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Meeting: Combined Fire Authority

Date: 7th February 2018

Subject: Budget Strategy 2018/19 to 2020/21 – Formal Resolutions

Report by: The Chief Fire and Rescue Officer / The Treasurer

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For: Decision

1. Purpose

1.1 The Authority is required to set its Council Tax for 2018/19 and issue precepts to billing authorities before 1st March, under the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

2. Recommendations

The Authority is recommended (subject to 2.17 below) to:

- 2.1 Approve the budget for 2018/19, and the budget strategy described in the report, subject to changes which reflect final rates figures notified by billing authorities, as now reported by the Treasurer (and which are reflected in this resolution).
- 2.2 Note that the final position enables an additional one off contribution to the estates strategy reserve of £350,000.
- 2.3 Approve the capital programme described at paragraph 10, and authorise schemes to be committed where stated;
- 2.4 Approve the strategy for deploying the estates strategy reserve, described at paragraph 12.
- 2.5 Approve the changes to reserves described at paragraph 12.
- 2.6 Note comments received on the draft budget;
- 2.7 Note that the aggregate of the taxbases communicated by billing authorities for 2018/19 is 316,685.05. [Item T in the formula in Section 42B of the Act].
- 2.8 Agree the following amounts be calculated for the year 2018/19 in accordance with Section 42A and Section 42B of the Act:
- (a) £36,111,689 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Authority estimates for the items set out in Section 42A(2) of the Act.

- (b) £15,619,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Authority estimates for the items set out in Section 42A(3) of the Act.
- (c) £20,492,689 being the amount by which (a) above exceeds (b) above, calculated by the Authority in accordance with Section 42A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax Requirement for the year. [Item R in the formula in Section 42B of the Act].
- (d) £64.7100 being the amount at (c) above (Item R) divided by the amount at 2.7 above (Item T), calculated by the Authority in accordance with Section 42B of the Act as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

- 2.9 Agree that the Authority, in accordance with Section 47 of the Act, hereby sets the amounts shown in the appendix to this resolution as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2018/19 for each of the valuation bands.
- 2.10 Agree that, in accordance with Section 48 of the Act, precepts be issued to each billing authority in the amount shown on the appendix to this resolution.
- 2.11 Note the view of the Treasurer that reserves are adequate during 2018/19, and that estimates used to prepare the budget are robust;
- 2.12 Approve the treasury strategy and prudential indicators described in paragraph 15 of the report, and Appendix 3;
- 2.13 Approve the proposed policy on minimum revenue provision described in paragraph 16 of the report and Appendix 4;
- 2.14 Note the equality implications arising from the budget, as described at paragraph 17;
- 2.15 Approve the scheme of virement described at Appendix 5 to the report.
- 2.16 Determine under Section 52ZB of the Act, that the relevant basic amount of council tax for 2018/19 is not excessive in accordance with principles issued under section 52ZC of the Act and expected to be approved by Parliament (being an increase of less than 3%); and that in the event that the local government finance settlement has not been approved by 7th February, delegate the making of this determination to the Chief Fire Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair.
- 2.17 Note that should the Chief Fire Officer not be able to make the determination referred in 2.16 above, that resolutions 2.1 to 2.15 above shall be deemed not to be approved, and that an emergency meeting of the CFA shall be convened.

Combined Fire Authority - Taxes and Precepts 2018/19
Appendix to Formal Resolution

<u>1. Tax per Band:-</u>	Ratio	2017/18 Tax £	2018/19 Tax £
A	6	41.8933	43.1400
B	7	48.8756	50.3300
C	8	55.8578	57.5200
D	9	62.8400	64.7100
E	11	76.8044	79.0900
F	13	90.7689	93.4700
G	15	104.7333	107.8500
H	18	125.6800	129.4200

2. Council Tax Bases 2017/18 & 2018/19

Authority	2017/18 Tax Base	2018/19 Tax Base	Increase
Blaby	32,448.66	32,944.05	495.39
Charnwood	54,583.50	55,525.80	942.30
Harborough	33,482.00	34,663.80	1,181.80
Hinckley & Bosworth	37,362.00	38,118.00	756.00
Leicester City	70,825.00	71,632.00	807.00
Melton	18,110.20	18,379.50	269.30
North West Leicestershire	31,262.00	32,852.00	1,590.00
Oadby & Wigston	17,155.70	17,257.00	101.30
Rutland	15,024.60	15,312.90	288.30
Total	310,253.66	316,685.05	6,431.39

3. Precept Levels 2017/18 & 2018/19

Authority	2017/18 Precept £	2018/19 Precept £	Increase £
Blaby	2,039,074	2,131,809	92,735
Charnwood	3,430,027	3,593,075	163,048
Harborough	2,104,009	2,243,094	139,085
Hinckley & Bosworth	2,347,828	2,466,616	118,788
Leicester City	4,450,643	4,635,307	184,664
Melton	1,138,045	1,189,337	51,292
North West Leicestershire	1,964,504	2,125,853	161,349
Oadby & Wigston	1,078,064	1,116,700	38,636
Rutland	944,146	990,898	46,752
Total	19,496,340	20,492,689	996,349

4. Council Tax Surpluses 2016/17 & 2017/18

Authority	2016/17 Surplus/ (Deficit) £	2017/18 Surplus/ (Deficit) £
Blaby	16,882	3,861
Charnwood	16,438	25,390
Harborough	98,889	48,849
Hinckley & Bosworth	95,806	26,157
Leicester City	54,000	49,000
Melton	(7,116)	4,794
North West Leicestershire	76,493	78,505
Oadby & Wigston	8,464	3,058
Rutland	6,834	(2,775)
Total	366,690	236,839