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Report of: *Eugene Walker*

Report to: *Cabinet*

Date of Decision: *19 October 2016*

Subject: Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/18 to 2021/22

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Purpose of Report:


- Provide Members with details of the forecast financial position of the Council for the next 5 years; and
- To recommend the approach to budgeting and business planning that will be necessary to achieve a balanced budget position over the medium term.

Recommendations:

- Note the forecast position for the next 5 years;
- Agree the approach to budgeting and business planning;
- Agree to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources, to apply to take up the multi-year settlement supported by the Efficiency Plan at Appendix 6;
- Endorse one of the key points of the Council’s response to the Government’s consultation on 100% Business Rates Retention, namely the call for Improved Better Care Fund Grant to be brought forward; and
- Agree the following approach to capital planning:
 - Maximise flexibility in capital resources including New Homes Bonus, capital receipts and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to ensure that Council-wide objectives are achieved.
 - Review policies in relation to Affordable Housing, CIL and New Homes Bonus to ensure that the generation of these funding streams is optimised.
 - Reaffirm the existing Corporate Resource Pool (CRP) allocation principles.

Background Papers: N/A

Lead Officer to complete:-		
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications	Finance: <i>Dave Phillips</i>

	indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.	Legal: <i>Sarah Bennett</i>
		Equalities: No
<i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i>		
2	EMT member who approved submission:	<i>Eugene Walker</i>
3	Cabinet Member consulted:	<i>Ben Curran</i>
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Decision Maker by the EMT member indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.	
	Lead Officer Name: <i>Dave Phillips</i> 	Job Title: <i>Head of Strategic Finance</i>
	Date: 10 th October 2016	

1. PROPOSAL

(Explain the proposal, current position and need for change, including any evidence considered, and indicate whether this is something the Council is legally required to do, or whether it is something it is choosing to do)

1.1 *Provide Members with details of the forecast financial position of the Council for the next 5 years.*

2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE?

(Explain how this proposal will contribute to the ambitions within the Corporate Plan and what it will mean for people who live, work, learn in or visit the City. For example, does it increase or reduce inequalities and is the decision inclusive?; does it have an impact on climate change?; does it improve the customer experience?; is there an economic impact?)

2.1 *To recommend the approach to budgeting and business planning that will be necessary to achieve a balanced budget position over the medium term.*

Please refer to paragraph 6 of the main report for the recommendations.

3. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?

3.1 *No*

4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

4.1 Equality of Opportunity Implications

4.1.1 *No*

4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications

4.2.1 *Yes. Cleared by Dave Phillips*

4.3 Legal Implications

4.3.1 *No*

4.4 Other Implications

4.4.1 *No*

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 *A number of alternative courses of action are considered as part of the process undertaken by Officers before decisions are recommended to Members. The recommendations made to Members represent what Officers believe to be the best options available to the Council, in line with Council priorities, given the constraints on funding and the use to which funding is put within the Revenue Budget and the Capital Programme.*

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 To provide a strategic framework for the development of budget proposals and the business planning process for 2017/18 and beyond.