

THE CABINET

MEETING, 10TH OCTOBER, 2016

Councillor Morris	Executive Cabinet Member
Councillor Mrs. Thomas	Executive Cabinet Member
Councillor Peel	Executive Cabinet Member
Councillor Adia	Executive Cabinet Member

Cabinet Members

Councillor D. Burrows	Neighbourhood Services, Police and Community Safety
Councillor Chadwick	Transport, Special Projects and Skills
Councillor Sherrington	Procurement, Housing and Highways
Councillor Zaman	Development and Regeneration and Human Resources
Councillor A. Ibrahim	Adult Safeguarding and Adult Social Care
Councillor Cunliffe	Education, Schools, Safeguarding and Looked After Children
Councillor Watters	Social Inclusion, Voluntary Sector and Community Services

Other Members in Attendance

Councillor Donaghy
Councillor Murray
Councillor Kellett
Councillor Greenhalgh
Councillor Mrs. Fairclough
Councillor Haslam
Councillor Cox
Councillor Hayes

Councillor Hornby

Officers

Mrs. M. Asquith	Chief Executive
Mr. J. Daly	Director of People
Mr. S. Young	Director of Place
Mr. D. Herne	Director of Public Health
Mrs. H. Gorman	Borough Solicitor
Ms. S. Johnson	Borough Treasurer
Mrs. V. Ridge	Democratic Services Manager

Councillor Morris in the Chair.

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor J. Byrne

13. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 15th August, 2016 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

14. MINUTES OF AGMA/COMBINED AUTHORITY

The minutes of the meetings of the AGMA/Combined Authority held on 26th August, 2016 were submitted for information.

15. BUDGET UPDATE 2017-2020

The Borough Treasurer submitted a report which provided an update on the budget for 2017-2020.

Members were reminded that Central Government had offered local authorities a four year financial settlement which would cover the Revenue Support Grant for the financial years 2016/2017 to 2019/2020. If an authority intended to accept this, it was also required by Government to produce an

efficiency plan which outlined its intended budget strategy over that period.

In view of the above, the report outlined the proposed approach for 2017/2020 and it was stated that the Council intended to build on its strong track record and continue its robust financial management of the budget and savings plans over the years covered by the financial statement. In identifying savings the key priorities would continue to be the protection of the most vulnerable and successful economic development of the borough.

Furthermore, reserves would continue to be analysed and re-allocated where possible to support the budget process, ensuring savings that were made were implemented in a planned way that delivered achievable and sustainable savings.

The report also set out the proposed governance arrangements for the savings programme.

Appendix 1 to the report detailed the medium term financial forecast which covered the period of the financial settlement from government and it included the Revenue Support Grant figures that the government had offered. If the offer of a four year settlement was not accepted, the forecast would be updated on an annual basis once the government had announced the funding the Council was to receive.

In conclusion, members were informed that throughout this period the Council would continue to set the budget and council tax for the forthcoming year at the annual budget council meeting.

Resolved – (i) That the proposals as detailed in the report be approved as the efficiency plan for the Council covering the period 2016/2020.

(ii) That the four year funding settlement from Central Government be accepted.