

STRATEGY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**8 October 2018
5.00 – 7.00pm**

Present: Barnett (Chair), Baigent, Bick, Dalzell, Green and Sargeant

<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 2018

This report presented and recommended the budget strategy for the 2019/20 budget cycle and specific implications, as outlined in the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) October 2018 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 2019/20 budget process showed the range of assumptions on which the Budget-Setting Report (BSR) published in February 2018 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 2019/20 to 2023/24. 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 Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the following recommendations:

- 2.1 by 4 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions
- 2.2 by 4 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions
- 2.3 unanimously
- 2.4 unanimously
- 2.5 by 4 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions

Accordingly, Council is recommended to:

General Fund Revenue

- i. Agree the budget strategy and timetable as outlined in Section 1 [pages 1 to 3 refer] of the MTFS document.
- ii. Agree the incorporation of changed assumptions and indicative net unavoidable budget pressures identified in Section 4 [pages 15 to 18 refer]. 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 [pages 19 to 20 refer] of the MTFS document.

Capital

- iii. Note the changes to the Capital Plan as set out in Section 6 [pages 21 to 27 refer] and Appendix A [pages 35 to 40 refer] of the MTFS document and agree the new proposals:



Ref.	Description / £'000s	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total
	Proposals							-
SC676	Jesus Green public conveniences	25	-	-	-	-	-	25
SC680	CCTV equipment upgrade	30	-	-	-	-	-	30
SC633	Grass reinforcement at Parker's Piece	140	-	-	-	-	-	140
SC678	Crematorium - additional car park	25	325	-	-	-	-	350
SC679	Crematorium - cafe facilities	20	310	-	-	-	-	330
Misc	Local bond investment	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
	Total Proposals	5,240	635	-	-	-	-	5,875



Earmarked Reserve

- iv. A new Fund was approved at Council on 19 July 2018 for a Cambridge Live Development Plan and this report includes a recommendation to approve the following remit:

Earmarked Fund - Cambridge Live Development Fund

Approved Timescale: 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2020

Lead Officer: D Kaye

Remit :

To support the transformation and ongoing development of Cambridge Live over the next two years subject to a maximum spend of £500,000 with full delegation for

management of the Fund assigned to the Chief Executive.

Reserves

- v. Agree changes to General Fund Reserve levels, with the Prudent Minimum Balance being set at £5.504m and the target level at £6.605m as detailed in Section 7 [pages 28 to 31 refer] and Appendix B [pages 41 to 42 refer] of the Officer's report.