



Council Meeting

26 February 2015

Agenda Item 5 (a)

Budget Papers 2015/16

The Executive

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL (The Executive)
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Budget-Setting Report (BSR) 2015/16

Recommendations of the Executive, which met on 22 January 2015, are set out below (now incorporating amendments which were considered at Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 13 February 2014) and the resulting effects and financial implications have been incorporated into the **Budget-Setting Report (Version 3 - Council)**. This updates the Budget-Setting Report (Version 1) which originally went to Strategy & Resources Scrutiny Committee on 19 January 2015.

Unless otherwise specified, all references in the recommendations to Appendices, pages and sections relate to the updated version of the Budget-Setting Report (Version 3 - Council). This can be found via the Council agenda page:

<http://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=116&MId=2495&Ver=4>

Accordingly, Council is recommended to:

General Fund Revenue Budgets: [Section 5, page 28 refers]

- a) Recommend to Council approval of:
 - Revenue Pressures shown in Appendix B(a) and Savings shown in Appendix B(b).
 - Priority Policy Fund (PPF) Bids as shown in Appendix B(c).
 - Bids to be funded from External or Earmarked Funds as shown in Appendix B(d).
 - Non Cash Limit items as shown in Appendix B(e).
- b) Recommend to Council formally confirm delegation to the Chief Financial Officer (Head of Finance) of the calculation and determination of the Council Tax taxbase (including submission of the National Non-Domestic Rates Forecast Form, NNDR1, for each financial year) as set out in Appendix A(a).
- c) Recommend to Council the level of Council Tax for 2015/16 as set out in Section 4 [page 26 refers].

*Note that the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel met on 28 January 2015 to consider the precept proposed by the Police and Crime Commissioner, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority met on 12 February 2015 and Cambridgeshire County Council will meet on 17 February 2015 to consider the amounts in precepts to be issued to the City Council for the year 2015/16. **Appendix A(b) will be updated for the decisions made.***

Other Revenue:

- d) Recommend to Council delegation to the Head of Finance authority to finalise changes relating to any corporate and/or departmental restructuring and any reallocation of support service and central costs, in accordance with the CIPFA Service Reporting Code of Practice for Local Authorities (SeRCOP).
- e) Recommend to Council approval of an amendment to the remit for the “Sharing Prosperity Fund” so that the revised remit (changes are underlined) is:

Sharing Prosperity Fund Formal Remit:

To provide resources to fund fixed-term and one-off projects and proposals that support the interim and final objectives of the council's Anti-Poverty Strategy, namely:

- 1) Helping people on low incomes to maximise their income and minimise their costs
- 2) Making the move into work easier
- 3) Helping low income families with the cost of raising a child
- 4) Breaking the link between poor health and poverty
- 5) Ensuring that vulnerable older people get the services that they need and reducing the social isolation they can experience
- 6) Helping people with high housing costs and improving the condition of people's homes
- 7) Working in partnership to tackle wider barriers to employment and engagement (e.g. transport, learning and skills)

In accordance with the Council's delegation and approval processes outlined in Part 3 Section 9.3 of the Council Constitution, approval of allocations to be made from the Sharing Prosperity Fund will differ depending on the amount of funding requested and whether it is capital or revenue.

Projects costing £15,000 or less will be approved by the Head of Corporate Strategy, subject to endorsement by The Anti-Poverty Strategy Project Board.

Projects costing more than £15,000 will be considered in the first instance by The Anti-Poverty Strategy Project Board and then submitted for approval by the Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources.

Projects over £75,000 will be reviewed at Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee before approval, subject to the need to make urgent decisions.

Where a project includes capital spending of more than £15,000, capital approval processes are also required.

Capital: [Section 7, page 35 refers]

Capital Plan:

- f) Recommend to Council the proposals outlined in Appendix D(a) for inclusion in the Capital Plan, or put on the Projects Under Development or Hold Lists, including any additional use of revenue resources required.

- g) Recommend to Council the revised Capital Plan (***which includes the proposals in the above recommendation***) as set out in Appendix D(c), the Projects Under Development and Hold lists set out in Appendices D(d) and D(e) respectively and the Funding as set out in Section 7, page 41 for the General Fund.

General Fund Reserves:

- (i) Note the impact of revenue and capital budget approvals and approve the resulting level of reserves to be used to support the budget proposals as set out in the table [Section 6, report page 34 and Section 8, page 46 refers].