

Highways, Transport & Environment

Budget 2016/17

Members unanimously agreed the recommendations but with the following comments:

To reduce the number of parking systems upgrade from 5 sites down to 1 in order to make sure the new machines were suitable (page 67), and then use the money saved for the Decriminalised parking enforcement (post implementation parking review) and the works to the Wraysbury Train Station bridge to make the bridge safer for pedestrians.

Adult Services

Budget 2016/17 – Additional comments:

With regards to the Capital Programme the following 4 projects received support from the Panel with specific support being given to Boyne Grove Personal Care Area and Learning Disability Service Accommodation for young adults in transition:

- Boyne Grove Personal Care Area
- Remodelling and De-registration of Winston Court and Homeside Close.
- Supported Independent Living for LD and Challenging Behaviour
- and Learning Disability Service Accommodation for young adults in transition.

HealthwatchWAM were also supportive of the scheme to enable libraries to lend tablets and support their use to residents.

Corporate Services

Budget 2016/17

The Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel considered the report and fully endorsed the recommendations. The Panel felt that clarity was required on the Grant Settlement and the ability to keep collected business rates from 2020; it was not clear if the Council could keep all rates or a percentage of the rates collected. It was also felt that an additional paragraph should have been added after 3.43 (Minimum Revenue Provision) to add context to the proposed changes to the different asset classes.

With regards to the Capital Programme Panel Members were asked to contact Cllr Dudley directly on any projects in the report that they recommended go onto the approved Capital Programme. It was mentioned that CB001657 –Chariots Place Enhancements should be approved.

Maidenhead Post Office

The Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel considered the report and fully endorsed the recommendations. During discussion the Panel raised concern that this important facility for Maidenhead seemed to be deliberately being run down so the services could be franchised to another location / provider. The Panel requested that Cabinet add to the reports recommendations that:

- Post Office Ltd should be requested to provide financial information about the branch.
- Post Office Ltd be asked to explain how are they going to honour their duty to provide a universal postal service in Maidenhead.

Crime & Disorder

Budget 2016/17

The Crime & Disorder Overview & Scrutiny Panel unanimously agreed to recommend to Cabinet the following:

- i. That the detailed recommendations contained in Appendix A, which includes a Council Tax at band D of £906.95, be approved.
- ii. That an Adult Social Care Levy of £1.191m be included in the Council's budget proposals, this levy being equivalent to £18.14 at band D.
- iii. That Fees and Charges as contained in Appendix B be approved.
- iv. That the Capital Programme shown in Appendices C and D be adopted by the Council for the year commencing April 2016.
- v. That responsibility is delegated to the Cabinet Prioritisation Sub Committee to identify specific scheme budgets for the Highway Maintenance programmes as soon as project specifications have been completed.
- vi. That authority is delegated to the Head of Finance in consultation with the Lead Members for Finance and for Adult Services and Health to add up to a further £300k to the budget for Disabled Facilities Grant once demand for those grants has been established.
- vii. That the prudential Borrowing limits set out in Appendix L are approved.
- viii. That Council is asked to note the Business Rate tax base calculation detailed in Appendix P (to follow) and its use in the calculation of the Council Tax Requirement in Appendix A.
- ix. That the Head of Finance in consultation with Lead Members for Finance and Education, is authorised to amend the Total Schools Budget, to reflect actual Dedicated Schools Grant levels.

- x. That the Head of Finance in consultation with Lead Members for Finance and Education, the Managing Director and Strategic Director for Adult, Children and Health Services and the School Forum is authorised to approve subsequent allocation of the Schools Budget in accordance with the 2016/17 funding formula and the Schools Finance and Early Years Regulations 2015.
- xi. That responsibility to include the precept from the Berkshire Fire and Rescue Authority in the overall Council Tax charges is delegated to the Lead Member for Finance and Head of Finance as soon as the precept is announced. (should be 17 February 2016)
- xii. That the revision to the Council's Minimum Revenue Policy set out in paragraph 3.43 be approved.

The Crime & Disorder Overview & Scrutiny Panel unanimously agreed that they would like to promote the following Capital Bid schemes:

- Item 15 = Enforcement Services Mobile Phone Replacement 2016-2017.
- Item 16 = Parking Enforcement Equipment Upgrade & Renewal 2016-2017.
- Item 17 = Mobile working for street based staff 2016-2017.

The Crime & Disorder Overview & Scrutiny Panel agreed that Item 53 (Decriminalised parking enforcement (post implementation parking review) be promoted and phased in but that it was not necessarily something that was needed in the short-term or this year.

The Crime & Disorder Overview & Scrutiny Panel stated that in the past the Youth Offending Team had been a separate item in the budget and that in order to be transparent the financial amounts should be split into separate amounts going forward.

Planning & Housing

Maidenhead Post Office

Cllr Walters - "The full service of Maidenhead Post office is not always available in some of the smaller sub-post offices and it's essential for the viability of Maidenhead to have a workable and fully operational post office in the centre of Maidenhead."