

TO: Policy and Resources Committee

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FIRE AUTHORITY BUDGET 2018/19

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Policy and Resources Committee with the draft budget and precept for 2018/19.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to endorse the draft budget and approve that the Service consults on the proposed precept increase (attached at Appendix 1).

3. Risk Assessment

- 3.1 **Economic/Political** – the efficiency plan was approved and the current comprehensive spending review period cuts are forecast to be achieved. The budget will need to be set at a level that falls within the efficiency plan and keeps council tax increases within defined capping limits.

4. Background

- 4.1 The draft budget book is subject to change owing to final figures being unavailable for council tax collection funds and non-domestic rates from each district; some internal adjustments may also be required during the draft stage.
- 4.2 In addition, the Service is still waiting for Government to confirm final grant settlement figures for 2018/19. It is anticipated that these will be received week commencing 11 December 2017. The final budget will be presented to the Fire Authority for approval in February 2018, along with feedback from the budget consultation process.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

| Source Document | Location | Contact Officer |
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