

**COUNCIL – 2 MARCH 2017**  
**AGENDA ITEM 9 – SERVICE & FINANCIAL PLANNING 2017/18- 2019/20**  
**SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS – D1**

1. To consider the feedback from consultation summarised in Appendix 14 and from Scrutiny in Appendix 12.
2. To note the Impact Assessments contained in Section 23 and Appendices 2 and 15.
3. To approve the overall service and financial planning strategy set out in this report and the base budget in Appendix 7.
4. To approve a Council Tax increase of 3.2% for 2017/18 (including the new 2% Adult Social Care precept assumed by the Government) and a medium term strategy of increases at the same level for the two years from 2018/19 to 2019/20 to match the period of the CSR and 4 year settlement.
5. To approve the additional savings and pressures detailed in Appendix 1.
6. To note the commitment to continue to work with partner organisations, including Town & Parish Councils and Voluntary Sector and Community Groups to seek to identify ways to mitigate the impact of some of the cuts to services that we can no longer afford and the creation of the £695,000 Partnership Capacity Fund approved by Cabinet on 5 January 2017.
7. In order to support these discussions to note the transfer of £1.5m to the Invest to Save/Capacity Fund approved by Cabinet on 5 January 2017 which will provide further transitional funding for a Partnership Support Programme in line with the delegations and principles approved by full Council in March 2016.
8. To approve the policy framework for Reserves and Balances outlined in Appendix 9.
9. To approve the revenue implications of the medium term capital programme for the period 2015/16 - 2018/19 set out in the Capital Programme report also on this agenda.
10. Delegation of authority to the Managing Director after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Council Finance, Partnerships and Commercial Services to allocate funding from the Destination Telford and Organisational Development reserves.
11. To approve the Pay Policy for 2017/18 included as Appendix 3 which has already been approved by the Personnel Committee.

12. To delegate to the Assistant Director Business, Development & Employment authority to agree the final details of the Telford Land Deal – including agreement of the Transfer of Liability/Residual Land package after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Council Finance, Partnerships and Commercial Services.
13. That the Assistant Director: Legal, Procurement & Commissioning be authorised to execute all necessary contract documentation including the affixing of the common seal of the council as appropriate to enable the Council to finalise the Telford Land Deal – including documents required to give effect to the agreement for the transfer of HCA liability/residual land, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Council Finance, Partnerships and Commercial Services.
14. That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director: Finance & Human Resources to action any virements required following the final allocation of the Dedicated Schools Grant and other related Grants as long as they are within the budget and policy framework.
15. That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director: Early Help & Support, in consultation with the Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care, to enter into appropriate Section 256 and Section 75 Agreements under the NHS Act 2006 (as amended).
16. That the Assistant Director: Legal, Procurement & Commissioning be authorised to execute all necessary contract documentation including the affixing of the common seal of the council as appropriate to enable the council to enter into appropriate Section 256 and Section 75 Agreements under the NHS Act 2006.
17. The transfer of a further £2.9m of available one-off resources to the one-off contingency fund approved by Cabinet on 5 January 2017 to provide a total amount of £9.7m.
18. That should any late changes be announced as part of the final Revenue Support Grant settlement, authority to adjust the level of the £9.8m contingency fund to compensate be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Council Finance, Partnerships and Commercial Services.
19. That this suite of service and financial planning reports serve as the Council's Efficiency Strategy for 2017/18 to enable new capital receipts generated in the three year period starting 1 April 2016 to be used to fund the revenue costs of reform as assumed throughout these reports.
20. To note the CFO's robustness statement in Appendix 11.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS – D2**

1. To approve the report and associated capital estimates for 2016/17 and 2017/18 – 2019/20, which incorporates the Capital Strategy, the Capital Programme (Annex I), the Planned Building Maintenance Programme (Annex II), and Asset Management Plan (Annex III) and the three year Highways and Transport capital investment programme (Annex IV).
2. To delegate authority to the Assistant Director: Development, Business & Employment to deliver the planned programme of works within the Asset Management Plan and to the Assistant Director: Neighbourhood & Customer Services to deliver the Highways and Transport capital investment programme in line with the approved budgets with any variations or changes to schemes in these programmes, that remain within overall approved budgets, after consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Members.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS – D3**

1. To note the treasury management activities for the first half year
2. To note the Treasury Management Policy Statement (Appendix A)
3. To approve the Treasury Strategy, including the Annual Investment Strategy for 2017/18 together with the associated treasury Prudential Indicators and the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement, which will apply from 2016/17 onwards.

## **RECOMMENDATION – D4**

1. To approve the prudential indicators proposed in this report as part of setting the budget for 2017/18.

## **RECOMMENDATION – D5**

1. To approve the formal resolutions to determine the levels of Council Tax for 2017/18 as detailed in the report.