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**TO EACH MEMBER OF THE
EXECUTIVE**

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Dear Councillor

EXECUTIVE - Tuesday 7 February 2017

Further to the Agenda and papers for the above meeting, previously circulated, please find attached the following:-

- **Budget 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Plan –**
 - Appendix A(i) feedback on the budget consultation;
 - an addendum to Appendix F – Legal Requirements. This provides some additional exemplification of the legal considerations for certain specific efficiencies (Category C – Withdrawing Services). This is additional information to that provided at Appendix F in the Agenda; and
 - Appendix J recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
- **Social Care, Health & Housing Fees & Charges 2017/18 –** Appendix D recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
- **Treasury Management Strategy and Treasury Policy –** Appendix F recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- **Proposal to make a Prescribed Alteration to Robert Peel Foundation Lower School, Sandy, St Swithuns VC Lower School, Sandy and John Donne C of E Lower School, Blunham –** Appendix C recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- **Proposed Change of Age Range for Shillington Lower School from 4-9 to 2-9 years of age –** Appendix B recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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Yours sincerely

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Budget Consultation

Appendix A(i)

1. Purpose of Consultation on the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP)

The Council has a specific legal responsibility to consult with non domestic rate payers on its budget. It is also considered good practice for local authorities to consult with council tax payers on budget proposals and council tax options.

Since its creation in 2009, Central Bedfordshire has conducted such consultation on an annual basis.

2. The Consultation Process for the MTFP

Following the announcement of the local government settlement by the Government in December, a consultation document was prepared based on the revised draft budget options which included questions on:

- Opinions on a proposed 3% levy for adult social care
- Opinions on a potential further 1.75% increase in Council Tax
- Opinions on a range of savings proposals.

This document was made available both as an online survey and a paper questionnaire.

The consultation was launched on 4th January 2017 and concluded on 30th January in order to maximise the opportunity for the public to respond.

The consultation was supported by a comprehensive communications campaign which alerted the public to the opportunity to express their views through various promotional activities.

News releases were issued to local media groups across the area, resulting in good uptake of key messages to promote the consultation with page leads in many print titles (Leighton Buzzard Observer, Biggleswade Chronicle, Times Citizen) and features on local news websites (Dunstable Today and Bedfordshire Today).

Councillors, Members of Parliament and partner organisations were invited to help promote the exercise with promotional posters and paper copies of the questionnaires being distributed to our Customer Service outlets and Libraries.

In addition to inviting feedback via the survey, a number of stakeholder groups were also provided with briefings, such as the Equality Forum, the Older Persons Network, Bedfordshire Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Small Businesses.

A sustained on line campaign for the public was managed with promotion via social media, email bulletins and the website. Businesses were also targeted, with the promotion of the survey on dedicated websites and social media channels, such as Let's

The Budget 2017 webpages had more than 11,500 visits across the campaign demonstrating the level of reach and interest in the consultation.

3. Feedback on the MTFP Proposals

a. The Response Rate

In total some 1066 Central Bedfordshire residents participated in the consultation by completing the survey.

b. Council Tax

Whilst significant minorities of respondents disagreed with the proposals to introduce a 3% levy for adult social care an overall a majority 55% of respondents supported these measures.

Responses on the proposal to introduce a 1.75% increase in council tax in addition to the levy were also supported by 53% of respondents agreeing and 45% of respondents disagreeing.

Q1. Central Government has introduced an Adult Social Care levy (known as a precept) which requires local people to contribute towards the cost of services for older and vulnerable residents. Central Bedfordshire Council proposes to raise council tax by up to 3% for the social care precept which would increase the amount that an average household would pay by 78 pence per week. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this proposal?

55% of respondents to the consultation indicated that they agreed with the proposal for a 3% levy for adult social care.

43% of respondents indicated that they disagreed.

1% of respondents indicated that they didn't know.

Q2. In light of reducing grant funding to local councils, Central Bedfordshire Council proposes to increase council tax by 1.75% to protect the services it provides in addition to adult social care. This would increase the amount that an average household would pay by a further 46 pence per week. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this proposal?

53% of respondents agreed with the proposal for a 1.75% rise in Council Tax, in addition to the 3% level for Adult Social Care.

45% of respondents indicated that they disagreed.

2% of respondents indicated that they didn't know.

c. Savings Proposals

The proposals were regarded positively by a majority of respondents:

89% of respondents supported efficiency measures that will save money without affecting customer experience. (9% disagreed).

86% of respondents supported the proposal to save money by getting involved sooner in situations where children, families or adults become vulnerable, so that more intense, expensive and long-term support is not required. (10% disagreed).

70% of respondents supported the proposal to reduce the financial demands it faces in some areas by giving customers the option to make their own contribution to "top up" the service they receive. (26% disagreed).

68% of respondents supported the proposal to generate income by providing some of its services on a commercial basis to other organisations and reviewing its charges for some other services. (27% disagreed).

64% of respondents supported the proposal to withdraw or reduce what it offers where there isn't high demand for services. (33% disagreed).

d. Open Field Commentary

In response to the invitation to make a further comment about the budget proposals, some 548 respondents chose to do so.

Frequent reference was made to a need for **Central Government to do more to meet the additional funding gap for Social Care through income tax**, rather than applying Social Levy increases through local Council Taxation.

"I support the increase in council tax to fund adult social care only because this service needs the finance. This ought to be funded by central government to ensure there is no postcode lottery"

Another frequently raised point was about **the difficulty people faced in meeting the increase charges**. There were repeat references to the challenges those on fixed incomes would face, particularly pensioners (who were overrepresented in the sample).

"As a pensioner every penny counts and with the low inflation rates pensions are either static or with very small increases. An increase of this extent will obviously have an impact on my disposable income, therefore reducing my savings making it more likely that I will not be able to fund my own care should the need arise. Swings and roundabouts!".

Many residents wanted the Council to **ensure that they continued to get best value for money**, particularly there was a concern from residents living in villages and rural areas were less well serviced by the existing infrastructure e.g. buses

“As far as we are concerned, living in a rural area in Central Bedfordshire means we are forgotten! Minimal services provided while the towns benefit from the villages' poor services”.

In terms of suggestions for savings, there were a number of recurring themes.

A significant number of respondents commented on **remuneration of both Members and Officers and on levels of management**.

“Don't reduce community services to save a few pennies. Look at the salaries of the higher council officers many are earning more than our MPs who run the country not just part of a small county”.

Many residents supported the proposed efficiency measures; however some felt that some **efficiencies may not be achievable without impacting customer experience**.

“Efficiency measures have so far had a negative effect in customer experience by moving to fortnightly grey bin collection”.

A repeat theme was residents expressing **concern over proposals to cut services**, particularly where it was felt that this may cause an inequality for some groups.

“I strongly disagree with cuts to services and introduction/increase of fees for services that are already provided. These sorts of measures disproportionately affect those on lower incomes”.

Other comments included the need to **continue to invest and upgrade the local infrastructure** and many residents put forward ideas to **encourage environmentally sustainable policies** through incentivising community support

“Investment in business services especially in business start up facilities creates new businesses in the area and increase employment and increase income from business rates reducing the need for such harsh increases in council tax. The council needs to start planning for the future rather than surviving today”.

“Introduce both incentives (and penalties?) for service users to encourage increased and correct recycling, reducing food waste and spearheading neighbourhood involvement. Example maybe: 1) The introduction of an incentive which adds 'credits' or 'cashback' to their council tax (for the following year) by way of litter picking and uploading before/after images to an

app. 2) Possibly a joint partnership evolved by way of Section 106 agreements with developers/large businesses that encourage local/affected neighbourhoods to 'combine efforts' for a common cause - voluntary transport schemes for school runs, older persons shopping buses"

There were balanced views from residents on the **proposed introduction of top-up contributions for services**; some residents supported the idea but wanted to ensure it was fair to everyone.

"I support the principle of 'top up' of service as long as the core service does cover the needs of clients".

"I also agree with residents not eligible for financial assistance being able to pay to top up services in order to keep them affordable for those that most needs them".

e. Demographic profile of respondents

The Budget consultation is open to everyone to take part; this means that the sample of respondents will not necessarily be representative of the wider community.

The data collected on demography indicates that

Older people aged between 60-74 years were the largest group to respond to the budget consultation. Consequently the views of this group are also overrepresented with 42% of respondents being between 60 to 74 years old compared to the Central Bedfordshire average of 15%

Conversely the views of younger people are underrepresented. Whilst we know that approximately 11% of our population are young working age people, only 3% of respondents to the survey were from the 20-29 years age group.

The number of respondents aged 30-44 were slightly overrepresented with 23% responding, the Central Bedfordshire average for this age group is 20%. The number of respondents aged 45-59 were also overrepresented with 26% responding, the Central Bedfordshire average for this age group of 22%.

The analysis by equality groups was broadly in line with overall responses.

People with disabilities were somewhat underrepresented in the consultation with 7% indicating that they had a disability compared to the Central Bedfordshire average 14%.

The ethnicity profile of respondents was broadly in line with the Central Bedfordshire demographic profile of residents.

Information Sources:

Gender: 2011 Census Table KS101EW, Usual resident population

Age: Office for National Statistics, 2015 Mid Year Estimate

Disability: Office for National Statistics, 2011 Census, Table QS303EW, Long-term health problem or disability

Ethnicity: Office for National Statistics, 2011 Census, Table KS201EW, Ethnic group

f. Equality Forum Feedback

Central Bedfordshire Council has a statutory duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics; age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

Public authorities must demonstrate that they are making financial decisions in a fair, transparent and accountable way, considering the needs and the rights of different members of their community. This is achieved through assessing the impact that changes could have on different protected groups.

All the efficiency proposals have been screened to assess their potential relevance to equality. A number of efficiency proposals will be subject to formal consultation and Equality Impact Assessment in the coming months. As part of the consultation process, the proposals have been considered by the Central Bedfordshire Equality Forum which acts as an advisory and consultative body to the Council. Feedback is provided below.

Social Care Health and Housing

In relation to delivering improved care and reablement services, a member of the Forum highlighted the importance of speech and language services in assessing an individual's ability to swallow and the resulting impact on their capacity to eat and drink.

Whilst Forum members understood the need to review and modernise service provision relating to Learning Disabilities, they expressed concern relating to the particular vulnerabilities and isolation experienced by this section of the community. Forum members requested that officers leading on the Day Opportunities Review and the Learning Disability Market Position Statement be invited to attend future meetings of the Forum.

Forum members indicated that they would like to be involved in the proposals relating to clarification of the social care offer for new customers and the review of the offer to Carer's.

As part of the discussion relating to Intensive Property Management, Forum members endorsed the important role of housing officers in providing support to tenants and residents in terms of helping them fully understand their housing options and explaining relevant processes.

Forum members also expressed concern that a possible reduction in the number of face to face, customer contact centres could potentially

disadvantage vulnerable sections of the community and requested that the lead officer be invited to attend a future meeting of the Forum to discuss this further.

Children Services

Forum members were pleased to see recognition, as a budget pressure, of the need to provide support to Child and Adult Mental Health services.

Concern was expressed as to how it would be possible to reduce numbers of looked after children, at a time when numbers are rising nationally and when the Council's budget proposals have also identified the need to review early intervention services including Children's Centres and youth support.

Forum members requested that a member of the Children Services Management Team attend a future meeting of the Forum as part of the consultation relating to the Children's Services Transformation Plan.

Public Health

Forum members requested that a member of the Public Health Management Team be invited to attend a future meeting so that the Forum could develop a deeper understanding of the Public Health proposals.

4. Consultation on the Housing Revenue Account

The draft HRA budget report was presented to the Social Care, Health & Housing and Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committees during January 2017. Comments from these meetings are reported in appendix J to the General Fund budget reports. Consultation with the Tenant Investment Panel (TIP) over the Investment Plan occurred during the autumn of 2016, with full tenant approval of all project lines.

Tenant involvement in the budget process has been greater than in previous years. Tenants were keen to be informed of the legislative changes and the impact on the Investment Plan, and then to have an influence over the revisions required. The Budget and Investment Plan were approved by a joint meeting of the Way Forward Panel, Sheltered Tenants Action Group (STAG) and TIP on 10 January 2017. Tenants emphasised the importance of engagement with tenants and residents over plans for retail units at Houghton Regis Central, and in relation to the redevelopment of garage sites. The Housing Service will ensure that in both cases regular briefings and consultation will take place with tenant groups, and the communities concerned.

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Appendix F – legal Requirements – Addendum A

More detailed advice on the legal implications of proposed efficiencies will be required as and when the detail and specifics of a particular proposed efficiency are determined.

Attention is drawn to the following legislation relating to the specific efficiencies identified in this addendum.

Social Care Health & Housing

Efficiency 2 - Workchoice.

Under the Care Act 2014 the Council has a duty to meet an adult's assessed needs for care and support which meet the eligibility criteria (s.18(1)) and certain conditions are satisfied. Carrying out the care and support function must be done in a way which promotes an adult's wellbeing (s.1) which includes their participation in work, education, training or recreation. How this duty is complied with depends on the particular circumstances and the Council should consider each case on its own merits. Withdrawal of this service will require an equality impact assessment and consultation on alternative options available before proceeding both in relation to existing service users and future provision.

Children's Services

Efficiency - End remaining Speech And Language Therapy & Homestart parenting support contracts not taken out in 2016/17.

Under the Children Act 1989 the Council has a general duty to promote the welfare of children within their area who are in need by providing a range and level of services appropriate to those children's needs (s.17(1))

For these purposes s.17(10) states a child shall be taken to be in need if—

- (a) he is unlikely to achieve or maintain, or to have the opportunity of achieving or maintaining, a reasonable standard of health or development without the provision for him of services by a local authority under this Part;
- (b) his health or development is likely to be significantly impaired, or further impaired, without the provision for him of such services; or
- (c) he is disabled

Specific needs are detailed as follows:

S.17(11) For the purposes of this Part, a child is disabled if he is blind, deaf or dumb or suffers from mental disorder of any kind or is substantially and permanently handicapped by illness, injury or congenital deformity or such other disability as may be prescribed; and in this Part—
“development” means physical, intellectual, emotional, social or behavioural development; and
“health” means physical or mental health.

S.17 also allows the provision of services for children in need to be provided in various ways and repayment for the cost of those services to be made although this is to be means tested:

S.17(5) Every local authority—

- (a) shall facilitate the provision by others (including in particular voluntary organisations) of services which [it is a function of the authority] to provide by virtue of this section, or section 18, 20, [[22A to 22C], 23B to 23D, 24A or 24B]; and

(b) may make such arrangements as they see fit for any person to act on their behalf in the provision of any such service.

S.17(6) The services provided by a local authority in the exercise of functions conferred on them by this section may include [providing accommodation and] giving assistance in kind or . . . in cash.

S.17(7) Assistance may be unconditional or subject to conditions as to the repayment of the assistance or of its value (in whole or in part).

Any review will need to take account of service users wishes under the Children Act 1989, circumstances of individual cases (including obligations in respect of any Special Educational Needs), and contract terms and conditions and appropriate Equality Impact Assessments and Consultation will need to take place.

Community Services

CS1718E019 – Highways Contracts - removal of school crossing patrols on zebra crossings

Power to provide school crossings contained in Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

S.26 Arrangements for patrolling school crossings

(1) Arrangements may be made by the appropriate authority for the patrolling of places where children cross roads on their way to or from school, or from one part of a school to another, . . . by persons appointed by or on behalf of the appropriate authority, other than constables.

(1A) Arrangements under subsection (1) above may be made for patrolling places at such times as the authority thinks fit.

(4) In taking decisions as to making arrangements under subsection (1) above . . . in England or Wales, the council of a county . . . shall have regard to any representations made to them . . . by local authorities for localities in the county...

(5) Any arrangements under subsection (1) above . . . if made in England or Wales by the council of the county... as respects places in the county...or district, may include an agreement between that council and the chief officer of police of the police force maintained for the police area in which those places are, . . . for the performance by the chief officer, . . . on such terms as may be specified in the agreement, of such functions for the purposes of the arrangements as may be so specified. Adequate impact assessments and appropriate consultation exercises will need to be carried out once specific patrols have been identified.

Efficiency - CS1718E037 Waste - Reduction of HWRC Opening hours.

The Council is obliged to provide places to deposit waste to residents which should be available at all reasonable times:

Environmental Protection Act 1990

S.51 Functions of waste disposal authorities

(1) It shall be the duty of each waste disposal authority to arrange—

(b) for places to be provided at which persons resident in its area may deposit their household waste and for the disposal of waste so deposited;

(2) The arrangements made by a waste disposal authority under subsection (1)(b) above shall be such as to secure that—

(a) each place is situated either within the area of the authority or so as to be reasonably accessible to persons resident in its area;

(b) each place is available for the deposit of waste at all reasonable times (including at least one period on the Saturday or following day of each week except a week in which the Saturday is 25th December or 1st January);

(c) each place is available for the deposit of waste free of charge by persons resident in the area; but the arrangements may restrict the availability of specified places to specified descriptions of

waste.

An assessment of what is reasonable in relation to each centre will be required as will any appropriate consultation

Public Health

Efficiency – PH13 Aspire Neuro Linguistic Programming.

Efficiency PH 14 Re-focus healthcheck programme.

Efficiency - PH15 Adult weight management

Efficiency PH 16 and PH 17 Healthchecks

S.2B(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006 imposes a duty on the Council to "take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of the people in its area." These steps may include providing information and advice; providing services or facilities to promote health living; providing services or facilities for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of illness; financial incentives to encourage healthier lifestyles and making available the services of any person or any facilities.

Under the Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013 in exercising the duty above the Council is obliged to offer health checks to all eligible persons between the ages of 40 and 74 once in every relevant period. Both eligibility and relevant period are specifically prescribed in the Regulations and should be complied with. Eligibility for healthchecks does not include persons with diagnoses detailed in sub-clauses 4(1)(a) to (c) of the Regulations as detailed.

Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013

4 Health check assessment

- (1) In the exercise of its functions under section 2B of the Act (functions of local authorities and Secretary of State as to improvement of public health), each local authority shall provide, or shall make arrangements to secure the provision of, health checks to be offered to eligible persons in its area.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (5), in this regulation, an eligible person is a person in the local authority's area who is aged from 40 to 74 years.
- (3) Each eligible person shall be offered a health check once in every relevant period.
- (4) For the purposes of this regulation, the relevant period is—
 - (a) in the case of a person who is an eligible person on the date that this Part comes into force
 - (i) the period of five years starting with that date, and
 - (ii) each subsequent period of five years starting on the date on which the previous health check was offered;
 - (b) in the case of a person who becomes an eligible person (whether or not that person has ever previously been an eligible person) on a date after the date that this Part comes into force,
 - (i) the period of five years starting with the date on which the person becomes an eligible person, and
 - (ii) each subsequent period of five years starting on the date on which the previous health check was offered.

- (5) Any person of a description specified in this paragraph shall not be an eligible person for the purposes of this regulation—
- (a) a person who has been diagnosed with any of the following—
 - (i) coronary heart disease,
 - (ii) chronic kidney disease (CKD), being CKD which has been classified as stage 3, 4 or 5 CKD within the meaning of the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence clinical guideline 73 on Chronic Kidney Disease, published September 2008,
 - (iii) diabetes,
 - (iv) hypertension,
 - (v) atrial fibrillation,
 - (vi) transient ischaemic attack,
 - (vii) hypercholesterolaemia,
 - (viii) heart failure,
 - (ix) peripheral arterial disease,
 - (x) stroke;
 - (b) a person who is being prescribed statins for the purpose of lowering cholesterol;
 - (c) a person who has been assessed, either through a previous NHS health check or through any other check undertaken through the health service in England, as having a twenty per cent or higher risk of having a cardiovascular event during the ten years following the check.
- (6) In discharging the requirement under paragraph (1), the local authority shall act with a view to securing continuous improvement in the percentage of eligible persons in its area participating in the health checks.

Appendix J

Subject: Overview and Scrutiny Committee comments on the draft Budget 2017/18, Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP), Capital Programme and Housing Revenue account reports

Summary: This summary provides Members with the draft recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees (OSCs) during their consideration of the above reports during January 2017.

Item 08	Draft Budget 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP)
1.	<p>Children’s Services OSC recommended:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the Committee acknowledge the financial challenges and proposed efficiencies presented, broadly supporting the Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan. (ii) That the Executive consider increasing Council Tax by 3% for the Adult Care precept for two years with a 0% increase in the third year. (iii) That the Executive seek the opportunity to secure and ring fence additional funding for Children’s Services.
2.	<p>Corporate Resources OSC recommended:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the Committee recognise the financial challenges and proposed efficiencies presented in the Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan. (ii) The Committee agreed that the Executive consider increasing the general element of Council Tax by 1.5%. (iii) That the Executive consider increasing Council Tax by 3% for the Adult Social Care precept for two years with a 0% increase in the third year.
3.	<p>Social Care, Health and Housing OSC recommended:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That Executive approves the approach to the draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 – 2020/21. (ii) That the Committee urges any preventative work to try to reduce future demands wherever possible. (iii) That the Committee urges officers to consider any additional ways for businesses to support those under the Workchoice scheme. (iv) That the Committee urges the creation of an integrated workforce especially in relation to health and social care to improve the efficiency of our service. (v) That the Committee recognises the need to ensure our business systems are fit for purpose and that essential information is capable of being shared between relevant parties with confidence. (vi) That the Committee looks forward to receiving a report on proposals for a Local Authority Trading Company and what advantages this might bring. (vii) That the Committee endorses the draft budget as a basis for consultation. <p>NOTED the areas and pressures of increased demand in what are demand led services and the work to meet the financial pressures.</p>
4.	<p>Sustainable Communities OSC recommended:-</p> <p>That the Committee broadly support the Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan including proposed increases to Council Tax.</p>

Appendix J

Item 09	Draft Capital Programme (2017/18 - 2020/21)
1.	Children's Services OSC recommended:- That the Committee support the Capital programme and endorse the report to the Executive.
2.	Corporate Resources OSC recommended:- That the Executive receive and approve in full the draft Capital Programme 2017/18 – 2020/21.
3.	Social Care, Health and Housing OSC recommended:- (i) That the Committee supports the Draft Capital Programme 2017/18 – 2020/21. (ii) That the Committee agrees the draft capital programme as a basis for consultation. Noted the allocation of monies to health and social care hubs be included with work continuing in this area.
4.	Sustainable Communities OSC recommended:- That the Committee support the Capital programme and endorse the report to the Executive.

Item 10	Draft Budget for the Housing Revenue Account (Landlord Services) 2017/18 – 2020/21 and Business Plan
1.	Corporate Resources OSC recommended:- Recommended that the Executive receive and approve in full the draft Budget for the Housing Revenue Account (Landlord Services) 2017/18 – 2020/21 and Business Plan as set out.
2.	Social Care, Health and Housing OSC recommended:- That the Committee welcomes the opportunity to enhance the existing housing stock identified under the Sheltered Housing Review and the success of Priory View, Dunstable and the ambition to deliver further new build schemes. Noted the pressures on homelessness and the demographic change and welcomes the constructive response to meet future housing needs. Noted the self financing debt repayment under the 30 year Business Plan period.

Appendix D

Subject: Social Care, Health and Housing Fees and Charges (2017/18)

Summary: This note provides Executive with the recommendations of the Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee during their consideration of the Fees and Charges on 23 January 2017.

Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Recommended the Executive receive and approve the Social Care Health and Housing Fees and Charges for 2017/18 subject to further consideration by the Executive Members on the charges for guest room and room hire at Priory View raised by a resident.

Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

RECOMMENDED that the Committee supports the need to raise certain fees and charges where set out subject to a request from a public speaker that the charges for room hire by residents at Priory View for internal events and the cost of guest accommodation be reviewed and the need for the Council to recover the costs associated with providing such accommodation.

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Appendix F

Subject: Treasury Management Strategy and Treasury Policy

Summary: This note provides Executive with the recommendations of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee during their consideration of the above report on 24 January 2017.

RECOMMENDED that the Committee endorse the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy and the proposed change to the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy to Executive.

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Appendix C

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Agenda Item 14

Proposal to make a prescribed alteration to Robert Peel Foundation Lower School, St Swithuns VC Lower School, Sandy and John Donne CofE Lower School, Blunham

The Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the above report on 17 January 2017. The Committee:

RECOMMENDED to support the proposed changes and endorse the report to the Executive, recognising the need to ensure a coordinated approach led by the Authority in order to effectively communicate with all partners and address parental concerns.

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Appendix B

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Agenda Item 15

Proposed Change of Age Range for Shillington Lower School from 4-9 to 2-9 years of age

The Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the above report on 17 January 2017. The Committee:

RECOMMENDED to support the proposed changes and that the Executive ensure that a focus be placed on the financial implications of future structural changes to schools.

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