

Notes to Medium Term Financial Forecast

- 1** **Net Council Budget** – This represents the net expenditure prior to the Budget Framework savings.

- 2** **Forecast Resources** – These are the Council's main funding streams (excluding fees and charges which are incorporated into Line 1). To enable the total resources required to balance the budget to be identified, no assumptions have been made regarding future council tax increases. The small increase in revenue each year reflects anticipated housing growth in the borough.

The level of government grant is known for 2019/20.

- 2a / 2b** **Revenue Support Grant / Business Rates** - Following the introduction of the Business Rates Retention Scheme the local share of business rates will be uplifted by RPI each year until the system is reset this is shown in line 2b.

- 3** **Budget (Surplus) / Deficit** – This illustrates the gap between the budget and the total resources available before identifying budget framework savings.

- 5** **Savings to be identified** – This identifies the total resources that are required to balance the budget in future years after 2019/20.

- 8** **Town Centre Initiatives** – This relates to parking incentives and / or other town centre related items. Due to the short term nature this is being funded from the General Fund working balance rather than forming part of the base budget.