

## **County Council**

**24 February 2016**

**Report under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003**

**Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/17 to 2019/20 and Revenue and Capital Budget 2016/17**

**Council Tax Setting in Order to Meet the County Council's Council Tax Requirement for 2016/17**



**Key Decision Number Corp/R/15/02**

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**Report of Corporate Management Team**

**Joint Report of Don McLure, Corporate Director Resources and Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive**

**Councillor Alan Napier, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Finance**

**Councillor Simon Henig Leader of the Council**

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### **Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To advise Council that the reports relating to the requirement under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, the Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/17 to 2019/20 (MTFP( 6)) and Revenue and Capital Budget 2016/17 and in relation to Council Tax Setting have been delayed due to the late notification of the final Local Government Finance Settlement. The reports are expected to be made available by 18 February 2016.

### **Background**

- 2 On 13 January 2016 Cabinet received an update report on MTFP (6) and the 2016/17 Budget. The report provided information on the provisional local government finance settlement. The report also identified however that the final local government settlement was not expected until the end of January or possibly early February 2016.
- 3 In addition, the report identified that, at that point, the Council was awaiting further confirmation on our revenue specific grant allocations including Public Health and the Better Care Fund. All of our specific capital grant allocations were also still awaited at that time.
- 4 The final Local Government Finance Settlement was published on 8 February and it was therefore not possible to prepare the required budget

report as planned for 10 February Cabinet therefore a Special Cabinet Meeting was arranged for 17 February.

- 5 On this basis the release of papers to County Council needed to be delayed until Cabinet have recommended a budget to County Council for approval.
- 6 The Section 25 Report and the Council Tax Setting Report are dependent on the MTFP 6 and 2016/17 Revenue and Capital Budget Report being ready, therefore all three reports for County Council will be circulated and published by 18 February 2016.

#### **Recommendations and reasons**

- 7 That County Council note that the reports relating to the requirement under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, the Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/17 to 2019/20 (MTFP( 6)) and Revenue and Capital Budget 2016/17 and in relation to Council Tax Setting will be circulated by 18 February 2016.

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Finance -**

To be addressed as appropriate in the detailed report

### **Staffing –**

To be addressed as appropriate in the detailed report

### **Risk –**

To be addressed as appropriate in the detailed report

### **Equality and Diversity/ Public Sector Equality Duty -**

To be addressed as appropriate in the detailed report

### **Accommodation –**

To be addressed as appropriate in the detailed report

### **Crime and Disorder –**

To be addressed as appropriate in the detailed report

### **Human Rights –**

To be addressed as appropriate in the detailed report

### **Consultation –**

To be addressed as appropriate in the detailed report

### **Procurement –**

To be addressed as appropriate in the detailed report

### **Disability Issues –**

To be addressed as appropriate in the detailed report

### **Legal Implications –**

To be addressed as appropriate in the detailed report