

Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee - Meeting 13 February 2017

Budget-Setting Report (BSR) 2017/18

EXECUTIVE AMENDMENT

Background

This report details an amendment to the Budget-Setting Report 2017/18 that the Executive, at the meeting of Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 13 February 2017, will be recommending to Council.

Unless otherwise stated, any references in the recommendations to sections, pages and appendices relate to Version 1 of the Budget Setting Report (BSR) 2017/18.

New or updated information:

- **Improving representation of the views of local young people:**

A number of local authorities have a formalised role for young people to influence and contribute to council democracy, such as through youth councils. Cambridge City Council has a good platform on which to build further influence for the voices of young people to be heard, through the Agenda Days engagement work and Takeover day undertaken through ChYpPs. The Council's Democratic Services team use central government funding to encourage electoral registration and voting in further and higher education establishments.

New budget item B3996 is attached in Appendix (1).

The BSR tables will be updated to reflect the new budget item.

Recommendations:

The Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources is recommended to approve the amendment outlined above, namely inclusion of the additional budget item for recommendation to Council:

(a) **Improving representation of the views of local young people, B3996.**

and to authorise the Section 151 officer to make necessary changes to the Budget-Setting Report 2017/18, to be considered by Council at the meeting on 23 February 2017, to reflect the impact of changes for the above.

Note that further changes are expected before Council, which will be notified and then incorporated into the BSR, in respect of:

- Final Local Government Finance Settlement 2017/18
- Council Tax Base 2017/18 and Council Tax Setting 2017/18 [Appendices B (a) and B (b), insert after page 55], following notifications from precepting authorities.
- Any other minor typographical amendments.

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Reference	Item Description	2016/17 Budget £	2017/18 Budget £	2018/19 Budget £	2019/20 Budget £	2020/21 Budget £	Contact	Climate Effect & Poverty Ratings
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Bids

Communities

B3996	Improving representation of the views of local young people	0	10,000	0	0	0	Debbie Kaye	Nil
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The purpose of this bid is to explore options with young people aged 12-15 to further their influence on Mediu Council decisions. At this stage a specific outcome, process or structure is not being recommended, but a commitment is being made to finding practical and inclusive ways for the voices of young people to be heard at ward and City level. Targeting 12-15 year-olds enables a link to be made with the existing 9-12 year-olds targeted by the Agenda Days project, and there is also an opportunity to complement citizenship education under the National Curriculum.

The process of exploring options is estimated at £10,000. This will pay for project leaders' time and resources in facilitating discussion and events with young people. Once preferred options are arrived at, discussion will be held more broadly with stakeholders to ensure all factors are considered. The aim is to formalise results from this work in the autumn and bring forward a budget bid to support a proposal then.

Total Bids in Communities

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