

BUDGET PLANNING 2017-2018 AND BEYOND

1 Purpose

- 1.1 Cabinet considered its initial budget proposals on 13 December 2016. The budget report submitted to that meeting (attached to this agenda) set out the high level issues facing the Council when developing the budget proposals for 2017/18 and beyond. Due to the timing of scrutiny meetings (the Finance and Services Scrutiny Committee last met on 1 December 2016) these proposals are being reported to this meeting.
- 1.2 Following the Government's announcements in late December regarding the draft Grant Settlement 2017/18 for Councils and on other significant issues such as the future of New Homes Bonus, Cabinet has further honed its proposals and an updated set of budget proposals will be reported to the Cabinet meeting to be held on 10 January, 2017. That report is also attached to this agenda.
- 1.3 The Scrutiny Committee is now asked to review the budget proposals for 2017/18 and identify comments and feedback to be reported verbally to Cabinet on 10 January, for its consideration in making recommendations to Council on the final budget proposals for 2017/18.

2 Recommendations/for decision

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Committee is requested to indicate any comments that it wishes Cabinet to take into consideration in finalising the budget proposals for 2017-2018.

3 Executive summary

- 3.1 Cabinet considered a report to its meeting on 13 December 2016 on the initial set of budget proposals for 2017/18 together with the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).
- 3.2 Following the Government's announcements in late December regarding the draft Grant Settlement 2017/18 for Councils and on other significant issues such as the future of New Homes Bonus, an updated set of proposals for 2017/18 together with the MTFP will be reported to Cabinet on 10 January 2017.
- 3.3 A copy of both Cabinet reports are attached to the agenda.