

Executive Committee - 17 February 2016

Item 11 – Budget Proposals for 2016/17 and Preparing for the Medium Term

REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS

13.1 That the Executive: -

- a) Extend the formal budget consultation period until 1st March 2016;
- b) Receives the comments received from the consultation process (to date) as detailed at Appendix B;
- c) Approve that the average weekly council house rent be reduced by 1.00% to £80.96 (on a 52 week year) for 2016/17 (effective from 4th April 2016).

13.2 That the Executive recommends to Council: -

- a) The Revised General Fund Budget (2015/16) and Draft General Fund Budget for (2016/17) – as amended*;
- b) The following Council Tax levels for 2016/17 in relation to Kettering Borough Council; and the associated Medium Term Financial Forecast,**

Band	A	B*	C	D	E	F	G	H
Annual	£136.93	£159.75	£182.57	£205.39	£251.03	£296.67	£342.32	£410.78
Weekly	£2.63	£3.07	£3.51	£3.95	£4.83	£5.70	£6.58	£7.90
Increase per week (pence)	0p	0p	0p	0p	0p	0p	0p	0p
Increase	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
* Represents the average level of the household bill within the District								

- c) The Capital Programme (2015 - 2021) – as detailed at Appendix A - Section 2*;
- d) The Housing Revenue Account Estimates for 2016/17 – as detailed at Appendix A - Section 3*.

* Please note that these references to Appendix A refer to the 'Draft Budget Booklet – 2016/17) that was circulated as Appendix A to the January Budget report to the Executive, subsequently updated for the following:-

- i) Transitional Grant from Central Government
- ii) Town Centre Initiatives

**The updated Medium Term Financial Forecast is shown overleaf

TABLE 2 - MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST

		Zone of "Predictability"		Zone of "Unpredictability"			Severe Unpredictability
		2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
		Forecast £000	Forecast £000	Forecast £000	Forecast £000	Forecast £000	Forecast £000
1	Net Council Budget	11,696	11,497	10,612	10,449	10,207	9,803
2	Forecast Resources:						
	Government Grant						
2a	Revenue Support Grant	(1,736)	(1,161)	(546)	(171)	250	0
2b	Business Rates	(2,244)	(2,310)	(2,355)	(2,425)	(2,503)	(2,000)
	Total Government Grant	(3,980)	(3,471)	(2,901)	(2,596)	(2,253)	(2,000)
	Council Tax / Coll'n Fund	(100)	(250)	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)
	Income From Council Tax	(6,037)	(6,254)	(6,316)	(6,379)	(6,443)	(6,507)
	Total Resources	(10,117)	(9,975)	(9,417)	(9,175)	(8,896)	(8,707)
3	Budget (Surplus) / Deficit	1,579	1,522	1,195	1,274	1,311	1,096
4	Savings Identified	(1,579)	(1,522)	0	0	0	0
5	Savings - To be Identified	0	0	(1,195)	(1,274)	(1,311)	(1,096)
6	Budget (Surplus) / Deficit	0	0	0	0	0	0
GENERAL FUND WORKING BALANCE							
		2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
7	Estimated Opening Balance	(1,415)	(1,505)	(1,515)	(1,525)	(1,525)	(1,525)
8a	Council Tax Grant 14/15	(65)	0	0	0	0	0
8b	Council Tax Grant 15/16	(65)	0	0	0	0	0
8c	Town Centre Initiatives	40	40	40	0	0	0
8d	Transitional Grant	0	(50)	(50)	0	0	0
9	Estimated Closing Balance	(1,505)	(1,515)	(1,525)	(1,525)	(1,525)	(1,525)