

REFERENCE FROM CABINET – 13 JANUARY 2016

REVENUE BUDGET 2016/2017 PROPOSALS AND PROVISIONAL REVENUE SUPPORT SETTLEMENT 2016/2017

Report of the Head of Law and Governance

1. Purpose of this Report

- 1.1 To set out for advice and consideration of this Committee a report which will be considered by Cabinet on the 13 January 2016 on the provisional budget proposals 2016/2017 and Provisional Revenue Support Settlement, as a basis for consultation, prior to the receipt of the final Local Government Finance Settlement.
- 1.2 Members' views are requested in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules.

2. Background and Current Position

- 2.1 The Cabinet, at its meeting held on 13 January 2016, will give consideration to a report of the Interim Head of Paid Service and Director of Finance on the Revenue Budget 2016/2017 Proposals and Provisional Revenue Support Settlement 2016/2017 (attached at Appendix A). The report advises of the provisional budget proposals for 2016/2017 including the impact of the Provisional Revenue Support Settlement, as a basis for the continuation of budget consultation, prior to the receipt of the final Local Government Finance Settlement 2016/2017.
- 2.2 The report contains a number of issues for Cabinet to consider and approve and it is passed to this Committee in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules.
- 2.3 Attached, for information to assist this Committee in providing advice and consideration to Council on the provisional budget proposals are the following reports:
 - Council Tax Base 2016/2017 (Appendix B) - Calculation of the Council Tax Base 2016/2017 in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Local Authorities (Calculations of Council Tax Base) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2012 as reported to Cabinet on 13 January 2016;
 - Business Rates Income Forecast 2016/2017 and Projected Business Rates Income Outturn 2015/2016 (Appendix C) as reported to Cabinet on 13 January 2016 which sets out arrangements for estimating:

- the forecast outturn for business rates income for 2015/2016, and
- the business rates income for 2016/2017

to be included in the NNDR1 return which must be submitted to Government by 31 January 2016 in accordance with the Non Domestic Rating (Rates Retention) Regulations 2013.

Cabinet was asked to provide delegated authority to the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Secretary, to approve the final version of the NNDR1 form to be submitted to DCLG by 31 January 2016 in accordance with regulations, and which will form the basis of the necessary apportionment of the estimated total business rate income for 2016/2017 in the following proportions:

- 50% to the Government
 - 1% to the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority
 - 49% to the Council
- Local Council Tax Support Scheme (Appendix D) as reported to Cabinet on 13 January 2016, which sets out an update on the consultation results for the Local Council Tax Support Scheme and recommends the Local Council Tax Support Scheme set out in the report be implemented with effect from 1 April 2016.

- 2.4 Copies of 13 January 2016 Cabinet agenda have been circulated to all Members of the Council. The decisions and recommendations of the Cabinet will be reported orally to the Scrutiny Committee.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The report is referred to this Committee for advice and consideration. The comments of this Committee will be reported to the Council meeting on 27 January 2016.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is invited to give advice and consideration on the attached report of the Interim Head of Paid Service and Director of Finance.

5. Background Papers

- 5.1 Cabinet Agenda, 13 January 2016.
- 5.2 A copy of the Agenda is available for inspection from the Head of Law and Governance or can be viewed on-line at:-

<http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/cm5/Meetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/8596/Committee/1890/Default.aspx>

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