

Summary of Executive Decisions taken on 16 February 2017

Part I

Investment and Borrowing Strategy 2017/18 (C3118) (Item 6.)

Resolved that:

1. The adoption of the 2017/18 Investment and Borrowing Strategy be recommended to Council.
2. Formulation of Treasury Management Policy in compliance with the Local Government Act 2003, CIPFA's Prudential Code and Code of Practice for Treasury Management be recommended to Council.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *the item is due to be referred to Council for final approval.*

therefore it will be implemented immediately.

Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS): 2017-2018 to 2019-20 (C3119) (Item 7.)

Resolved that the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017-18 to 2019-20 be recommended for approval by Council.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *the item is due to be referred to Council for final approval.*

therefore it will be implemented immediately.

Capital Strategy and Programme 2017/18 to 2021/22 (C3120) (Item 8.)

Resolved that:

1. The Capital Strategy and Programme be recommended for approval by Council.
2. Council would be requested to delegate authority to the Executive to increase the Capital Programme by up to £50 million in 2017/18 in line with the proposed property investment strategy which is to be finalised.

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Revenue Budget 2017/18 (C3121) (Item 9.)

Resolved that the following be recommended to Council:

1. The 2017-18 Council Tax requirement of £88.4 million, requiring a Council Tax increase of 1.99% with a 3% precept ring-fenced for Adult Social Care, be approved.
2. The Fees and Charges as set out in Appendix H be approved and the appropriate statutory notices be placed where required.
3. The Special Expenses set out in Appendix I be approved.
4. The responses received to each of the public facing savings proposals in the public consultation exercise undertaken on the 2017-18 budget be acknowledged and noted, and that the Transition Grant of £1.37m be allocated as follows:
 - a. £140k to Short Breaks
 - b. £30k to Citizens Advice Bureau
 - c. £200k to Libraries
 - d. £1m to be put into a Transformation Fund, to assist West Berkshire Council to transform and improve the way it delivers its services.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *the item is due to be referred to Council for final approval.*

therefore it will be implemented immediately.

Financial Performance Report 2016/17 - Quarter Three (EX3137) (Item 10.)

Resolved that the latest financial performance of the Council be noted.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *Report is to note only.*

therefore it will be implemented immediately.

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A Proposed Shared Emergency Planning Service (EX3232) (Item 11.)

Resolved that:

- 1 The six unitary authorities in Berkshire set up a shared Emergency Planning Service through delegation to West Berkshire Council to act as a lead authority. A collaboration agreement between the six unitary authorities will set out what will be provided by the lead authority to others. It is intended that the governance under the agreement would be through the Berkshire Chief Executives' Group.
- 2 The Shared Service will provide Emergency Planning, Business Continuity Planning and Out of Hours Coordination (where appropriate), to all six unitary authorities.
- 3 A Joint Team of 5 fte is established. The Team Manager will be based in the Lead Authority. 2 teams of 2 fte will be based in Berkshire West and Berkshire East. It is proposed that no fixed base is established. The Team Manager will be responsible for deciding on work locations in liaison with the six unitary authorities.
- 4 The budget for the service is set in the first year at £371k and apportioned to each unitary authority as an annual payment as follows;

Bracknell Forest -	£45k
Reading -	£65k
RBWM -	£71k
Slough -	£48k
West Berkshire -	£82k
Wokingham -	£60k

- 5 Permanent staff would TUPE to the Lead Authority on their existing terms and conditions and will be slotted into the staffing structure set out in this report where appropriate. Vacancies will be filled through internal/external recruitment where required. Subject to Executive approval in all six unitary authorities, the Service will commence on 1st October 2017.

This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 23 February 2017, then it will be implemented.

Homelessness Services (EX3202) (Item 12.)

Resolved that authority be delegated to the Head of Contracts, Commissioning and Housing, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and Head of Finance, to enter into the Homelessness Services contracts with the successful tenderer.

This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 23 February 2017, then it will be implemented.

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Public Health Nursing Services - 0-19 (25 SEND) Healthy Child Programme (HCP) (EX3169) (Item 13.)

Resolved that:

1. Authority be delegated to the Corporate Director (Communities), Head of Public Health and Wellbeing, Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, and Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Head of Finance and Head of Legal Services, to award the contract to the successful bidder following a competitive tender process as outlined in the report.
2. Following the tender evaluation, the contract can be awarded subject to the provider implementing any necessary and appropriate changes within agreed timescales.

This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 23 February 2017, then it will be implemented.

Berkshire Community Equipment Service Contract Award (EX3229) (Item 14.)

Resolved that authority be delegated to the Head of Contracts, Commissioning and Housing, in conjunction with the Head of Legal Services and Head of Finance, to enter into the contract with the successful tenderer, NRS Healthcare Ltd, for a period of five years from 1 April 2017 with an option to extend for a further two years as set out in the report.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *a delay in implementing the decision could cause the Council serious financial implications and could compromise the Council's position.*

therefore it will be implemented immediately.

Contract Award - Complex Needs Service for Clients with a Learning Disability (EX3230) (Item 15.)

Resolved to award and enter into the (The provision of complex needs learning disability supported living service at Blagden Close) contract to the successful tenderer, Choice Care Group, for a period of five (+ three) years as set out in the report.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *a delay in implementing the decision could cause the Council serious financial implications and could compromise the Council's position.*

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Public Health Nursing Services - 0-19 (25 SEND) Healthy Child Programme (HCP) (EX3169) (Exempt Item 18.)

Resolved that the recommendations in the exempt report be agreed.

This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 23 February 2017, then it will be implemented.

Berkshire Community Equipment Service Contract Award (EX3229) (Exempt Item 19.)

Resolved that the recommendations in the exempt report be agreed.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *a delay in implementing the decision could cause the Council serious financial implications and could compromise the Council's position.*

therefore it will be implemented immediately.

Contract Award - Complex Needs Service for Clients with a Learning Disability (EX3230) (Exempt Item 20.)

Resolved that the recommendations in the exempt report be agreed.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *a delay in implementing the decision could cause the Council serious financial implications and could compromise the Council's position.*

therefore it will be implemented immediately.

Staffing implications associated with savings put forward to deliver the 2017/18 Revenue Budget: approval to pay redundancy payments (Strand 3) (EX3195) (Exempt Item 21.)

Resolved that the recommendations in the exempt report be agreed.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *a delay in implementing the decision would cause the Council serious financial implications or could compromise the Council's position.*

therefore it will be implemented immediately.

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