

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL,
4TH MARCH, 2016

At its meeting on 17th February, 2016, the Cabinet received (a) a joint report of the Chief Executive and the Interim Executive Director, Resources on the Revenue Budget 2016/17 and (b) a report of the Interim Executive Director, Resources on the Capital Programme 2016/17, and the Cabinet made recommendations which are required to be approved by the City Council.

The Cabinet minute, including the recommendations required to be approved by the Council, is set out below:-

REVENUE BUDGET 2016/17

A joint report of the Chief Executive and the Interim Executive Director of Resources was submitted which sought approval for the City Council's revenue budget for 2016/17, a 2016/17 Council Tax for the City Council and commented on the levies and precepts made on the City Council by other authorities.

As part of Cabinet's consideration of the joint report, it was noted that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee had met on the morning of 17 February to consider the joint report. In noting both reports the Committee also resolved the following:-

RESOLVED: That this Committee:-

(i) believes austerity is a political choice, not an economic necessity;

(ii) believes that Sheffield has been unfairly targeted for cuts by the Government since 2010;

(iii) condemns the Government for the savage, persistent and unfair cuts it has chosen to impose; and

(iv) resolves to send this motion and accompanying report to Sheffield Members of Parliament, to underline the ferociousness of the funding situation facing Sheffield City Council.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet recommends to the meeting of the City Council on 4 March 2016 that:-

(a) a net Revenue Budget for 2016/17 amounting to £406.492m is approved;

(b) a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,360.48 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 3.99% (1.99% City Council increase and 2% national arrangement for the social care precept) is approved;

(c) the Revenue Budget allocations and Budget Implementation Plans for each of the services, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report are approved;;

- (d) based on the estimated expenditure level set out in Appendix 3 to this report, it be noted that the amounts shown in part B of Appendix 6 would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2016/17, in accordance with sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (e) it be noted that the section 151 officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2003, as outlined in Appendix 4 of the report;
- (f) the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire and Crime Commissioner and the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council's area be noted;
- (g) the proposed amount of compensation to Parish Councils for the loss of council tax income in 2016/17 at the levels shown in the table below paragraph 168 be approved;
- (h) the latest 2015/16 budget monitoring position be noted;
- (i) the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the report and the recommendations contained therein be approved;
- (j) the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement set out in Appendix 7 of the report be approved;
- (k) authority is delegated to the Director of Finance to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents;
- (l) the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2013/14 and onwards, approved on 15 May 2013, and implemented for 2014/15 and 2015/16, be also implemented for 2016/17;
- (m) foregoing an annual increase in the Members' allowances in 2016/17 is approved;
- (n) a Pay Policy for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix 8 of the report is approved;
- (o) authority be delegated to the Director of Public Health and the Interim Executive Director, Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, to approve the final allocation of Public Health grant to portfolios in 2016/17;
- (p) authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Communities to set – subject to budgetary constraints – a framework of care home & home care fee

increases with effect from 1 April 2016; and

- (q) the resolution of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, at its meeting held on 17 February 2016, in consideration of the Revenue Budget 2016/17 report, be supported and this be referred to all Sheffield Members of Parliament and Members of the House of Lords.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16

The Interim Executive Director, Resources submitted a report setting out the proposed Capital Programme from 2016-17 onwards, describing the programmes to be undertaken, listing the projects to be delivered and setting out the context in which it had been compiled.

As part of the Cabinet's consideration of the report it was noted that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee had noted the following recommendations, without amendment, as part of its consideration of the report earlier in the day.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet recommends to the meeting of the City Council on 4th March 2016 that:-

- (a) it notes the specific projects included in the years 2016-17 to 2021-22 programmes included in Appendix 9 to the report, and that Block allocations were included within the programme for noting at this stage and detailed proposals would be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures;
- (b) It notes the proposed Capital Programme for the 5 years to 2021-22 as at Appendix 9 to the report; and
- (c) It approves the Corporate Resource Pool (CRP) policy, outlined in Appendix 4 of the report, such that the commitment from the CRP is limited to one year and no CRP supported schemes are approved beyond 2016-17 unless explicitly stated, and that further reports would be brought to Members as part of the monthly approval process should the receipts position improve.

(NOTE: Reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2016/17, updated since submission to the Cabinet so as to include information on the precepts, have been circulated to all Council Members with the Council Summons.)

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