

MINUTE EXTRACT

EFFICIENCY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

31 January 2017

PRESENT - Councillor I Haszeldine (in the Chair); Councillors Carson, Coultas, Crichlow, Crumbie, Johnson, K Nicholson, H Scott and C Taylor. (9)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Councillors Harker, Mrs D Jones, Kelley, Knowles Lawton, Mills and Wallis.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Paul Wildsmith, Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources. Elizabeth Davison, Assistant Director, Finance and Human Resources, Ian Thompson, Assistant Director, Community Services and Luke Swinhoe, Assistant Director, Law and Governance.

ER22. MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of all of this Council's Scrutiny Committee's which had been held to discuss the proposals contained within the MTFP 2017/18 to 2020/21, which were within their individual remits.

Members asked questions in relation to how the additional identified savings of £3.9 million which had been identified over the life of the MTFP had been achieved; the actual figures in relation to the reduction in car parking income and the loss of building cleaning and school meals provision; how the deficit within Children and Adult Social Care would be achieved and monitored; and progress in relation to the one-off investment to the voluntary sector development fund which had been allocated to develop new initiatives with the Voluntary Sector in the 2016/17 plan.

Following a question by a Member. the Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources reported that Cabinet, at its meeting held on 17th January, 2017, had agreed to approve the amendment to the Social Care Council tax Precept from two to three per cent in 2017/18 and 2018/19 and from two per cent to zero in 2019/20.

The Chair of the Place Scrutiny Committee also referred to a question which was asked at that Scrutiny Committee in relation to increased pension contributions and contingencies should a judicial review on Crown Street Library occur and he reported that reserves would be used should they be needed.

The chair reported that, in relation to the schedule of charges, all Scrutiny Committees would be requested, over the next financial year, to undertake a review of all non-statutory service charges within their individual remits in preparation for the 2018/19 plan.

RESOLVED – That, in relation to the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2017/18 – 2020/21, Cabinet be advised that the response of all of this Council's Scrutiny Committees is to support the proposals.