CABINET – 16 FEBRUARY 2017

RECOMMENDED ITEMS (REQUIRING A DECISION)

1. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2017/18

Issues:

In October 2016 Council approved the Medium Term Budget Strategy that provides the background for the preparation of the Revised Budget for 2016/17 and Budget for 2017/18 (Paper 4).

Considerations:

The Budget process underpins the delivery of the Council’s Strategic Priorities.

Taking account of the Grant Settlement from the Government, and allowing for a 0% Council Tax increase in 2017/18, the Draft Budget presented is a balanced Budget, which sets the Council’s net Budget requirement in 2017/18 at £9,849,470. The Budget Summary (Appendix A) includes a projection for the Council’s Budget to 2019/20. This summary includes the on-going efficiency savings the Council needs to meet in future years.

Cabinet is required to make recommendations to Council on 23 February 2017 on the Budget, the level of the Council’s element of the Council Tax and related matters.

A Draft Budget Book incorporating these recommendations will be available on the Intranet prior to Council on 23 February 2017.

Cabinet needs to make recommendations to Full Council (23 February) on the Budget, the level of the Council’s element of the Council Tax and related matters.

RECOMMENDED -

(1) That the revised Budget for 2016/17 (paragraph 6 of the report), be approved;

(2) That the net revenue Budget requirement for 2017/18 at £9,849,470 and note the impact on the Council’s General Fund Balance (paragraph 6 of the report), be set;

(3) That the Local Government Finance settlement for 2017/18 (paragraphs 10-11 of the report), be noted;

(4) That the budget growth of £142,000 in 2016/17 and £163,000 in 2017/18 (paragraphs 20-26 of the report), be approved;

(5) That an increase of Council Tax for Eastleigh Borough Council by 0% for 2017/18 (paragraph 4 (i) of the report), be approved;
(6) That the Special Expenses for Parished and Non-Parished areas (paragraph 17-18 of the report), be approved; and

(7) The continuation of the current Community Investment Programme Strategy which will be revised and reported to Cabinet in April 2017 (paragraphs 36-39 of the report), be approved.

2. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR 2017/18

Issues

The Council is required to approve a Treasury Management Strategy that establishes investment and borrowing policies for the Council for the current and future financial years (Paper 5).

Considerations:

The Strategy also includes the Prudential Indicators which are designed to demonstrate that in financing the Council’s Community Investment Programme (CIP) it provides for a prudent, affordable and sustainable approach.

The Council’s Treasury Management Strategy is compiled in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice and related Treasury Management Practice Statements.

RECOMMENDED -

(1) That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2017/18 (Appendix A of the report), be approved;

(2) That the Prudential Indicators for 2016/17 to 2019/20 (Appendix C of the report), be approved; and

(3) That the Minimum Revenue Provision statement for 2016/17 (Appendix E of the report), be agreed.