

## RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER

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| 1. | <b>DECISION TITLE</b>           | Recommendation of General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2. | <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 3. | <b>DATE OF DECISION</b>         | 21 February 2017                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 4. | <b>DECISION MAKER</b>           | City Mayor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 5. | <b>DECISION TAKEN</b>           | <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> <p>a) I am grateful for the recognition by scrutiny committees and other consultees of the severe consequences of Government funding cuts; and am grateful that the Overview Select Committee has endorsed the recommendations in the budget report;</p> <p>b) I share the concerns of scrutiny committees and other consultees about the inadequacy of funding for adult social care, and of the Government's response to this crisis (i.e. to permit increases in council tax). I will continue to add my voice to those of the LGA and other authorities making representations to central government;</p> <p>c) I note the concerns expressed by some scrutiny commissions about the level of service detail in the budget report, but remind them that the budget is now best perceived as a "stock take". I recognise the need for meaningful and timely consultation on spending reviews, and have recently</p> |




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|  |  | <p>published a document on the website, providing a synopsis of outstanding review work. The recommendations to the report reflect the need for reviews to be completed on time, and after appropriate consultation;</p> <p>d) I cannot support requests for the council to adopt an unsustainable approach to the use of our reserves, which would simply lead to a cuts "cliff edge" that we have worked hard to avoid. I am grateful for the recognition expressed at scrutiny commissions and at OSC about the dangers of drawing down too heavily on reserves;</p> <p>e) I note concerns expressed at some commissions about savings targets for individual reviews. However, these targets are simply guidelines – decisions on savings will only be made once full reports are made to the Executive (and with the benefit of scrutiny comments).</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> <p>4) To note the extreme lateness of the final local government finance settlement for 2017/18, which has still not been received; and to note that the budget of necessity assumes that the Government will not change the figures published for consultation in December.</p> <p>5) To ask the Director of Finance to prepare the formal budget resolution for 2017/18, referred to in section 3 of the Council report.</p> |
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| 6.  | <b>REASON FOR DECISION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <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 budget was published on 6<sup>th</sup> December, and a formal decision to that effect was made by the City Mayor. The budget was considered by a number of scrutiny commissions, whose comments were considered by Overview Select Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Minutes of the commissions and Overview Select Committee have been circulated to Council members with the budget report.</p> |
| 7.  | <p>a) <b>KEY DECISION – Y/N?</b><br/> b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? Y/N</p>                                                                                                                                                                               | a) No.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 8.  | <b>OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | N/A.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 9.  | <p><b>DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 Members of a Scrutiny Commission or any 5 Councillors can ask for the decision to be called-in.</li> <li>• Notification of Call-In with reasons must be made to the Monitoring Officer.</li> </ul> | Not applicable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10. | <p><b>SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAKER</b><br/> (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of Executive Member).</p>                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

