be balanced whilst supporting the delivery of the key priorities of the authority.
2.	This budget provides value for money with public resources and forms part of the approach to build financial stability over the medium to long term. The report also provides an update on the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for the period to 2022/23. The proposed net revenue budget for 2020/21 is £190.8M, compared with the current year of £189.6M.
3.	<p>The settlement confirmed that the Adult Social Care (ASC) levy continues to apply, with the flexibility to raise the council tax by up to 2% for 2020/21 for this purpose. The authority proposes to protect Adults' Social Care services via providing additional funds, through a rise of just under 2% for the Adults' Social Care precept element of the council tax, for the benefit of the increasing number of residents who rely on this service.</p> <p>The Government has also provided some additional funds for Adults and Children's social care services, via £1Bn nationally in specific grant and via the improved Better Care Fund (iBCF), but adequate funding for all social care (both Adults and Children's) continues to be a major concern over the longer term.</p>
4.	The Council wishes to protect services for the vulnerable by raising funds which will be specifically allocated to Adults Social Care via the levy of just under 2%, but at the same time is mindful of the financial pressures many local residents face. For 2020/21, therefore, the council is foregoing a rise in its 'core' council tax level, which could be set at up to 2% without a referendum being required.
5.	The Council is required to prepare a separate Capital Strategy, setting out a high-level, long-term overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of services. Details regarding the Council's Capital Strategy and Capital Programme are set out in Appendices 2 and 3 to the budget report. The revenue implications of the capital programme are built into the General Fund Medium Term Financial Forecast and the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan.
<u>STRATEGIC CONTEXT</u>	
<u>Spending Round 2019</u>	
6.	With 2019/20 marking the final year of the 2015 Comprehensive Spending Review a new set of medium term spending proposals were expected this year. Instead, the government published a single year Spending Round in early September 2019, setting out public expenditure plans for the 2020/21 financial year.
7.	The main feature of the Spending Round was the announcement of additional funding for social care, alongside continuation of existing adult social care grants and proposals to consult on a 2% social care precept.
8.	Changes to the local government finance system arising from the Fair Funding Review and reforms to the Business Rates Retention Scheme were delayed by a year to 2021/22.
9.	Further details of the Spending Round are provided in section 1.4.1 of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (Annex 1.1).

	<u>Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement</u>
10.	The 2020/21 provisional settlement was announced on 20 th December 2019, being delayed due to the General Election. It largely confirmed the announcements in the Spending Round and the settlement technical consultation that followed in October 2019. The figures were confirmed on 6 th February 2020 when the final settlement was published, subject to a final vote by MPs once debated in Parliament. Funding for Southampton in the final settlement as published on 6 th February matches the provisional settlement.
11.	As well as the extra social care funding, the settlement confirmed the continuation of New Homes Bonus (NHB) into 2020/21, with proposals for a Spring 2020 consultation on a new targeted approach to rewarding housing growth for future years. Funding arising from the settlement was therefore broadly as expected, but with an additional £0.2M from the NHB compared with the budget update reported to Cabinet in October.
12.	Further details of the provisional settlement are provided in section 1.4.2 of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (Annex 1.1).
	<u>Other national issues affecting the MTFS</u>
13.	The Queen's Speech at the State Opening of Parliament on 19 th December 2019 announced a number of measures that will impact on the City Council and its finances.
14.	The government's priority of exiting the European Union and negotiating a free trade agreement with the EU is likely to have a significant impact on local government and on both UK and EU citizens who live and work in the UK.
15.	Other proposals put forward in the Queen's Speech that are likely to have financial consequences for the Council include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing extra funding for social care and seeking cross-party consensus for long-term reform of adult social care • Modernising and reforming the Mental Health Act • Increasing levels of education funding per pupil • Introducing a Building Safety Bill and measures to implement recommendations from the first phase on the Grenfell Tower Public Inquiry • Increasing the National Living Wage • Serious Violence Bill – placing a statutory duty on public bodies to work together to reduce levels of serious violence • Re-introducing the Domestic Abuse Bill • Environment Bill – enshrining in law that the UK should be net carbon neutral by 2050 • Reforming business rates (with specific reference to high streets), bringing forward the next rates revaluation and making future revaluations more frequent • Increasing local powers to tackle air pollution
	<u>LOCAL CONTEXT</u>
	<u>Council Priorities</u>
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34.	<u>Updated Medium Term Forecast</u>
35.	Since the Medium Term Financial Strategy was presented to Cabinet in October 2019 it has been reviewed and updated in the light of funding notifications, the forecast outturn for 2019/20 and other known changes. The following sections provide an update on the Council's resources, together with updated budget proposals.
	<u>Council Resources</u>
	<u>Council Tax</u>
36.	The proposed budget makes no increase for the 'core' council tax level for 2020/21. However, an increase of just under 2% is proposed for 2020/21 in relation to the Adults Social Care levy, with the funds generated earmarked for use in the Adults Social Care budget. This takes the overall charge for the Southampton City Council element of the council tax from £1,535.52 to £1,566.18 for a Band D household. This is the equivalent of an increase of 59 pence per week. The full calculation is set out in Annex 1.2, which shows the council tax requirement for 2020/21 is £102.5M. Additional charges will be made by the Police and Fire authorities as set out in Annex 1.3. The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) confirmed their increase on 12th February, but the Fire Authority may not approve their increase until after 26 th February 2020. The budget report therefore requests a delegation of authority to the S151 Officer to implement any variation to the overall level of Council Tax arising from the final, formal notification of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority precept and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire precept.
37.	The tax base has been calculated at 65,468 (Band D equivalents) for 2020/21, which represents an increase of 0.8% on the tax base applied in 2019/20 (and worth around £0.8M in additional council tax).
	<u>Business Rates</u>
38.	Under the Business Rates Retention Scheme the Council will retain 49% of the business rates collected locally, with 1% going to the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority and 50% to Central Government. The Council's estimated share of business rates income for 2020/21 is £51.9M.
39.	The business rates income estimates included in the MTFs assume some business rates growth, based on an assessment of new developments that are already in the pipeline. A cautious approach has been taken, with the following developments not yet factored in to growth estimates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bargate • Frobisher House • Mayflower Quarter (former Toys R Us site)
40.	<u>Business Rates Pilot</u> During 2019/20 Southampton City Council formed part of the Solent business rate pilot, along with Portsmouth City Council and the Isle of Wight Council. The benefit of participation in the pilot is a greater share of the growth in business rates is retained locally,

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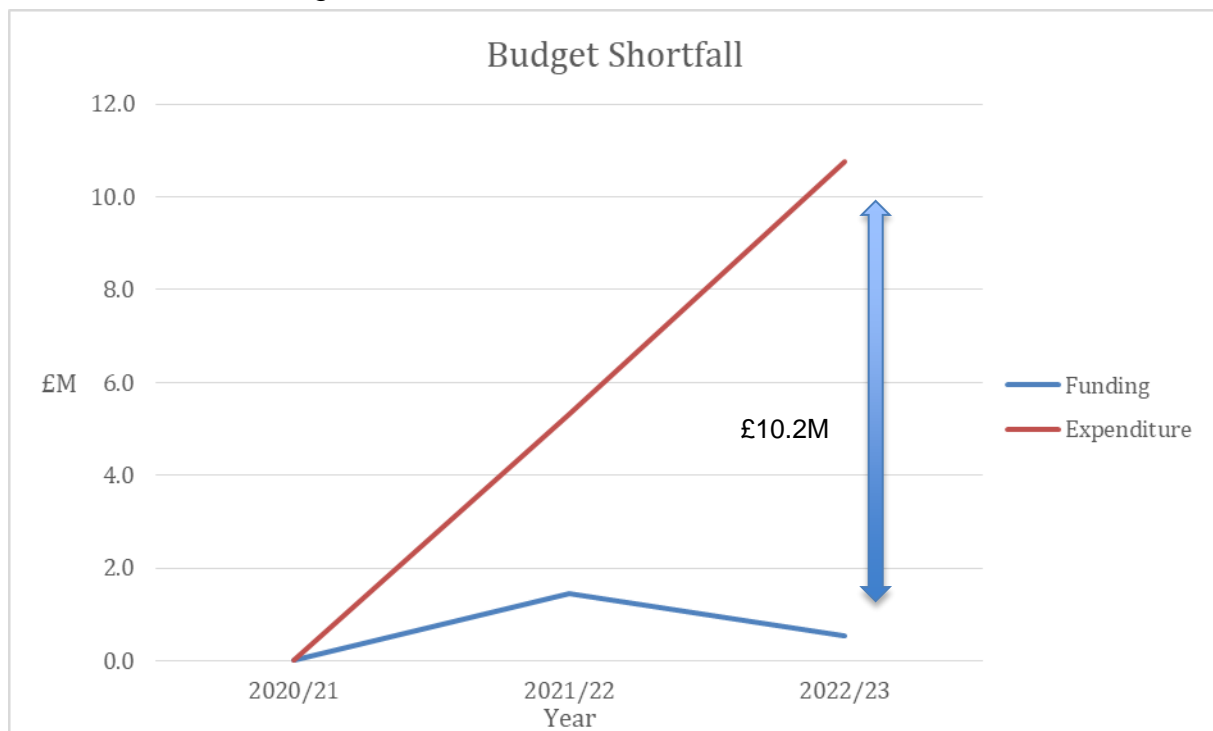
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