

Policy and Resources Committee, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Motion, Agenda Item 5 – Budget Outlook report

The Policy and Resources Committee:

- Notes with concern that the local government settlement is not due to be announced until late December and that this will result in considerable pressure for local authorities in terms of their budget process;
- Notes with concern the assumed reduction of 3.3% in funding from the Scottish Government, and the challenging consequences as a result for the council's future service delivery;
- Notes that these circumstances result in considerable uncertainty in relation to future funding towards external spending pressures;
- Notes with concern the advice supplied within the updated Budgetary Outlook position for 2017-18 to 2019-20;
- Acknowledges that, as a result of the challenging position facing the council as outlined in the points above, work is currently ongoing to identify areas where expenditure can be reduced with future proposals coming forward for consideration by members through the budget process to ensure that the Council complies with its statutory responsibilities and promotes a balanced budget;
- Agrees to the budget timetable for 2017-18 as set down in the report at paragraph 4.9.1 in the report to members.

Proposer: Councillor Dick Walsh

Seconder: Councillor Ellen Morton