

## **STRATEGY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**7 October 2019  
5.00 – 7.30pm**

Present: Davey (Chair), Bick, Dalzell, Davies and Todd-Jones

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL (EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES COUNCILLOR ROBERTSON )</b></p>
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### **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (MTFS) OCTOBER 2019**

This report presented and recommended the budget strategy for the 2020/21 budget cycle and specific implications, as outlined in the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) October 2019 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 2020/21 budget process showed the range of assumptions on which the Budget-Setting Report (BSR) published in February 2019 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 2020/21 to 2024/25. All references in the recommendations to Appendices, pages and sections relate to the MTFS Version 3.0.

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 recommendations by 3 votes to 0:

#### **Accordingly, Council is recommended to:**

- i. Agree the budget strategy and timetable as outlined in Section 1 [pages 5 to 7 refer] of the MTFS document.

- ii. Agree the incorporation of changed assumptions and indicative net unavoidable budget pressures identified in Section 4 [pages 20 to 22 refer]. This provides an indication of the net savings requirement, by year for the next five years, and revised projections for General Fund (GF) revenue and funding as shown in Section 5 [page 23 refer] and reserves [section 7 pages 30 to 33 refer] of the MTFS document.
- iii. Note the changes to the capital plan as set out in Section 6 [pages 24 to 29 refer] and Appendix A [pages 37 to 41 refer] of the MTFS document and agree the new proposals.

Ref.	Descripti on / £'000s	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
<b>Proposals</b>								
SC646	Redevelop ment of Cambridg e Junction	250	-	-	-	-	-	250
SC658	CCTV infrastruct ure – additional cost	75	-	-	-	-	-	75
SC691	HR and payroll – new system	20	150	-	-	-	-	170
SC699	Corn Exchange fire doors	37	-	-	-	-	-	37
SC672	Mill Road redevelop ment – developm ent loan to CIP	-	1,142	-	-	-	-	1,142
SC695	Cromwell Road redevelop ment – equity contribution	-	329	333	-	-	-	662
SC696	Cromwell Road redevelop ment – developm ent loan to CIP	2,376	5,481	1,000	-	-	-	8,857
SC701	Dales Brewery – replaceme nt fire alarm	24	-	-	-	-	-	24

	system						
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,782</b>	<b>7,102</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,217</b>
<b>Proposals</b>							

- iv. Agree changes to GF reserve levels, the prudent minimum balance being set at £5.51m and the target level at £6.61m as detailed in section 7 [pages 30 to 33 refer] and Appendix B [pages 42 and 43 refer] of the officers report.