

CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	29 th January 2016
Report Subject	Council Fund Revenue Budget 2016/17
Cabinet Member	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance
Report Author	Member Engagement Manager
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the meeting is to offer the Committee (and by invitation, all members of the Council) the opportunity to comment on the proposals contained within the Council Fund Revenue Budget for 2016/17 report which was considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 19th January 2016.

The budget is being built up in two main stages.

The first and current of these stages has two phases. The first phase consists of the service business plan proposals and corporate financing proposals presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees throughout December. The second phase consists of the new corporate financing proposals presented to Cabinet on 19 January. The attached report covers the first stage in full. At the end of this first stage the remaining gap to be found stands at £3.447m.

The second stage, to come, will include the additional proposals, yet to be reported, to close this remaining gap. None of these additional proposals are intended to directly affect services to the public.

The final budget will be presented to Cabinet on the morning of Tuesday 16 February and then to Council on the afternoon of the same day, Council will be recommended to adopt a balanced budget, without any deferral, on that day. Council will then meet again on 1 March. The purpose of this second meeting will be to pass the Council Tax resolution, including the Town and Community Council precepts, based on the budget resolution passed on 16 February

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To consider and comment on the Stage One Phase Two budget proposals contained within the attached report to respond to Cabinet
2	To note the ongoing work for the Stage Two of the budget leading to the recommendation of a final budget to Cabinet and Council in February.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	The Budget Consultation Process
1.01	The budget process for 2016/17 was based on the Council addressing the 'budget gap' within the Medium Term Financial Strategy. In order to keep Members of the Council as fully informed as possible, and to maintain dialogue, there was an extensive information and consultation exercise of the autumn of 2015. There have been a series of consultation workshops for all Members and there have been bespoke briefings for Group Leaders and Overview & Scrutiny Chairs.
1.02	A series of formal budget consultation meetings with the six Overview & Scrutiny committees was held between 7 th and 18 th December 2015. This process had been arranged before the publication of the Provisional Local Government Settlement on 9 th December.
1.03	We had anticipated that there may have been a need to hold further meetings of all six overview & Scrutiny committee during January. This has proved unnecessary, but we have held a meeting of Education & Youth, to report from the School Budget Forum meeting on 7 th January.
1.04	The purpose of this meeting is to extend to all members of the Council, including the co-opted members, the opportunity to consider and comment on the stage one budget proposals.

2.00 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

2.01	As in the substantive report, which is attached.
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3.00 CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT

3.01	As in the substantive report, which is attached.
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4.00 RISK MANAGEMENT

4.01	As in the substantive report, which is attached.
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5.00	APPENDICES
	Cabinet report by the Chief Executive and Corporate Finance Manager dated 19.01.15 - Council Fund Revenue Budget for 2016/17

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>The background document to this report is attached as the appendix.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Robert Robins, Member Engagement Manager Telephone: (01352) 702320 E-mail: Robert.robins@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	Please see the glossary attached to the report of the Chief Executive and Corporate Finance Manager which is attached at Appendix 1.