

Subject:	Supplementary Financial Information for Budget Council		
Date of Meeting:	23 February 2017		
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Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 To update Members with further budget information and revisions since the Revenue Budget & Council Tax report was considered at Policy, Resources & Growth Committee on the 9 February 2017.
- 1.2 The proposed budget is based on the Administration's proposed increase to the City Council element of the council tax of 4.99% which includes the flexibility to raise 3% from an Adult Social Care precept. Incorporating the Police and Fire elements of the council tax, the overall increase for most residents of Brighton & Hove will be 4.68%.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Council use the statutory budget calculation and the Council Tax Resolution set out in this report for a 4.99% council tax increase as the basis of debate at the meeting.

3. CONTEXT / BACKGROUND INFORMATION***2017/18 General Fund Budget & Council Tax***

- 3.1 The new and revised information likely to be covered in this report was set out in paragraph 4.3 of the 9 February 2017 Policy, Resources & Growth committee report and will cover the following:-
 - The final Local Government Finance Settlement 2017/18;
 - Any other grants announced or confirmed prior to Budget Council;
 - The agreed council tax set by the East Sussex Fire Authority & Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner;
 - The statutory council tax calculations required under the 1992 Local Government Finance Act;
 - The full budget and council tax resolution for Budget Council.

Final Local Government Finance Settlement 2017/18 and new grants information

- 3.2 On the 9 February 2017 a written ministerial statement confirmed the final Local Government Finance Settlement will not be announced until the end of February 2017 and therefore the General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2017/18 is necessarily based on the provisional settlement announced in December 2016.
- 3.3 The following are grant allocations which weren't included in Appendix 3 of the budget report to Policy, Resources & Growth committee earlier this month :
- Homelessness Prevention Trailblazer grant £1.300m (£0.085m in 2016/17, £0.636m in 2017/18 and £0.579m in 2018/19);
 - Rough Sleeping grant £0.352m (£0.026m in 2016/17, £0.163m in 2017/18 and £0.163m in 2018/19);
 - Brighton & Hove is the lead authority for a Social Impact Bond Area which includes East Sussex County Council and Adur District Council. The allocation is £1.000m for a four year period starting during 2017/18.

Youth Services

- 3.4 The revised information at Appendix 12 replaces the wording of the proposal at Item 123, Appendix 6, Page 95 (Youth Service) of the Budget Report to Policy, Resources & Growth Committee on 9 February 2017 following consideration of further information on the Youth Service presented to Policy, Resources & Growth Committee on 9 February 2017 (Item 122).
- 3.5 The youth consultation concluded on the 12 February 2017 and the summary of the responses is included at Appendix 13. An updated Equalities Impact Assessment No. 7 and 10 have been included at Appendix 14.

Other Changes

- 3.6 The Environment Agency levy has been confirmed and due to rounding across all levies this means there is a £0.001m reduction to the levies budget and this amends the General Fund Budget Requirement for 2017/18 to £203.589m. An amended Appendix 1 is included with this report.
- 3.7 The savings proposal at Item 123, Appendix 6, Page 142 (Housing Services £0.300m saving) is identified as a 'Whole of Housing General Fund service' saving. This saving includes £0.072m within the Integrated Housing Adaptations Team; £0.050m from the Travellers service, £0.027m from the Housing Needs team, £0.053m from temporary accommodation and £0.098m from efficiencies gained from a review of partnerships within the procurement and management of Emergency Accommodation.

Medium Term Financial Strategy

- 3.8 The key assumptions for the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) are included at Appendix 15. The savings included in the Integrated Service & Financial Plans have been incorporated in table 2 of the appendix showing the remaining gaps.
- 3.9 There remains considerable uncertainty around future resources with the potential move to 100% locally retained business rates by 2019/20. The government will issue a second consultation shortly on the design of the 100% rates retention system and any implications will be included in future budget update reports.

Council Tax

- 3.10 The following table shows the overall council tax proposed incorporating the amounts set by the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner and the East Sussex Fire Authority.

	2017/18 Band D Council Tax	Change on 2016/17	Percentage change
Brighton & Hove City Council	£1,461.50	£69.47	4.99%
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner	£153.91	£5.00	3.36%
East Sussex Fire Authority	£88.40	£1.68	1.94%
Total for Brighton & Hove residents	£1,703.81	£76.15	4.68%

- 3.11 The Brighton & Hove City Council Band D council tax change includes £41.76 for the 3% increase in expenditure on adult social care functions.

Budget and Council Tax Appendices

- 3.12 Details of the additional council taxes paid by residents of Rottingdean Parish and Enclosure Committees for the maintenance of gardens in Hanover Crescent, Marine Square and Royal Crescent are given in Appendix 17.
- 3.13 The list of new budget and council tax appendices attached to this report is included under Supporting Documentation below.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Revised Movements in Budget allocations 2016/17 to 2017/18.
12. Updated wording for the savings proposal in Youth Services
13. Summary of responses to the Youth Service consultation.
14. Amended EIA's No.s. 7 and 10.
15. Medium Term Financial Strategy tables.
16. The council tax for each band and for households entitled to a single person discount.
17. The statutory calculations required under the 1992 Local Government Act.
18. Proposed full resolution for Budget Council.

Documents in Members' Rooms

1. No further documents.

Background Documents

1. No further background documents.

