

Financial Sustainability and Budget Planning 2017 - 2022 Cabinet Recommendations

1. That the context and background to the County Council's financial prospects over the medium term, as set out in paragraphs 15 to 22 of the submitted report, be noted.
2. The achievement of £329m efficiency savings over the last five years and the further planned savings of £361m over the next five years be noted.
3. The impact of additional funding on the Council's financial sustainability, as set out in paragraph 35 of the submitted report, be noted.
4. The revised cash limit budgets for each service in the absence of additional funding from government grants, council tax, or business rates; or further savings, as detailed in paragraph 33 and annex 1 of the submitted report be approved.
5. That Cabinet Members and officers develop proposals on delivering services within the revised cash limits for a future Cabinet meeting, as set out in paragraph 33 of the submitted report.
6. The development of proposals to the Government for additional funding through the adult social care precept, business rates retention and for school places, as set out in paragraph 35 of the submitted report, be approved.
7. That Cabinet would welcome a County Council view before a decision is taken on the Government's four year settlement offer, and that an item seeking that view be included (in accordance with Article 8.2(c) of the Constitution) in Cabinet's report to Council on 11 October 2016.
8. That the executive decision to accept or decline the Government's four year settlement offer, as set out in paragraph 41 of the submitted report, be delegated to the Leader of the Council, for decision as soon as possible after the full Council meeting of 11 October 2016.
9. Subject to further minor adjustments agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Council's own response to the 100% Business Rates Retention consultation be approved, and the joint response from the 3SC local authorities, as detailed in paragraph 48 of the submitted report, be endorsed.
10. That Scrutiny Boards examine the key budget proposals and report back to Cabinet, as detailed in paragraph 34 of the submitted report.

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