

# General Purposes Committee

## Decision Statement

**Meeting:** 24th January 2017

**Published:** 25th January 2017

**Decision review deadline:** 31st January 2017

**Implementation of Decisions not subject to review:**  
1st February 2017



Each decision set out below will come into force, and may then be implemented at 9.30am on the fourth full working day after the publication date, unless it is subject of a decision review. [see note on decision review below].

Item	Topic	Decision
	<b><u>CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS</u></b>	
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest</b>	<b>Apologies received from Councillors Cearn (Councillor Leeke substituting).</b>  <b>There were no declarations of interest.</b>
2.	<b>Minutes – 10th January 2017 and Action Log</b>	It was resolved:  to approve the minutes of the meeting of 10th January 2017 as a correct record subject to the correction at the top of page 10 where it should read a) and b) and not b) and c) and note the action log including oral updates at the meeting.
3.	<b>Petitions</b>	None received.

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	<b><u>KEY DECISIONS</u></b>	
4.	<b>Insurance Procurement 2017 – Delegation of Authority To Let Contract</b>	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the Committee approve delegation of authority to the Council's Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with Chairman of General Purposes Committee, to agree and let contracts for the provision of insurance to the Council commencing 1st October 2017.</p>
	<b><u>OTHER DECISIONS</u></b>	
5.	<b>Business Plan 2017-18</b>	<p>It was resolved to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consider the Business Plan, including supporting Budget, Community Impact Assessments, Consultation Responses and other material, in the light of all planning activities undertaken to date.</li> <li>2. Approve the allocation of the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Implementation Grant 2017-18 to Children, Families and Adults (CFA), to ensure that this funding was used as intended by Department for Education (DfE).</li> <li><del>3. Notes the recommendations and alternative options for bridging the budget gap for 2017-18 presented to the Committee on 10 January 2017, as set out in the table within paragraph 3.3.</del></li> <li>4. Recommend to Council the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>a. That approval be given to the Service/Directorate budget allocations as set out in each Service/Directorate table in Section 3 of the Business Plan.</del></li> <li><del>b. That approval be given to a total County Budget Requirement in respect of general expenses applicable to the whole County area of £780,393,000 as set</del></li> </ol> </li> </ol>

out in Section 2 Table 6.3 of the Business Plan.

- c. That approval be given to a recommended County Precept for Council Tax from District Councils of £262,235,777.24, 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).
- d. That approval be 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% increase in the County Council element of the Council Tax:

Band	Ratio	Amount (£)
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A	6/9	£793.62
B	7/9	£925.89
C	8/9	£1,058.16
D	9/9	£1,190.43
E	11/9	£1,454.97
F	13/9	£1,719.51
G	15/9	£1,984.05
H	18/9	£2,380.86

- 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.
- f. That approval be given to the Capital Strategy as set out in Section 6 of the Business Plan.
- g. That approval be given to capital expenditure in 2017-18 up to £264.9m arising from:
- Commitments from schemes already approved; and

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The consequences of new starts in 2017-18 shown in summary in Section 2, Table 6.9 of the Business Plan.</li> </ul> <p>h. That approval be given to the Treasury Management Strategy as set out in Section 7 of the Business Plan, including:</p> <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 2017-18 as required by the Local Government Act 2003)</li> <li>iii. The Investment Strategy for 2017-18 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>5. Endorse the priorities and opportunities as set out in the Strategic Framework</p> <p>6. <del>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 4a to 4i 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.</del></p>
6.	<b>General Purposes Committee Agenda Plan, Training Plan and Appointments to Outside Bodies, Partnership Liaison and Advisory Groups and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels and</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:**

- (a) Statements in bold type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting and strikethrough indicates deletions.
- (b) Requests for review of a decision can be made as indicated below:-
  - a. At least 24 elected members of the Council may submit a request for a review of a decision by the Full Council;
  - b. The request must be submitted in writing to the Monitoring Officer or Chief Executive before the expiry of 3 full working days after the decision has been published and shall specify the reason(s) why the decision should be reviewed.
- (c) Full details of the decision review process, including those decisions which may not be subject to review, are set out in the Decision Review Procedure Rules at Part 4.5 of the Constitution.

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