

ON GREEN PAPER

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Cabinet's report paragraph 1 – Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources

Amendment to be proposed by Councillor Philip Daniel and Tutt

Delete paragraph 1.41 of the Cabinet's report and replace with:-

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

(2) approve the net Revenue Budget estimates totalling £402.0m for 2020/21 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 to the estimates as set out in Appendices 2 (Medium Term Financial Plan) and 3 (Budget Summary)

1. Additional expenditure for caring for carers, in consultation with the Carers' Forum £100,000
2. Additional expenditure for SEND funding to reduce caseworker loads - £200,000
3. Additional expenditure on locality family staffing and support - £300,000
4. Additional expenditure on an employment and budget structure review £500,000
5. Reduce the regular Council Tax increase to 1.5% from 1.99% in 2020/21 only (noting there will be an associated ongoing annual impact on resources) - £1,433,000
6. Less a reduction in contingency arising from amendment 5 - £10,000

Total of proposed revenue amendments - £2,523,000

To be funded by:

7. Reduce property maintenance budget - £50,000
8. Reduce communications budget - £500,000
9. Reduce waste management budget - £300,000
10. Reduce cultural strategy budget - £40,000
11. Remove capital schemes funded by one off revenue and borrow to fund – £1,242,000
12. Less estimated annual cost of borrowing - £109,000
13. Use of transformation reserve to fund the employment structure and budget review - £500,000

Total of proposed revenue funding amendments - £2,523,000

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

- (i) the net budget requirement is £402.0m and the amount calculated by East Sussex County Council as its council tax requirement for the year 2020/21 is revised to £299.4m;
- (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 2020/21 is £1,484.91 and represents a 3.5% (2% 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 to be revised as amended by proposals in paragraph (2) above;

(5) note the fees and charges set out in Appendix 10 that have been increased above inflation;

(6) approve the Capital Strategy and Programme as set out at Appendix 9;

(7) note the Medium Term Financial Plan forecast for the period 2020/21 to 2022/23 as set out in Appendix 2 and amended by the proposals in paragraph (2) above;

(8) note the comments of the Chief Finance Officer on budget risks and robustness as set out in Appendix 7; and

(9) note the comments from the engagement exercises as set out in Appendix 8.