

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 proposed budget and precept for 2018/19 for endorsement.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Policy and Resources Committee is asked to review the budget book attached at Appendix 1 and endorse the recommendations detailed on page 17 within it.

3. Risk Assessment

- 3.1 **Economic/Political** – as a result of the Government cuts, there continues to be pressure on the budget and this will become more challenging through the comprehensive spending review period. The budget will need to be set at a level that meets the cuts and keeps council tax increases within defined capping limits.

4. Background

- 4.1 The Draft Revenue Support Grant (RSG) settlement was received on 19 December 2017. The settlement was announced after the December meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee, where a draft budget was presented. The significant change to funding that was announced as part of the settlement was in respect of the council tax referendum limit increasing to 3% from 2%.
- 4.2 The draft budget presented in December 2017 and the budget attached assumes a 2% in council tax. However for the purpose of consultation, the Fire Authority has consulted on an increase up to the 3% threshold. An update on the consultation feedback will be presented at the meeting.

- 4.3 The budget attached assumes that there will be no further changes to the settlement figures when the final settlement is received.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Source Documents	Location	Contact Officer
Fire Authority Estimates 2018/19	HQ Hinchingsbrooke Cottage Brampton Road Huntingdon	Matthew Warren 01480 444619 matthew.warren@cambsfire.gov.uk
Policy and Resources Committee Minutes December 2017	HQ Hinchingsbrooke Cottage Brampton Road Huntingdon	Matthew Warren 01480 444619 matthew.warren@cambsfire.gov.uk