



POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 20TH JANUARY 2015

SUBJECT: DRAFT SAVINGS PROPOSALS 2015/16

**REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151
OFFICER**

- 1.1 The attached report, which was presented to the Special Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee meeting on 8th December 2014, provides details of the provisional 2015/16 Local Government Settlement, an updated Medium Term Financial Plan for the period 2015/16 to 2017/18, details of proposed savings for 2015/16 totalling £12.208m and a proposal to increase Council Tax for 2015/16 by 3.9%.
- 1.2 The report was originally considered and endorsed by Cabinet on 29th October 2014. The proposals in the report are currently subject to a final period of consultation prior to a further report being presented to Cabinet on 4th February 2015 and final 2015/16 budget proposals being considered by Council on 25th February 2015. As part of this final consultation process further Scrutiny Committee meetings are taking place to consider the draft 2015/16 savings proposals.
- 1.3 At the Special Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee meeting on 8th December 2014, Members raised concerns that the views of the other Scrutiny Committees regarding the list of draft 2015/16 savings proposals were not available for consideration. Members explained that it was difficult to consider whether or not to support a saving without being aware of the comments made at other Scrutiny Committee meetings regarding the proposals.
- 1.4 It was agreed that the draft minutes of these Scrutiny Committee meetings should be presented at the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 20th January 2015 and these are attached as Appendices 2 to 4 for Members' consideration.
- 1.5 In that the Education for Life Scrutiny Committee is due to consider the draft 2015/16 savings proposals on 13th January 2015, the comments arising from that meeting will be reported verbally to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 20th January 2015.

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Appendices:

- Appendix 1 Report to Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 8th December 2014 – Agenda Item 3
- Appendix 2 Draft Special Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee Minutes – 1st December 2014
- Appendix 3 Draft Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Minutes – 2nd December 2014
- Appendix 4 Draft Special Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee Minutes – 8th December 2014