

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	5 February 2018
<b>Title:</b>	Revenue Budget and Precept 2018/19
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Corporate Resources

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#### **1. The decision:**

- 1.1. Notes the current position in respect of the financial resilience monitoring for the current financial year.
- 1.2. Approves the allocation of up to £7.6m in 2017/18, from within existing contingencies, to provide for the forecast growth in Children Looked After numbers.
- 1.3. Approves the council tax increase for 2018/19 of 5.99% in line with the details set out in paragraphs 7.6 to 7.15.
- 1.4. Approves the Revised Budget for 2017/18 contained in Appendix 1.
- 1.5. Gives in principle approval to transfer any spare resources on the 2017/18 winter maintenance budget to the highways maintenance budget for 2018/19.
- 1.6. Approves the updated cash limits for departments for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 3.
- 1.7. Approves the proposed service budgets for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 4.
- 1.8. Approves the overall budget for the County Council for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 5.
- 1.9. Delegates authority to the Director of Corporate Resources, following consultation with the Leader and the Chief Executive to make changes to the budget following Cabinet to take account of new issues, changes to figures notified by District Councils or any late changes in the final Local Government Finance Settlement.
- 1.10. **Recommends to County Council that:**
  - a. The Treasurer's report under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 (Appendix 7) be taken into account when the Council determines the budget and precept for 2018/19.

- b. The Revised Budget for 2017/18 set out in Appendix 1 be approved.
- c. The Revenue Budget for 2018/19 (as set out in Appendix 4 and Appendix 5) be approved.
- d. Funding for one off revenue priorities linked to the development of capital investment totalling £3.045m as set out in paragraphs 5.25 to 5.36 be approved.
- e. The strategy for dealing with new capital investment priorities as set out in Section 6 is approved together with the addition of new schemes totalling £15.78m (net) as detailed in Appendix 2.
- f. The changes to ETE savings proposals as outlined in paragraphs 9.8 to 9.14 are agreed together with the proposed increase in corporate housekeeping savings that will be met from additional council tax income generated from the 1% increase in 2018/19.
- g. Recurring funding from 2018/19 onwards of £3.2m rising to £3.7m per annum, to be held within contingencies, is approved to partly cover the forecast increased costs for Children Looked After.
- h. The total **budget requirement** for the general expenses of the County Council for the year beginning 1 April 2018, be £751,001,384.
- i. The **council tax requirement** for the County Council for the year beginning 1 April 2018, be £608,175,704.
- j. The County Council's band D council tax for the year beginning 1 April 2018 be £1,200.96, an increase of 5.99% of which 3% is specifically for adults' social care.
- k. The County Council's council tax for the year beginning 1 April 2018 for properties in each tax band be:

	£
Band A	800.64
Band B	934.08
Band C	1,067.52
Band D	1,200.96
Band E	1,467.84
Band F	1,734.72
Band G	2,001.60
Band H	2,401.92

- l. Precepts be issued totalling £608,175,704 on the billing authorities in Hampshire, requiring the payment in such instalments and on such date set by them previously notified to the County Council, in proportion to the tax base of each billing authorities area as determined by them and as set out below:

Basingstoke and Deane	64,085.00
East Hampshire	49,459.56
Eastleigh	44,805.97
Fareham	42,605.30
Gosport	26,524.90
Hart	40,185.80
Havant	40,680.15
New Forest	70,621.00
Rushmoor	30,971.38
Test Valley	48,079.00
Winchester	48,389.90

m. The Treasury Management Strategy and the Annual Investment Strategy for 2018/19 (and the remainder of 2017/18) as set out in Appendix 8 be approved, including:

- The Prudential Indicators for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 (Appendix 8 - Annex C).
- The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement (Appendix 8 - Annex D).
- The delegation of authority to the Director of Corporate Resources to manage the Council's investments according to the risk assessment process in the Investment Strategy as appropriate.
- Investments of up to £35m for up to 20 years in the Manydown joint venture in which the County Council has a significant interest.
- The delegation of authority to the Director of Corporate Resources to approve investments in the Manydown joint venture in consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources

## **2. Reason for the decision:**

- 2.1 The County Council must agree the 2018/19 budget and set the council tax for 2018/19 at its meeting on 22 February 2018. The Leader will present his budget speech and recommendations at the meeting. This report provides the background to those budget decisions and presents the recommendations from the Leader and Cabinet to the County Council..

## **3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1 In effect the number of options for setting the budget are limitless and Leaders of the Opposition Groups may wish to present alternative recommendations on the budget and council tax at County Council as an amendment to the proposals..

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**5 February 2018**

**Chairman of the Cabinet  
Councillor Roy Perry**