

DECISIONS RESERVED TO COUNCIL

3.1 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2016/17

Council is requested to consider the City Mayor's proposed budget for 2016/17. The technical recommendations to Council will be published ahead of the meeting on 24 February 2016.

A copy of the report is attached. Also attached is the minute of the meeting of the Overview Select Committee held on 28 January 2016, along with a minute from the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Commission and the Adult Social Care Commission held on 14 January 2016.

Trade Union responses to the budget are also attached.

Council is recommended to approve the technical recommendations and the recommendations in the report of the Director of Finance subject to any amendments recommended by the City Mayor.

3.2 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17 TO 2018/19

Council is asked to approve a capital programme for 2016/17 to 2018/19. The technical recommendations to Council will be made published ahead of the meeting on 24 February 2016.

A copy of the report is attached. Also attached is the minute of the meeting of the Overview Select Committee held on 28 January 2016.

Council is recommended to approve the technical recommendations and the recommendations in the report of the Director of Finance subject to any amendments recommended by the City Mayor.

3.3 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET (INCLUDING HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME) 2016/17

Council is asked to consider approval of the City Mayor's proposed Housing Revenue Account budget for 2016/17.

A copy of the report is attached.

The Council is recommended to:

- i) set the 2016/17 budget, the first of the four Rent Reduction Budgets, as a balanced budget with no use of reserves;
- ii) implement the government's 1% rent reduction, which will result in a £2.2m reduction in income in 2016/17 and an estimated £11.7m a year by 2019/20;
- iii) implement the 2016/17 HRA budget described in this report (Appendix A), and the HRA capital programme (Appendix B);

- iv) implement a 0.9% increase in hostel core rents and a 0% increase in warden assisted rents (supported housing rents are exempt from the 1% rent reduction in 2016/17)
- v) increase service charges and garage rent by 0.9% (CPI+1%) (excluding heating and cleaning charges);
- vi) implement the proposed spending reductions set out in Table 4 and Appendix C, except that a further report to Executive is brought on the STAR service before a decision is made on three current vacancies;
- vii) approve a £1m policy provision for building new council houses (Appendix B – capital programme); and
- viii) request the Executive to consider the outcome of work on the HRA Spending Review Phase 3 in the summer of 2016 to identify a total reduction in spending of c£11.7m pa by 2019/20, compared to the current business plan.

**Sir Peter Soulsby
City Mayor**