

**Appendices:  
Cabinet report plus  
12 Appendices**



**NORTHAMPTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

# **COUNCIL**

## **29 February 2016**

**Agenda Status: PUBLIC**

**Directorate: Management Board**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2016/17 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/17 – 2020/21</b>
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### **1. Purpose**

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- 1.1 To report the outcome of the consultation process on the 2016/17 General Fund budget and the final formula grant settlement for 2016/17.
- 1.2 To agree the Cabinet's recommendations for the General Fund revenue and capital budgets, the level of Council Tax increase for 2016/17 and indicative levels for 2017/18 to 2020/21.
- 1.3 To approve the attached Treasury Management Strategy and Capital Strategy.

### **2. Recommendations**

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- 2.1 That the feedback from consultation with the public, organisations and the Overview and Scrutiny and Audit Committees be considered and welcomed (detailed at Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of attached Cabinet report).
- 2.2 That a General Fund Revenue Budget for 2016/17 of £29.6m (excluding parishes) be approved (detailed in Appendices 4, 5 and 6 of attached Cabinet report).
- 2.3 That the Council does not increase the Council Tax for its own purposes, i.e. excluding County, Police and Parish Precepts, for 2016/17.
- 2.4 That the Council approve the General Fund Capital Programme and proposed financing for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix 7 of attached Cabinet report.
- 2.5 That Council confirms the aim of maintaining a minimum level of General Fund reserves of £5.3m for 2016/17, having regard to the outcome of the financial risk assessment.

- 2.6 That authority be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, and where appropriate the relevant Director and Cabinet Member to:
- Transfer monies to/from earmarked reserves should that become necessary during the financial year.
  - Update prudential indicators in both the Prudential Indicators Report and Treasury Strategy Report to Council, for any budget changes that impact on these.
- 2.7 That the draft Fees and Charges set out in Appendix 10 of the attached Cabinet report be approved, including immediate implementation where appropriate.
- 2.8 That Council approve the Treasury Management Strategy for 2016-17 at Appendix 11 of the attached Cabinet report: incorporating:
- (i) The Capital Financing and Borrowing Strategy for 2016-17 including:
- The Council's policy on the making of Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for the repayment of debt, as required by the Local Authorities (Capital Finance & Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.
  - The Affordable Borrowing Limit for 2016-17 as required by the Local Government Act 2003.
- (ii) The Investment Strategy for 2016-17 as required by the CLG revised Guidance on Local Government Investments issued in 2010.
- 2.9 That authority be delegated to the Council's Chief Finance Officer, in liaison with the Cabinet member for Finance, to make any temporary changes needed to the Council's borrowing and investment strategy to enable the authority to meet its obligations.
- 2.10 That Council approve the Capital Strategy for 2016 to 2021 as attached as Appendix 12 of the attached Cabinet report.
- 2.11 That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive, Directors and Chief Finance Officer to implement all budget options and restructures.

### **3. Issues and Choices**

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#### **3.1 Report Background**

- 3.1.1 In the event that there are changes made in accordance with the delegated authority to the Chief Finance Officer following Cabinet's meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> February, updated appendices to the Cabinet report will be tabled reflecting these changes.
- 3.1.2 See also Cabinet report attached.

## **4. Implications (including financial implications)**

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### **4.1 Policy**

4.1.1 See Cabinet report attached

### **4.2 Resources and Risk**

4.2.1 See Cabinet report attached

### **4.3 Legal**

4.3.1 See Cabinet report attached

### **4.4 Equality**

4.4.1 See Cabinet report attached

### **4.5 Other Implications**

4.5.1 See Cabinet report attached

## **5. Background Papers**

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5.1 See Cabinet Report attached

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