

STRATEGY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**9 October 2017
5.00 – 9.00pm**

Present: Barnett (Chair), Baigent, Bick, Cantrill, Sinnott and Sarris

<p>RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL (EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES COUNCILLOR ROBERTSON)</p>
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GENERAL FUND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (MTFS) OCTOBER 2017

This report presented and recommended the budget strategy for the 2018/19 budget cycle and specific implications, as outlined in the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) October 2017 document, which was attached and to be agreed.

This report also recommended the approval of new capital items and funding proposals for the Council's Capital Plan, the results of which were shown in the MTFS.

At this stage in the 2018/19 budget process showed the range of assumptions on which the Budget-Setting Report (BSR) published in February 2017 was based need to be reviewed, in light of the latest information available, to determine whether any aspects of the strategy need to be revised. This then provides the basis for updating budgets for 2018/19 to 2022/23. All references in the recommendations to Appendices, pages and sections relate to the MTFS Version 1.

The recommended budget strategy was based on the outcome of the review undertaken together with financial modelling and projections of the Council's expenditure and resources, in the light of local policies and priorities, national policy and economic context. Service managers had identified financial and budget issues and pressures and this information had been used to inform the MTFS.

The Strategy and Resources Committee considered and approved the recommendations 4 votes to 0.

Accordingly, Council is recommended to:

General Fund Revenue

- i. To agree the budget strategy and timetable as outlined in Section 1 [pages 1 to 2 refer] of the MTFS document.
- ii. To agree incorporation of the budget savings and pressures identified in Section 4 [pages 13 to 16 refer] including an additional £100k contribution to Sharing Prosperity Fund. This provides an indication of the net savings requirements, by year for the next 5 years, and revised General Fund revenue, funding and reserves projections as shown in Section 5 [page 17 refers] of the MTFS document.

Capital

- i. To note the changes to the Capital Plan as set out in Section 6 [pages 18 to 23 refer] and Appendix A [pages 32 to 40 refer] of the MTFS document and agree the new proposals:

Ref.	Description	2017/18 £000	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000	Total £000
	Proposals							-
SC648	Local Centres Improvements Programme - Arbury Court	59	141	-	-	-	-	200
SC653	Replacement heating system at the <u>Waterbeach</u> garage	39	-	-	-	-	-	39
SC652	Modification to in-ground lift in <u>Waterbeach</u> ¹	18	-	-	-	-	-	18
SC645	Electric vehicle charge points – use of additional funding received	205	145	151	25	-	-	526
	Sub-total	321	286	151	25	-	-	783
<u>Misc.</u>	Section 106 miscellaneous	833	14	-	-	-	-	847
	Total Proposals	1,154	300	151	25	-	-	1,630

¹ - £8k requested for funding, £10k funded from service revenue resources.

Reserves

- i. To agree changes to General Fund Reserve levels, with the Prudent Minimum Balance being set at £5.35m and the target level at £6.42m as detailed in Section 7 [pages 24 to 27 refer] and Appendix B [pages 41 to 42 refer].

