

Open Report on behalf of Pete Moore, Executive Director Finance and Public Protection

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
Date:	26 January 2017
Subject:	Council Budget 2017/18

Summary:

This report sets out the Council Budget proposals for 2017/18. The Executive, at its meeting on 20 December 2016, agreed the budget proposals described in the attached report and addendum as its preferred option for the purposes of further consultation.

Actions Required:

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee is asked to consider and comment upon the Executive's proposals. Comments from the Committee will be considered by the Executive at its meeting on 7 February 2017.

1. Background

The Executive, at its meeting on 20 December 2016, agreed budget proposals for consultation. The report to the Executive describes these in detail (**Appendix B**) and the addendum paper (**Appendix A**) which was tabled at the meeting describes the impact on the Council's budgets of the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2017/18 which was issued on Thursday 15 December 2016.

Further Consultation

In addition to the review of budget proposals by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee further scrutiny and consultation includes:

- All other Council Scrutiny Committees will have the opportunity to scrutinise budget proposals in detail during January;
- Budget proposals have been publicised on the Council's website together with the opportunity for the public to comment; and
- A consultation meeting with local business representatives, trade unions and other partners will take place on 27 January 2017.

Consultation comments and responses will be available to be considered when the Executive makes its final budget proposals on 7 February 2017.

2. Conclusion

These budget proposals reflect the level of government funding available to the Council and the proposal to increase Council Tax in 2017/18 by 1.95%, plus 2.00% for the Adult Care precept. They are based on a thorough and comprehensive review of the Council's services. The budget proposals therefore aim to reflect the Council's priorities whilst operating with the resources available to it.

3. Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

No

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

An Equality Impact Assessment will be completed for the proposed increase in Council Tax. This will be reported to the Executive at its meeting on 7 February 2017.

Further Risk and Impact Assessments will need to be undertaken on a service by service basis.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Executive Addendum Paper to the Council Budget 2017/18
Appendix B	Executive Paper: Council Budget 2017/18 (including: Appendix 1 Commissioning Strategy Glossary and Appendix 2 Scrutiny Committee Comments from the Finance Workshops held in November/December 2016)

5. Background Papers

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement announcements	Executive Director Finance and Public Protection
Council Budget 2016/17	Executive Director Finance and Public Protection

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