

County Council – 9 February 2016

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

Amendment to be proposed by Councillor Elkin

Delete paragraph 1.46 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 for 2016/17 set out in Appendix 2a with the following amendments;
 1. Business Rates and S31 Grants to be increased by £0.497m in 2016/17 and increases of £0.374m in 2017/18 and £0.383m in 2018/19 as a result of information provided by Districts and Boroughs
 2. Estimated council tax surplus for the collection fund to be paid in 2016/17 to be increased by £0.381m as notified by Districts and Boroughs
 3. General Contingency to be increased by £0.040m in 2016/17 and £0.030m 2017/18 as a result of changes in Business Rates and Council Tax
 4. Delete the savings proposal of £0.093m for the Zest social enterprise car valet service
 5. Transition grant, as advised at final settlement on 8th February 2016 of £2.704m in 2016/17 and further transition grant of £2.696m in 2017/18
 6. Reduced New Homes Bonus grant of £0.008m 2016/17, £0.008m 2017/18 and £0.005m offset by a reduction in the contribution to capital programme
 7. The total net increased income of £3.449m in 2016/17 be transferred to a Contingency and used in 2017/18 to reduce the projected deficit
 8. The additional income of £3.070m for 2017/18 and £0.383m for 2018/19 be used to offset the deficit remaining, reducing the budget gap to £4.142m in 2017/18 and £5.523m (£1.474m in year) for 2018/19
- (3) in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 to agree that:
 - i) The net budget requirement is £369.3m and the amount calculated by East Sussex County Council as its requirements for the year 2016/17 is £242.6m

- 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 2016/17 is £1251.90 and represents a 3.99% (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 as set out at Appendix 5
- (5) 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;
- (6) approve the fees and charges set out in Appendix 4 and delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer to approve an increase to all other fees and charges by up to 2%;
- (7) approve the Capital Programme including further investment in essential programme need 2016/17 to 2017/18 as set out at Appendix 2a;
- (8) note the Medium Term Financial Plan forecast for the period 2016/17 to 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 2a; and
- (9) note the comments from the engagement exercises as set out in Appendix 7.