

**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**

**CABINET**

**2 FEBRUARY 2016**

**Cabinet Members:**

Councillors: A.H.Thomas, P.A.Rees, E.V.Latham, Mrs.S.Miller,  
P.D.Richards, J.Rogers, A.J.Taylor and A.N.Woolcock

**Officers in Attendance:**

S.Phillips, H.Jenkins, A.Evans, G.Nutt, D.Rees, Mrs.K.Jones and  
Mrs.A.Manchip

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1. **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING**

**Decisions:**

1. That management arrangements be put in place to minimise overspends and the adverse impact on reserves;
2. That the additional grants received, be noted;
3. That the proposed reserve movements and budget virements be approved and that those exceeding £500,000 be commended to Council for approval.

**Reason for Decisions:**

To update the Council's budget for additional grants received, budget virements and reserve movements in line with the Council's Constitution.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

The decisions is will be implemented after consultation with the scrutiny committee and then consideration and approval by Council.

2. **CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING**

**Decisions:**

1. That the proposed 2015/16 budget of £66.729m, as outlined in Table 1 of the circulated report, be approved and commended to Council;
2. That the position in relation to expenditure as at 31 December 2015, be noted.

**Reason for Decisions:**

To update the capital programme for 2015/16 and inform Members of the current year spend to date.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

The decisions will be implemented after consultation with the Scrutiny Committee and approval by Council.

3. **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COUNCIL'S TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY FOR 2015/16**

**Decision:**

That the revised Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy for the 2015/16 financial year, as contained in the circulated report, be commended to Council for approval.

**Reason for Decision:**

To ensure that the Council complies with its statutory requirement to calculate Minimum Revenue Provision charges which it considers to be prudent.

### **Implementation of Decision:**

The decision will be implemented immediately after consultation with the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and determination by Council.

#### **4. REVENUE BUDGET 2016/17**

Cabinet noted the comments and questions raised at the Scrutiny Committee and following consideration approved the budget at £270.9m as set out in the circulated report.

The Chief Executive gave Members a brief overview in that there remained an imbalance on the expenditure on Social Care, which remained very high as compared to the rest of Wales, and the schools and education budgets which had been eroded over time. It would therefore be necessary to modernise service delivery in Social Care to redress the imbalance in the short to medium term.

### **Decision:**

That having due regard to the Equality Impact Assessment information contained in the circulated report and its Appendix:

- (i) The following matters be delegated to the appropriate Corporate Director following consultation with the Leader of Council, relevant Cabinet Member and Chairperson of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-
  - Fees and charges applicable for the financial year 2016/17;
  - Fees and Charges which are applicable in any subsequent financial year and which, in the opinion of the relevant Corporate Director, need to be set in advance of the financial year for operational reasons;
- (ii) The following be commended to Council:-
  - Latest budget position 2015/16 – the revised budget position and arrangements for 2015/16;
  - Welsh Government Provisional Settlement announcement – confirmation of compliance with the Welsh Government's requirement to protect Schools funding
  - The Council's Revenue Budget for 2016/17 (taking into account the Equality Impact Assessment and Crime and Disorder impacts in setting the budget for 2016/17)
    - the Net Revenue Budget requirement for

2016/17, and the service plans for the delivery of the budgets;

- the budget/forward financial plan savings (outlined in Appendix 3 to the circulated report);
- that the Corporate Directors be instructed to progress the savings and improvement programme for the Authority
- Fees and charges for non executive functions – that the determination of the following matters be delegated to the appropriate Corporate Director, following consultation with the Leader of Council, the Deputy Leader and Chairperson of the relevant Non Executive Committee:-
  - Fees & charges applicable in 2016/17
  - Fees and charges applicable in any subsequent financial year and which, in the opinion of the Corporate Director, need to be set in advance of that financial year for operational reasons.
- That the Final Local Government Settlement which is due to be published by the Welsh Government on 2 March 2016, be noted and that a report setting out the Council's Budget Requirement and Council Tax for 2016/17 will be forwarded to the Council meeting of the 10 March, 2016.

### **Reasons for Decision:**

1. To fulfil the statutory requirement to determine the budget for 2016/17;
2. To seek support for the Council's Forward Financial Plan;
3. To agree arrangements for Fees and Charges.

### **Implementation of Decision:**

The decision will be implemented after consideration and approval by Council.

### **Consultation:**

Extensive engagement and consultation has been undertaken.

5. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/19**

**Decision:**

That the Capital Programme for 2016/17 to 2018/19, as contained in Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be commended to Council for approval; and that the Programme be kept under review and updated during the year.

**Reason for Decision:**

To approve the Authority's Capital Programme in line with the Constitution.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

**CHAIRPERSON**

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