

REPORT FOR: **Council**

Date of Meeting: 23 February 2017

Subject: Final Revenue Budget 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2017/18 to 2019/20 – Council Tax Resolution and Additional Recommendation

Responsible Officer: Dawn Calvert, Director of Finance

Exempt: No

Enclosures: Appendix listed below

| No | Appendix |
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| 1 | Model Council Tax Resolution 2017/18 |
| 2 | MTFS 2017/18 to 2019/20 |

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the Model Council Tax Resolution 2017/18 (Appendix 1) to the Revenue Budget and MTFFS report that was recommended by Cabinet to Council.

This report includes an additional recommendation, not recommended by Cabinet, for Council's approval.

Recommendations:

- 1) That Council approves the Model Council Tax Resolution 2017/18 as set out in Appendix 1.
- 2) In accordance with section 38 (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, Council instructs the CFO to place a note in the local press of the amounts set out in (4) with a period of 21 days following the Council's decision.

Section 2 – Report

Introductory paragraph

1. This is the final report in the current series of Budget reports for the Medium Term Financial Strategy covering the period 2017/18 to 2019/20. The MTFFS is attached at Appendix 2. The Draft Revenue Budget report to the 8 December 2016 Cabinet and the Final Revenue Budget report to the 16 February 2017 Cabinet set out the context and background for setting the 2017/18 Budget.

Model Council Tax Resolution

2. The Model Council Tax Resolution 2017/18 is attached at Appendix 1. The report to Cabinet on 16 February 2017 indicated that the Council Tax would still be subject to confirmation of the GLA precept to be confirmed week commencing 20 February 2017.
3. The announcement of the Final Local Government Finance Settlement is later than usual this year and not expected to be announced until 22 February. If there are any changes notified on 22 February, these will be announced at this meeting on 23 February 2017.

Legal Implications

4. The Council has a fiduciary duty to residents to set a balanced budget. Council is setting the budget envelope for the executive to make individual budget

decisions within. Cabinet and Council have before them the equality implications of the savings proposals. Some of the budget proposals will be subject to future individual cabinet decisions and the equality impact assessments will be updated for these so that decision makers can take these into consideration at this time.

Financial Implications

5. Financial matters are integral to this report.

Performance Issues

6. There are no direct performance issues arising from the changes in this report.

Environmental Impact

7. There are no environmental impacts from the changes contained in this report.

Risk Management Implications

8. There are no risk management implications arising from the changes contained in this report.

Equalities Implications

9. There are no equalities implications arising from the amendments in this report. Equalities implications are contained in the main report on the budget and MTFS.

Corporate Priorities

10. The budget for 2017/18 supports delivery of the Council's vision, the Administration's priorities and is consistent with the Corporate Plan.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

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Chief Finance Officer

Date: February 2017

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on behalf of the
Monitoring Officer

Date: February 2017

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

[Draft Revenue Budget 2017/18 and MTFS 2017/18 to 2019/20](#)

[Final Budget Report 2017/18 and MTFS 2017/18 to 2019/20](#)