

# General Purposes Committee

## Decision Statement

Meeting: 23rd January 2018

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Item	Topic	Decision
	<b><u>CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS</u></b>	
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest</b>	<b>Apologies received from Councillor Schumann (Councillor Hay substituting).</b>  <b>There were no declarations of interest.</b>
2.	<b>Minutes – 19th December 2017 and Action Log</b>	It was resolved:  to approve the minutes of the meeting of 19th December 2017 as a correct record and note the action log.
3.	<b>Petitions</b>	None received.
	<b><u>OTHER DECISION</u></b>	
4.	<b>Finance and Performance Report – November 2017</b>	It was resolved to review, note and comment upon the report.

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	<b><u>KEY DECISION</u></b>	
5.	<b>Integrated Resources and Performance Report For The Period Ending 30th November 2017</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Analyse resources and performance information and note the significant remedial action being taken.</li> <li>b) Note the changes to capital funding requirements as set out in Section 6.7.</li> <li>c) Approve an additional £197k of prudential borrowing in 2017/18 for County Farms Investment projects, as set out in section 6.8 <b>subject to approval</b>.</li> <li>d) Note the transfers in revenue budget responsibility and reporting as set out in section 7.2.</li> </ul>
	<b><u>OTHER DECISIONS</u></b>	
6.	<b>Business Plan 2018-19 to 2022-23</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consider the Business Plan, including supporting budget, business cases, consultation responses and other material, in light of all the planning activities undertaken to date.</li> <li>2. Review the options set out in Section 4 of this paper to establish a balanced budget position and make recommendation to Full Council.</li> <li>3. <b>Agree</b> <del>Review</del> the following recommendations to Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. That approval is given to the Service/Directorate budget allocations as set out in each Service/Directorate table in Section 3 of the Business Plan <b>subject to the changes detailed below:</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- **Set the general council tax precept increase for 2018-19 to 2.99% as per b-d below.**
  - **Balance the 2018-19 budget by use of additional council tax receipts.**
  - **Refresh the Medium Term Financial Strategy to reflect the potential continuation of the adult social care precept beyond 2019-20**
  - **Allocate the additional funds raised from the increase in general council tax beyond those used to balance the 2018-19 budget to a smoothing reserve.**
- b. That approval **be** is given to a total county budget requirement **in respect of general expenses applicable to the whole County area of £808,406,000 as set out in Section 2 Table 6.3 of the Business Plan** ~~and precept level.~~
- c. That approval **be** is given to a **recommended County Precept for Council Tax from District Councils of £279,489,859.22, as set out in Section 2, Table 6.3 of the Business Plan (to be received in ten equal instalments in accordance with the fall-back provisions of the Local Authorities (Funds) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 1995)** ~~for each Band of property, based on the number of “Band D” equivalent properties notified to the County Council by the District Councils (223,622.3) as set out in Section 2, Table 6.4 of the Business Plan.~~
- d. That approval **be** is given to a **Council Tax for each Band of property, based on the number of “Band D” equivalent properties notified to the County Council by the District Councils (220,287), as set out in Section 2, Table 6.4 of the Business Plan reflecting a 2% ASC precept increase and a 2.99% increase in the Basic Council Tax precept:**

Band	Ratio	Amount (£)
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A	6/9	£833.22
B	7/9	£972.09
C	8/9	£1,110.96
<b>D</b>	<b>9/9</b>	£1,249.83
E	11/9	£1,527.57
F	13/9	£1,805.31
G	15/9	£2,083.05
H	18/9	£2,499.66

~~the Capital Strategy as set out in Section 6 of the Business Plan including capital expenditure in 2018-19 up to £254.7m arising from:~~

- ~~• Commitments from schemes already approved;~~
- ~~The consequences of new starts in 2018-19 shown in summary in Section 2, Table 6.9 of the Business Plan.~~

**e. That approval be given to the report of the Chief Finance Officer on the levels of reserves and robustness of the estimates as set out within the Section 25 Statement (given in Appendix B).**

~~d.f.~~ That approval is given to the Capital Strategy as set out in Section 6 of the Business Plan including capital expenditure in 2018-19 up to £254.7m arising from:

- Commitments from schemes already approved;
- The consequences of new starts in 2018-19 shown in summary in Section 2, Table 6.9 of the Business Plan.

**e.g.** That approval is given to the Treasury Management Strategy as set out in Section 7 of the Business Plan, including:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Council's policy on the making of the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for the repayment of debt, as required by the Local Authorities (Capital Finance &amp; Accounting ) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008</li> <li>ii. The Affordable Borrowing Limit for 2018- 19 as required by the Local Government Act 2003)</li> <li>iii. The Investment Strategy for 2018-19 as required by the Communities and Local Government (CLG) revised Guidance on Local Government Investments issued in 2010, and the Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix 3 of Section 7 of the Business Plan.</li> </ul> <p>4. Endorse the priorities and opportunities as set out in the Strategic Framework.</p> <p>5. Authorise the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make technical revisions to the Business Plan, including the foregoing recommendations to the County Council, so as to take into account any changes deemed appropriate, including updated information on District Council Tax Base and Collection Funds, Business Rates forecasts and Collection Funds and any grant changes. (See table on page 6)</p>
7.	<b>General Purposes Committee Agenda Plan, Training Plan and Appointments to Outside Bodies, Partnership Liaison and Advisory Groups, and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels</b>	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) review its Agenda Plan attached at Appendix 1; and</li> <li>b) review and agree its Training Plan attached at Appendix 2.</li> </ul>

### Notes:

Statements in bold type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting and strikethrough indicates deletions.

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CCC BUDGET AMENDMENT 2018-19

POLITICAL PARTY CONSERVATIVES

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
TOTAL ADULT SOCIAL CARE PRECEPT INCREASE	2%	2%	2%*	2%*	2%*
TOTAL GENERAL COUNCIL TAX INCREASE	2.99%	1.99%	0%	0%	0%
BUDGET GAP BEFORE AMENDMENTS	£4,318,000	£11,958,000	£21,835,000	£6,069,000	£13,003,000
ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM COUNCIL TAX	-£7,969,899	-£5,881,856	-£6,129,277	-£6,419,030	-£6,536,665
DRAW ON MRP FUNDING	-	-	-	-	-
<b>PLANNED USE OF SURPLUS</b>					
CREATION OF A SMOOTHING RESERVE	-£3,651,899	-£5,881,856	-	-	-
<b>FINALISED BUDGET POSITION RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL</b>	-	£11,958,000	£15,726,343	-£350,030	£6,508,821

\* The availability of the indicative 2% Adult Social Care increase in 2020-21, and beyond, have not been confirmed by Government. These assumptions will be reviewed annually, updated as required and may directly affect the potential use of the smoothing reserve which is set out below.