

<b>Key Decision Required</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>In the Forward Plan</b>	<b>No</b>
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## CABINET

10 NOVEMBER 2017

### REFERENCE REPORT FROM CORPORATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF 25 SEPTEMBER 2017

#### A.6 LONG TERM FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN/TEN YEAR FORECAST (Report prepared by Richard Barrett and Anastasia Simpson)

#### **BACKGROUND**

At the Corporate Management Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 the Committee received a report from the Corporate Director, Corporate Services regarding the Council's Long Term Financial Sustainability Plan/Ten Year Forecast.

It was reported that, at its meeting held on 5 September 2017, Cabinet had considered the Long term Financial Sustainability Plan /Ten Year Forecast and it was resolved:

That Cabinet:

- (a) Agrees the revised long terms financial sustainability approach and associated ten year forecast that is set out in this report;
- (b) Subject to (a) above , requests officers to continue their work in developing an associated delivery plan, in consultation with portfolio Holders , to support the delivery of the ten year forecast and in particular the budget for 2018/19;
- (c) Consults the Corporate Management Committee on the revised approach being taken as set out in this report;
- (d) That subject to (a) above, agrees that the Local Council Tax Support Scheme grant to Town and Parish Council's be removed from the budget via the phased approach set out in the ten year forecast ; and
- (e) Agrees to make an additional one-off contribution of £1.200m to the Beach Recharge Reserve in 2017/18, funded by £0.202m from the Fit for Purpose budget and £0.998m from the New Homes Bonus Budget.

A number of questions were asked by the Committee and answered by the Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits , in attendance at the Committee.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS TO CABINET**

Following discussion, it was moved by Councillor Steady, seconded by Councillor Scott and **AGREED** that the Committee **COMMENTS / RECOMMENDS TO CABINET** that:-

- (a) the Committee supports the Long Term Financial Sustainability Plan / 10 Year Forecast; and
- (b) In respect of the money set aside for the beach recharge, the Committee thinks that it is important to ensure that the best return is achieved on the £1.5 million that will be held in reserves in the interim period

Councillor Stephenson had voted against the above and confirmed that this was fundamentally because of his concerns in regards to the beach recharge using one off money to pay for an ongoing cost.

Cabinet is now asked to consider the comments and recommendations of the Corporate Management Committee held on 25 September 2017.

## **PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET**

### **Comments**

The Portfolio Holder thanks CMC for its comments and recommendations.

### **Recommendations to Cabinet**

- (a) That Cabinet is pleased that the Committee supports the Long term Financial Sustainability Plan and Ten Year Forecast.
- (b) That the Council already has treasury / investment policies in place that seek to obtain the best possible returns on its reserves whilst balancing the security of the investment. However, the Committee's comments will be considered where opportunities to obtain greater returns across its entire investment portfolio become available in the future.