

RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER

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| 1. | DECISION TITLE | Recommendation of General Fund Revenue Budget 2016/17 |
| 2. | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST | NONE |
| 3. | DATE OF DECISION | 23 rd FEBRUARY 2016 |
| 4. | DECISION MAKER | City Mayor |
| 5. | DECISION TAKEN | <p>1) To thank partners, scrutiny committees and others who have commented on our draft budget;</p> <p>2) In response to comments made:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) I am grateful for the recognition by the chair of the OSC that the budget strategy has been effective in helping manage a very difficult situation; b) I am also grateful to all consultees who share our concern about the impact government cuts will have on our services. I am working hard to minimise the impact as far as I can, but am under no illusions that extremely difficult decisions will be needed; c) I recognise the concerns expressed by scrutiny committees and others about packages of care. Whilst we have a duty to review our processes and ensure we do not provide packages over and above individual entitlement, I can confirm categorically that statutory entitlement to care will always be honoured. I also recognise the importance of preventative services and public health |

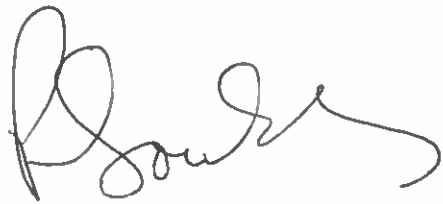


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| | | <p>campaigns in improving health;</p> <p>d) I recognise and share the concern of the CCG that the effect of cuts to funding for adult social care will be felt in the wider health economy (although we are providing significant growth in 2016/17);</p> <p>e) Following comments at OSC, I can confirm that reviews into open spaces, sports and other activities will take into account the positive impact these services have on health and wellbeing. To reinforce this, management responsibility for sports has now been placed with the Director of Public Health;</p> <p>f) Following comments at OSC, I can confirm that our equality assessments take into account impacts on all protected groups under the Equality Act.</p> <p>g) I can confirm that proposals to live within the reduced level of public health grant (belatedly confirmed by the Government on 11th February) will be prepared in the normal manner, and the scrutiny function will have the opportunity to consider them before they are approved.</p> <p>3) To note the equality assessment of the proposed tax rise and (in the light of the findings and having regard to the implications) to recommend the budget and tax rise to the Council as proposed in the report.</p> |
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| | | 4) To ask the Director of Finance to prepare the formal budget resolution for 2016/17, referred to in section 3 of the Council report. |
| 6. | REASON FOR DECISION | <p>The revenue budget forms part of the budget and policy framework. Its approval is the responsibility of the full Council; the City Mayor is responsible for the preparation of a proposal for Council consideration.</p> <p>A draft programme was published on 12th January, and considered by Overview Select Committee on 28th January. Minutes of the committee will be circulated to Council members with the Council report.</p> |
| 7. | <p>a) KEY DECISION – Y/N? b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? Y/N</p> | a) No |
| 8. | OPTIONS CONSIDERED | N/A |
| 9. | <p>DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Members of a Scrutiny Commission or any 5 Councillors can ask for the decision to be called-in. • Notification of Call-In with reasons must be made to the Monitoring Officer. | Not applicable. |
| 10. | SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAKER (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of Executive Member). |  |



