

**MINUTES  
EFFICIENCY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

25 January, 2018

**PRESENT** – Councillor Haszeldine (in the Chair); Councillors Coultas, Crichlow, Crumbie, Johnson, K Nicholson, H Scott and C Taylor. (8)

**APOLOGIES** – Councillor Carson

**ABSENT** –

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE** –

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE** – Elizabeth Davison, Assistant Director, Finance, Human Resources and Systems

**ER28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

**ER29. 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 Medium-Term Financial Plan, which were within their individual remits.

It was reported that all of the Scrutiny Committees had supported the proposed principles within the Futures Fund and the proposed Council Tax increase of 2.99 per cent plus the three per cent social care levy to fund adult social care for 2018/19.

Discussion ensued on the difficulties in formulating a response to Cabinet in relation to the proposed investment in the five themes within the Futures Fund until the full consultation period had ended and Cabinet had made its recommendations on the allocation of that funding and it was suggested that Scrutiny Committees could look again at the proposals once the position around those funds was known.

Particular references were made to the provisions of the Housing Revenue Account; the difficulties experienced by Councils as a result of the Government's cap on allowing local authorities to borrow funds against assets to build new affordable housing; the position in relation to monies held when developers, for economic reasons, did not meet the planning obligation to provide affordable housing and made an equivalent contribution to the authority to allocate towards another development or scheme; and the position in relation to capital receipts from land sales, which it was reported were referenced in the Project Position Statement which was submitted to Cabinet.

**RESOLVED** – (a) That, in relation to the Medium-Term Financial Plan, Cabinet be advised that :-

- (i) the response of all of this Council's Scrutiny Committees is to support the proposed Council Tax increase of 2.99 per cent plus the three per cent social
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care levy to fund adult social care and support, in principle, the proposals in relation to the five themes within the Futures Fund; and

(ii) once it has made its decision in relation to the allocation of funding within the Futures Fund, this Scrutiny Committee will look again at the position around those funds.

(b) That the following items be added to the future Work Programme of this Scrutiny Committee :-

- Procurement
  - School Transport (joint with Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee)
  - Car Parking Policy (joint with Place Scrutiny Committee)
  - Housing Revenue Account
  - Allocation of Section 106 monies
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