

# Council Briefing Note

Date: **Wednesday 18 February 2015**

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Time: **5.00 pm**

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Place: **Council Chamber, Town Hall**

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**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

**3 RECOMMENDATION TO VARY COUNCIL PROCEDURES FOR THIS MEETING**

Council is invited to suspend its normal procedure rules and adopt the procedures set out in the **note attached to pages 9 and 10 of the main agenda** to facilitate debate of the items on the agenda and any proposed amendments.

There are no public speakers so indicative timings are now half an hour earlier than shown in this note.

**4 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

See the main agenda.

**5 PUBLIC ADDRESSES AND QUESTIONS THAT RELATE TO MATTERS FOR DECISION AT THIS MEETING**

No requests to make public addresses or ask questions were submitted by the deadline.

**COUNCIL DECISIONS - OFFICER REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CITY EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**6 SECTION 151 OFFICER'S BUDGET REPORT**

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**Report attached.**

**7 BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**

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**Council is asked to consider the following:**

- Report of the Head of Finance (published as a separate supplement).
- City Executive Board 12 February decisions (attached).
- Scrutiny Finance Panel report to the City Executive Board (published with the CEB agenda of 12 February and attached here).
- Responses of the Executive Member for Finance, Asset Management and Public Health to the Panel's recommendations (attached).

- Liberal Democrat Group alternative budget proposals (attached).  
Proposed by Councillor Fooks, seconded by Councillor Altaf Khan.
- Commentary of the Head of Finance (attached).
- Green Group alternative budget proposals (1) (attached).  
Proposed by Councillor Hollick, seconded by Councillor Simmons.
- Commentary of the Head of Finance (attached).
- Individual amendments submitted in time for publication with this supplement (those received are attached).

## 8 COUNCIL TAX 2015/16

See pages 11-24 of the main agenda for the report and recommendations.

## 9 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 15/16

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See pages 25 - 42 of the main agenda and revised report attached.

### **Revised report attached updating only:**

- paragraph 14 of Appendix 2,
- heading on table 4 and 5

on the recommendation of the Scrutiny Finance Panel and City Executive Board.

### **City Executive Board decision**

The City Executive Board considered the report of the Head of Finance at its meeting on 12 February and resolved to **recommend that Council:**

1. Approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2015/16, and adopt the Prudential Indicators 2015/16 – 2017/18 at paragraphs 8 to 37, and Appendix 2.
2. Approve the Investment Strategy for 2015/16 and investment criteria set out in paragraphs 23 to 37 and Appendix 1.
3. Approve the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) statement at paragraphs 12 to 22 which sets out the Council's policy on debt repayment.

## 10 ADOPTION OF THE CORPORATE PLAN 2015-19

See pages 43 – 116 of the main agenda.

The City Executive Board considered the report of the Head of Policy Culture and Communications at its meeting on 12 February and resolved to

**recommend Council to:**

1. approve the draft Corporate Plan 2015 – 19.

**Council is also recommended to**

2. delegate authority to the Head of Policy, Culture and Communications to make minor textual changes to the Corporate Plan 2015 -19 in advance of formal publication.

**11 MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION**

If Council wishes to exclude the press and the public from the meeting during consideration of any aspects of the preceding agenda items it will be necessary for Council to pass a resolution in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 specifying the grounds on which their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

**(The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Section 15 of the Council’s Constitution – sets out the conditions under which the public can be excluded from meetings of the Council)**

**UPDATES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPLEMENT THIS AGENDA IS PUBLISHED IN THE COUNCIL BRIEFING NOTE.**

The Agenda and Briefing Note should be read together