

	<p>Council</p> <p>1 March 2016</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Report of Policy and Resources Committee, 16 February 2016 - Business Planning 2016-20</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Chief Executive Chief Operating Officer</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Urgent</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Key</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p>Appendix 1 – Report of the Policy and Resources Committee, 16 February 2016 Appendix A – Medium Term Financial Strategy Appendix B1 – Detailed Revenue Budgets, Savings, Pressures and Council Tax Schedules Appendix B2 – Theme Committee Revenue Budgets, Savings and Pressures Appendix C1 – Theme Committee Capital programme Appendix C2 – Capital Programme by Delivery Unit Appendix D – Housing Revenue Account Appendix E – Dedicated Schools Grant Appendix F – Fees and Charges Appendix G – Final Consultation report (<i>to follow</i>) Appendix H – Updated Cumulative and Individual Equality Impact Assessments (<i>to follow</i>) Appendix I – Treasury Management Strategy Appendix J – Transformation Programme Appendix K – Reserves and Balances Policy Appendix L – Write Offs Appendix M – Corporate Risk Register</p>

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Summary

This report encloses the report that was considered by Policy and Resources Committee and sets out the recommendations the Committee made to Full Council.

Recommendations

The report recommends that Council:

- 1.1 Note the final consultation report in Appendix G, the equalities impact assessments and the cumulative equalities impact assessments in Appendix H;**
- 1.2 Approve the MTFs attached as Appendix A and the detailed revenue budgets in Appendices B1 and B2. The MTFs sets out all of the budget changes over the period 2016-20, including assumptions around inflation, changes to levies, pressures, savings and grant funding. It is the model around which the council's financial strategy is based.**
- 1.3 Approve that the budget for 2016/17 is prepared on the basis of no increase to council tax in 2016/17, other than for the increase set out below in 1.4 – subject to the results of the current consultation;**
- 1.4 Approve application of the social care precept at 1.7% in 2016/17 – to help fund care for the elderly – subject to the results of the current consultation;**
- 1.5 Note that the Chief Finance Officer under his delegated powers in accordance with para 4.3.2 of the Financial Regulations has calculated the amount of 135,324 (band D equivalents) as the Council Tax base for the year 2016/17 [item T in the formula in Section 31B (1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")];**
- 1.6 Approve the following amounts calculated for the year 2016/17 in accordance with Sections 31(A) and (B), 34, 35 and 36 of the Act:**
 - a) £956,469,590 being the aggregate of the amounts which the council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) (a) to (f) of the Act;**
 - b) £804,761,913 being the aggregate of the amounts which the council estimated for the items set out in Section 31A(3) (a) to (d) of the Act;**
 - c) £151,707,677 being the amount by which the aggregate at 1.6(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 1.6(b) above, calculated by the council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (Item R in the formula section 31A(4) of the Act);**
 - d) £1,121.07 being the amount at 1.6(c) above (item R), divided by Item T**

(Item 1.5 above), calculated by the council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year;

London Borough of Barnet Valuation Bands (£)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
747.38	871.94	996.51	1121.07	1370.20	1619.32	1868.45	2242.14

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 1.6(d) above by the number which, in proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands;

1.7 Approve, on the advice of the Chief Finance Officer, that the council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2016/17 as set out in 1.6(d) above is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under section 52ZB and 52ZC of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, set out in the Referendums relating to Council Tax increases (Principles) Report (England) 2016/17;

1.8 Approve that for the year 2016/17 the Greater London Authority has provisionally indicated that the following amounts in precepts will be issued to the council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:

Greater London Authority Valuation Bands (£)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
184.00	214.67	245.33	276.00	337.33	398.67	460.00	552.00

1.9 Approve that having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 1.6(d) with the amounts at 1.8, the council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2016/17 for each of the categories dwellings shown below:

Council Tax for Area (£)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
931.38	1086.61	1241.84	1397.07	1707.53	2017.99	2328.45	2794.14

1.10 Approve that the Barnet Council Tax Support Scheme, adopted in January 2015, remain unchanged except for uprating in line with Department for Work and Pension changes for housing benefit.

1.11 Note that the working age non-dependent (ND) charges be uprated as set out in paragraph 1.6.14 of the Policy and Resources Committee Report.

1.12 Approve that in accordance with Section 38(2) of the Act the Chief Executive be instructed to place a notice in the local press of the amounts set under recommendation 1.9 above within a period of 21 days following the Council's decision;

1.13 Note the capital programme approved by Policy and Resources Committee as

set out in Appendix C1 and C2, and that the Chief Officers be authorised to take all necessary actions for implementation;

- 1.14 Approve that the Chief Finance Officer be authorised to adjust capital project budgets and financing in 2016/17 throughout the capital programme after the 2015/16 accounts are closed and the amount of slippage and budget carry forward required are known.
- 1.15 Approve the approval of the Treasury Management Strategy for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix I;
- 1.16 Note the following in relation to the Housing Revenue Account, approved by Policy and Resources Committee:
- a) The proposed rent decrease by 1% for council dwelling as set out in paragraph 1.9.3 to take effect from 1 April 2016;
 - b) The proposed increase to service charges for council dwelling as set out in paragraph 1.9.9 to take effect from 1 April 2016;
 - c) The proposed rent increase of 2% for council garages as set out in paragraph 1.9.9 to take effect from 1 April 2016,
- 1.17 Note the Housing Revenue Account estimates for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix D, approved by Policy and Resources Committee;
- 1.18 Note the submission of the Authority Proforma Tool in relation to the Dedicated Schools Budget as set out in Appendix E;
- 1.19 Note the Assurance fees and charges in Appendix F approved by Policy and Resources Committee, whilst noting the Adults, Children's and Environment fees and charges that were approved at their relevant Theme Committee as detailed in Appendix F;
- 1.20 Note the summary equality impact assessment (EIA) and cumulative assessment set out in section 5.6 of the Policy and Resources Committee report. Appendix H provides the cumulative impact and individual Delivery Unit assessments where significant changes to service delivery are proposed;
- 1.21 Approve the reserves and balances policy as set out in Appendix K and indicative amounts as set out in para 1.11 of the Policy and Resources Committee report and the Chief Finance Officer's assessment of adequacy of reserves in section 1.11. The Committee recommend to Council that CFO authorised to adjust balances in 2016/17 after 2015/16 accounts are closed and the amount of balances carry forward required are known;
- 1.22 Note the budget movements approved by Policy and Resources Committee as set out in para 1.12 of the Policy and Resources Committee report;
- 1.23 Note the transformation programme approved by Policy and Resources Committee as detailed in Appendix J and additional funding as set out in para 1.13 of the Policy and Resources Committee report;
- 1.24 Note the write offs approved by Policy and Resources Committee as detailed

in Appendix L and summarised in para 1.12.8 of the Policy and Resources Committee report;

1.25 Approve the corporate risk register as set out in Appendix M.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, 16 February 2016.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, 16 February 2016.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, 16 February 2016.

4 POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, 16 February 2016.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, 16 February 2016.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, 16 February 2016.

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, 16 February 2016.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 Constitution, Responsibility for Functions – sets out the functions of Full Council including approving the strategic financing of the Council, upon recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee.

5.4.2 On 15 July 2014 Council granted a General Dispensation to all Members to be present, speak and vote where they would otherwise have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on the grounds that it is appropriate to grant a dispensation to allow all Members to participate fully and is effective until the next Council elections. The general dispensation applies to Council Tax: Setting the

Council Tax or a Precept; and Decisions in relation to Council Tax Benefit.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, 16 February 2016.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 Policy and Resources Committee on 16 February considered the cumulative and individual equalities impact assessments in line with interim headline consultation findings.

5.6.2 The full report detailing the impacts following the closure of the consultation is attached at Appendix H.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 Policy and Resources Committee on 16 February considered the interim headline findings.

5.7.2 The full report detailing the results following the closure of the consultation is attached at Appendix G.

5.7.3 Insight

5.7.4 As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, 16 February 2016.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1.1 As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, 16 February 2016.