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26 OCTOBER 2017

EXTRACT OF MINUTE OF POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2017

BUDGET

* (a) Revenue Budget Outlook 2018-19 to 2020-21

The Policy and Resources Committee gave consideration to a report which further updated them on the position in respect of the budget outlook 2018-19 to 2020-21. The report summarised the detail contained within the report that had been considered by the Committee in August 2017 and provided detail on any assumptions that had been updated.

Decision

The Policy and Resources Committee -

- 1. Noted the current estimated budget outlook position 2018-19 to 2020-21.
- 2. Agreed to recommend the submitted report, in its current form, to the Special Council meeting on 26 October 2017 for consideration.

(Reference: Report by Head of Strategic Finance dated 5 October 2017, submitted)

* (b) Management/Operational Savings for 2018-19

A report which provided Members with information on management/operational savings that had been identified between 2018/19 and 2020-21 was given consideration. The savings totalled £0.620m in 2018-19 rising to £1.245m by 2020-21, had no policy implications and would not result in any redundancies, however it could not be assumed that all management/operational savings would not have a service impact.

Decision

The Policy and Resources Committee –

- 1. Endorsed the management/operational savings identified.
- 2. Noted that officers would proceed to implement the savings as part of normal business.
- 3. Agreed to refer the submitted report in its current form to the Special Council meeting on 26 October 2017 for consideration.

(Reference: Report by Head of Strategic Finance dated 5 October 2017, submitted)

* (c) Policy Savings for 2018-19

A report which provided Members with information on Policy Savings which had been

identified between 2018-19 to 2020-21 was considered. The savings totalled £1.847m in 2018-19 rising to £5.765m by 2020-21 have policy implications and in some cases could result in redundancies.

The Executive Director – Customer Services clarified that the figure of £1.997m in paragraph 1.1 of the submitted report should be £1.847m as detailed at the bottom of the table on page 49 of the agenda pack.

Decision

The Policy and Resources Committee -

- 1. Noted the Policy Savings identified.
- 2. Noted that even if all the savings options were to be accepted there would still be a revenue funding gap for 2018-19 and subsequent years as per the Head of Strategic Finance's Budget Outlook Report.
- 3. Agreed to recommend to the Special Council on 26 October 2017, the options for further development.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director - Customer Services dated 22 September 2017, submitted)

* (d) Budget Consultation

The Policy and Resources Committee gave consideration to a report which set out a consultation exercise which would give communities the opportunity to contribute to transforming the work of the Council.

Decision

The Policy and Resources Committee agreed to recommend to the Special Council meeting on 26 October 2017 that the Council –

- 1. Carry out the consultation exercise proposed within the submitted report.
- 2. Note the presentation of the consultation would be developed prior to publication.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services dated 22 September 2017, submitted)