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<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Business Planning 2018-2020</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Councillor Richard Cornelius</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 13 February 2018 Appendix A – Medium Term Financial Strategy Appendix B – Council Tax Resolutions Appendix C1 – Detailed Revenue Budgets, Savings, Pressures and Council Tax Schedules Appendix C2 – Theme Committee Revenue Budgets, Savings and Pressures Appendix D – Capital Funding Changes Appendix E1 – Theme Committee Capital programme Appendix E2 – Capital Programme by Delivery Unit Appendix F – Housing Revenue Account Appendix G – Fees and Charges Appendix H – Consultation report Appendix I – Corporate Equalities Impact Analysis (CEIA) Appendix J – Treasury Management Strategy Appendix K – Reserves and Balances Policy Appendix L – Debt Management Policy Appendix M – Corporate Risk Register Appendix N – Corporate Plan Addendum</p>
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Summary

This report encloses the report that was considered by Policy and Resources Committee on 13 February 2018 and sets out the recommendations the Committee made to Full Council

Recommendations

That Council:

- 1 Consider the issues that have emerged from the consultation when making their decisions. Council will make the decisions below also being mindful of the equalities impact assessments including the cumulative equalities impact assessments;**
- 2 Approve the MTFS attached as Appendix A and the detailed revenue budgets in Appendices C1 and C2. The MTFS sets out all of the budget changes over the period 2017-20, 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;**
- 3 Approve that the budget for 2018/19 is prepared on the basis of no increase to general council tax in 2018/19, other than for the increase set out below on recommendation 4;**
- 4 Approve the applying of a social care precept at 3% in 2018/19 – to help fund care for vulnerable adults and the elderly;**
- 5 Approve the resolutions relating to Council Tax contained within Appendix B – Council Tax Resolutions;**
- 6 Approve, on the advice of the Chief Finance Officer, that it determines that the council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2018/19 as set out in Council Tax resolution (Appendix B) 2(iv) 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)(England) Report 2018/19;**
- 7 Approve that the Barnet Council Tax Support Scheme, adopted in January 2015, remains unchanged except for uprating in line with Department for Work and Pension changes for housing benefit (see 1.7.12 within Appendix 1;**
- 8 Notes that the working age non-dependent (ND) charges be uprated as set out in paragraph 1.7.13 within Appendix 1;**
- 9 Approve that in accordance with Section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 the Chief Executive be instructed to place a notice in the local press of the amounts set under recommendation 5 above within a period of 21 days following the Council's decision;**
- 10 Approve the capital programme as set out in Appendix E1 and E2, and that the Chief Officers be authorised to take all necessary actions for**

implementation;

- 11 **Note that the addition to the capital programme in relation to the Barnet Trees Policy (as per paragraph 1.8.16 in the 13th February 2018 P&R report) was approved in addition to the capital programme referred to in recommendation 10;**
- 12 **Note that the addition to the capital programme in relation to the Gaelic Playing pitch relocation (as per paragraph 1.8.20 in the 13th February 2018 P&R report) was approved in addition to the capital programme referred to in recommendation 10;**
- 13 **Note that the addition to the capital programme in relation to the Tranche 3 Affordable Homes Programme (as per paragraph 1.8.25 in the 13th February 2018 P&R report) was approved in addition to the capital programme referred to in recommendation 10;**
- 14 **Note that the addition to the capital programme in relation to the Housing Acquisition Programme (as per paragraph 1.8.29 in the 13th February 2018 P&R report) was approved in addition to the capital programme referred to in recommendation 10;**
- 15 **Delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer to adjust capital project budgets and financing in 2018/19 throughout the capital programme after the 2017/18 accounts are closed and the amount of slippage and budget carry forward required are known;**
- 16 **Note that the Treasury Management Strategy (Appendix J) is a live document and that the version recommended by Policy and Resources has been updated to reflect the proposed capital programme and the inclusion of lease financed capital expenditure;**
- 17 **Approve of the Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix J;**
- 18 **Approval of the following in relation to the Housing Revenue Account:**
 - a) **The proposed rent decrease by 1% for council dwellings as set out in Appendix 1 paragraph 1.10.3 to take effect from 1 April 2018;**
 - b) **The proposed increase to service charges for council dwellings as set out in Appendix 1 paragraph 1.10.9 to take effect from 1 April 2018; and,**
 - c) **The proposed rent increase of 3.1% for council garages as set out in Appendix 1 paragraph 1.10.9 to take effect from 1 April 2018.**
- 19 **Approval of the draft Schools Budget of £327.313m as per paragraph 1.6.8 in Appendix 1;**
- 20 **Note the draft Post-16 budget of £5.417m as per paragraph 1.6.8 in Appendix 1;**
- 21 **Approve that any changes to the Schools Budget reasonably required as a result of the final 2018/19 DSG and Post-16 settlement are delegated for**

decision to the Strategic Director - Children & Young People in consultation with the Director of Finance;

- 22 Note the Adults, Children's and Environment fees and charges that were approved at their relevant Theme Committee as detailed in Appendix G;**
- 23 Note the summary equality impact assessment (EIA) and cumulative assessment set out in section 5.6. of Appendix I provides the cumulative impact and individual Delivery Unit assessments where significant changes to service delivery are proposed;**
- 24 Approve the reserves and balances policy as set out in Appendix K and indicative amounts as set out in para 1.12 in Appendix 1 and the Chief Finance Officer's assessment of adequacy of reserves in section 1.12 in Appendix 1. That Council delegate authority to the CFO to adjust balances in 2018/19 after 2017/18 accounts are closed and the amount of balances carry forward required are known;**
- 25 Note the changes to the underlying financial strategy of the Council as set out in paragraph 1.4.20 within Appendix 1 and approved by Policy and Resources Committee;**
- 26 Note the budget movements as set out in paragraph 1.15 in Appendix 1 and approved by Policy and Resources Committee;**
- 27 Approve the write offs as detailed in paragraph 1.16 in Appendix 1;**
- 28 Approve the corporate risk register as set out in Appendix M;**
- 29 Approve the Corporate Plan – 2018/19 addendum attached as Appendix N, subject to any changes to the relevant appendices by Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee on 12 March or Community Leadership Committee on 15 March; and**
- 30 Note the establishment of a Collection Fund Smoothing Reserve as set out in paragraph 1.12.10 of Appendix 1 and approved by Policy and Resources Committee.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1. As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, 13 February 2018

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, 13 February 2018.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, 13 February 2018.

4 POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, 13 February 2018.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, 13 February 2018.

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 13 February 2018.

5.3 Social Value

- 5.3.1 As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, 13 February 2018.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Section 1 states that “Only the full Council will exercise the following functions:

1.1 Approving the strategic financing of the Council upon recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee including:

- 1.1.1. Determination of the financial strategy;
- 1.1.2. Approval of the Budget
- 1.1.3. Approval of the capital programme;
- 1.1.4. Setting the Council Tax;
- 1.1.5. Determination of fees and charges where authority to set these has not been delegated and
- 1.1.6. Determination of borrowing limits

- 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, 13 February 2018.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, 13 February 2018.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, 13 February 2018.

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, 13 February 2018.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 As set out in the Report to Policy and Resources Committee 13 February 2018.