

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 14 February 2017
Report Subject	Council Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18
Report Author	Chief Executive and Corporate Finance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council has developed the budget for 2017/18 in stages.

The Stage One budget proposals for the service portfolios were approved by Council on 15 November.

The Stage Two proposals for corporate financial stewardship were approved by Council on 6 December having been given prior consideration by the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 November.

In sharing the options to balance the budget with the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 20 January the remaining budget gap was confirmed to be £1.997m.

Cabinet will consider a report on the morning of 14 February (attached) which details the remaining options to balance the budget for 2017/18 to meet the Council's statutory duty. A verbal report will be made to Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That the Council receives and considers the recommendations of Cabinet for balancing the budget for 2017/18.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	Balancing the Budget for 2017/18
1.01	<p>The annual Council Fund budget for 2017/18 has been developed in two stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stage One: which covers Part 1 of our Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) – service reform based on the service portfolio business plans• Stage Two: which covers Parts 2 and 3 of our Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) – corporate financial stewardship and working with Welsh Government.
1.02	<p>The Stage One budget proposals were approved by Council on 15 November and the Stage Two proposals for corporate financial stewardship were approved by Council on 6 December having been given prior consideration by the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 November.</p>
1.03	<p>In sharing the options to close the budget gap with the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 20 January a remaining gap to be found of £1.997m was reported.</p>
1.04	<p>Cabinet will consider a report a report on the morning of 14 February (attached) which details the remaining options to balance the budget for 2017/18 to meet the Council's statutory duty. A verbal report will be made to Council.</p>

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	<p>As contained within the report to Cabinet of 14 February 2017 which is attached.</p>

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	<p>As contained within the report to Cabinet of 14 February 2017.</p>

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	<p>As contained within the report to Cabinet of 14 February 2017.</p>

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix A – Council Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18, Cabinet 14 February 2017 Appendix B - Council Fund Revenue Budget Appendices, Cabinet 14 February 2017

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>Council Report 15 November 2016 Stage One http://committeemeetings.flintshire.gov.uk/mglssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=20333&LLL=0</p> <p>Council Report 6 December 2016 – Stage Two http://committeemeetings.flintshire.gov.uk/mglssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=20481&LLL=0</p> <p>Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee Report 20 January 2017 – Closing Strategy http://committeemeetings.flintshire.gov.uk/documents/s41530/Council%20Fund%20Budget%20Report%20201718%20Part%203%20Closing%20Strategy.pdf?LLL=0</p> <p>Colin Everett, Chief Executive and Gary Ferguson, Corporate Finance</p> <p>Contact Officer: Gary Ferguson, Corporate Finance Manager Telephone: (01352) 702271 E-mail: gary.ferguson@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	As set out in the attached report.