

Amended recommendation and changes to Budget Report figures

At the Cabinet Meeting on 10th February 2016 an additional recommendation (2.7) was moved and agreed to reflect the provision in the Final Settlement for local government of Transitional Grant funding for the Council. This supplementary paper sets out the revised recommendations incorporating the Cabinet amendment (changes shaded) and highlights key changes to figures from appendix 2 to the Budget Report.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Council approve:

- a) The General Fund net revenue budget for 2016/17 of £115.729m and the associated Council Tax increase of 1.25% plus a further 2% for Adult Social Care, as set out in Appendix 2.
- b) That no Special Expenses be charged other than Town and Parish Council precepts for 2016/17.
- c) The adequacy of reserves at Appendix 2 Table 10 with a risk-assessed level of £10.5m.
- d) The individual service cash limits for 2016/17 summarised at Appendix 2 Table 6 and detailed in Annex 1.
- e) The allocations of the Transitional grant of £936k in 2016/17 as follows:
 - (i) Adjustments to Existing Budget Proposals**
 - » £25K - Widening of Gull Strategy trial and additional enforcement work.
 - » £62K – Increase transition support for Freight Consolidation from 6 to 12 months.
 - (ii) New Provision**
 - » £50K – Support and advice for B&NES Council financial planning and a submission to government - to inform planned changes to local government finance nationally, including a new system of needs assessment and tariffs, which will be offsetting business rates retention proposals.
 - (iii) Service Transition Support**
 - » £799K – Corporately held transition funding to assist in the delivery of savings targets and other pressures as required in year and as a contingency relating to income growth targets in 2016/17.
- f) That the specific arrangements for the governance and release of reserves, including invest to save proposals and

transition funding, be delegated to the Council's Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency and the Chief Executive.

- 2.2 That the Council include in its Council Tax setting, the precepts set and approved by other bodies including the local precepts of Town Councils, Parish Councils and the Charter Trustees of the City of Bath, and those of the Fire and Police Authorities.
- 2.3 That the Council notes the Section 151 officer's report on the robustness of the proposed budget and the adequacy of the Council's reserves (Appendix 2, Annex 2) and approves the conditions upon which the recommendations are made as set out throughout Appendix 2.
- 2.4 That in relation to the capital budget the Council:
 - a) approves a capital programme of £58.213m for 2016/17 and notes items for provisional approval in 2016/17 and the programme for 2017/18 to 2020/21 as shown at Appendix 2, Annex 3 including the planned sources of funding .
 - b) delegates implementation, subject to consultation where appropriate, of the capital programmes set out in Annex 3i to Annex 3iv to the relevant Strategic Director in Consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member.
 - c) approves all other delegations as set out in the budget report.
 - d) approves the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy as shown at Appendix 2, Annex 4
 - e) approves the Capital Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix 2 Table 8.
- 2.5 That the Council agree the Council's proposed pay policy statement, including the provision in respect of minimum pay rates in 2016/17 as set out at Appendix 5 delegating implementation arrangements to the Employment Committee where appropriate.
- 2.6 That the Council notes the issues raised in Appendix 6 and agree that the proposals in the budget properly reflect the Council's duties under the Equalities Act 2010.
- 2.7 That the Council approves the technical resolutions that are derived from the budget report, and all figures in that report, including the precepts for towns, parishes and other precepting bodies as set out in Appendix 7.

HIGHLIGHT OF MAIN FIGURE CHANGES IN BUDGET REPORT FOLLOWING AMENDMENT

The inclusion of the Transitional Grant funding and the allocations as set out in amended recommendation 2.1 (e) above revises the figures that are shaded below from Appendix 2 – The Budget Proposal of the Cabinet 2016/2017:

Page (77) Table 5: High Level Build-up of the 2016/2017 Budget (detail in Annex 1)

Description	£'000
Total Base Budget rolled forward – 2016/2017 (after removal of one-off items in 2015/2016 Budget)	117,517
One-off Allocations	1,662
Contractual and Unavoidable Inflation	1,938
New Legislation / Government Initiatives	2,529
Increased Service Volumes	3,736
Other / Technical (Including Capital Financing)	991
Total including Growth	128,373
Efficiency Savings	5,328
Refinancing	1,571
Growth Avoidance	1,013
Increases in Income from fees, charges and other grants	3,960
Service Redesign	772
Total Savings	12,644
Recommended Net Revenue Budget 2016/2017	115,729

Page (78) Table 6: Resource Allocation 2016/2017

SERVICE AREA	2016/2017		
	GROWTH (£M)	SAVINGS (£M)	CASH LIMIT (£M)
Adult Social Care	4,232	2,209	58,572
Children's Services	1,841	733	23,918
Place	2,178	3,525	23,455
Resources & Support Services	1,230	2,710	8,791
Corporate & Agency	1,375	3,467	994
Totals	10,856	12,644	115,729

Note: Some of the figures in the table are affected by rounding.

Associated allocations also change some cash limits presented in Appendix 2 Annex