

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

**GOVERNANCE, AUDIT, RISK MANAGEMENT AND STANDARDS
COMMITTEE – 5 APRIL 2016**

REFERENCE FROM CABINET – 18 FEBRUARY 2016

**Final Revenue Budget 2016/17 and Medium Term Financial Strategy
2016/17 to 2019/20**

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That

- (1) whilst being mindful of the results of the various consultations and equality impact assessments, the 2016/17 budget be approved to enable the Council Tax for 2016/17 to be set, Appendix 2 to the report refers;
- (2) the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) at Appendix 2 to the report be approved;
- (3) the 2016/17 Schools' Budget at Appendix 6 to the report be approved;
- (4) the 2016/17 Members' Allowance Scheme at Appendix 13 to the report be approved;
- (5) the Annual Pay Policy Statement at Appendix 14 to the report be approved.

RESOLVED:

- (6) the current remaining budget gaps of £1.053m and £90k over the three year MTFS, 2016/17 to 2018/19, table 3, paragraph 1.10 of the report refers, be noted;
- (7) the intention to increase Council Tax by 1.99% in 2016/17, paragraph 1.13 of report refers, be noted;
- (8) the intention to increase Council Tax by 2.0% in 2016/17 in respect of the Adult Social Care Precept, paragraph 1.14 of the report refers, be noted;

- (9) the 2016/17 Public Health Budget, at Appendix 7 to the report, be noted;
- (10) the risk assessment, Appendix 8 to the report refers, be referred to the Governance, Audit and Risk Management and Standards Committee for consideration and monitoring;**
- (11) the sum of Better Care Funding of £6.5m to be received by the Council in 2016/17, paragraphs 1.24 and 1.25 to the report refer, be noted;
- (12) the comments from the various stakeholder meetings, paragraph 2.3 and Appendix 15 to the report refer, be noted;
- (13) the 2016/17 Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Efficiency Strategy, paragraph 1.18 and Appendix 16 of the report refer, be approved.

Reason for Decision: To ensure that the Council sets a balanced budget for 2016/17.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member/Dispensation Granted: None.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Background Documents:

Minutes of Cabinet – 18 February 2016

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