

ON WHITE PAPER

County Council – 6 February 2018

Cabinet's report paragraph 2 – Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources

Amendment to be proposed by Councillor O' Keeffe

Delete paragraph 2.53 of the Cabinet's report and replace with:-

(1) approve, in principle, the draft Council Plan at Appendix 6 and authorise the Chief Executive to finalise the Plan in consultation with the relevant Lead Members;

(2) approve the net Revenue Budget estimates totalling £371.3m for 2018/19 as set out in Appendices 4 (Medium Term Financial Plan) and 5 (Budget Summary) and authorise the Chief Operating Officer, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, Leader and Deputy Leader, to make adjustments to the presentation of the budget to reflect the final settlement and budget decisions with the following amendments

1. Reinstate savings proposed for Older People Services: Review of Milton Grange and Firwood House Intermediate Care Services - £1,232,000
2. Reinstate savings proposed for Assessment & Care Management - £958,000
3. Reinstate savings proposed for Supporting People: Accommodation and Building Services - £600,000
4. Reinstate savings proposed for Carers - £422,000
5. Reinstate savings proposed for the Stroke Association - £79,000
6. Reinstate savings proposed for Early Help (noting that the target for 2018/19 was to be temporarily mitigated from reserves) - £561,000
7. Reinstate savings proposed for Home to School Transport - £567,000
8. Partially reinstate savings proposed for closure of seven libraries - £350,000

Total of proposed revenue amendments - £4,769,000

To be funded by:

9. Reduce Venue Hire budgets - £95,000
10. Reduce general contingency from 1% to 0.8% of net revenue budget excluding Treasury Management (with an increase of £2.1m in general fund from unallocated reserves to maintain robustness of the budget) - £700,000
11. Reduce Business Services/Orbis budget - £200,000
12. Reduce Property Maintenance budget - £50,000
13. Reduce Communications budget - £500,000
14. Reduce Senior Management & Organisational Development (SMOD) operational budget - £87,700
15. Reduce Senior Management & Organisational Development (SMOD) external legal services budget - £50,000
16. Remove Core Maintenance budget and replace with Parking Surplus - £150,000
17. Reduce budget for Waste - £300,000
18. Reduce Cultural Strategy budget - £40,000
19. Reduce revenue contribution to capital from £4.0m to £2.9m - £1,091,700
20. Less increased cost of borrowing for reducing revenue contribution to capital - (£195,400)
21. Use annuity method to calculate the Minimum Revenue Provision - £1,600,000
22. Set target income for impact of new short term investment strategy - £100,000

Total of proposed revenue funding amendments - £4,769,000

23. Additionally, to ring-fence £1.0m from the Priority Outcomes & Transformation Reserve to fund a transformation and restructuring programme.

(3) in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 to agree that:

- (i) the net budget requirement is £371.3m and the amount calculated by East Sussex County Council as its council tax requirement (see Appendix 6) for the year 2018/19 is £276.7m
- (ii) the amount calculated by East Sussex County Council as the basic amount of its council tax (i.e. for a band D property) for the year 2018/19 is £1,393.11 and represents a 5.99% (3% of which relates to the Adult Social Care precept) increase on the previous year;

(4) advise the District and Borough Councils of the relevant amounts payable and council tax in other bands in line with the regulations and to issue precepts accordingly in accordance with an agreed schedule of instalments as set out at Appendix 9;

(5) approve the fees and charges set out in Appendix 8 and delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer to approve an increase to all other fees and charges by up to 2%;

(6) approve the Capital Programme for 2017 – 2023 as set out at Appendix 10;

(7) note the Medium Term Financial Plan forecast for the period 2018/19 to 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 4; and

(8) note the comments of the Chief Finance Officer on budget risks and robustness as set out in Appendix 11;

(9) note the comments from the engagement exercises as set out in Appendix 12; and

(10) delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer to set fees and charges for 2019/20 onwards and to report to Cabinet and County Council on those set at a level above inflation as part of the quarterly monitoring.