

Decision Ref No:

EX.321/07

Subject Matter:**REVENUE SUPPORT GRANT SETTLEMENT 2008/09**

The Director of Corporate Services submitted Report CORP.71/07 informing Members of the implications of the Provisional Revenue Support Grant Settlement received from the Government on 6 December 2007. The implications of the Provisional Settlement on the City Council's budget proposals were outlined in Report CORP.68/07- General Fund Revenue Budget elsewhere on the Agenda.

The Director had also submitted an addendum to Report CORP.71/07 providing information in respect of the 2008.09 Revenue Support Grant Settlement including: the overall settlement for Carlisle; damping and grant floors; specific revenue grant allocations; and potential capital grant allocations. The settlement was the minimum the Government could expect and meant a real term decrease in funding of 1.75% in 2008/09 and 2.25% in years 2009/10 and 2010/11.

If the Council wished to make representations on the Revenue Support Grant Settlement proposals, these must be submitted to the Government by 8 January 2008.

The Leader commented that the RSG settlement was disappointing and District Councils had received a poor settlement, particularly in comparison with County Councils. The settlement did not reflect the additional duties and costs associated with Government Schemes and the poor settlement in relation to Concessionary Fares. He asked that representations be made to the Government and the Local Government Association.

Decision:

1. That the provisional Settlement, the implications of which were built into the General Fund Revenue Budget Report (CORP.68/07) elsewhere on the Agenda, be noted
2. That the Executive delegates any representations on the Settlement, prior to the closing date of 8 January 2008, to the Director of Corporate Services in conjunction with the Leader and the Finance and Performance Management Portfolio Holder and that in addition to representations to the Government, representations should be made through the Local Government Association.

Key or Non-Key

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Key Decision Ref:

KD.051/07

Decision:**Portfolio:**

Finance and Performance Management

Who made decision:

Executive

Date:

17-Dec-07

Reports and Background Papers considered:

Report CORP.71/07 by the Director of Corporate Services
Background Papers - Department of Communities and Local Government Provisional
Revenue Support Grant Settlement

Reasons for Decision:

To respond to the provisional Revenue Support Grant Settlement received from the Government on 6 December 2007.

Summary of Options rejected:

None

Interests declared:

Date published:

Urgent decision not subject to call in:

Consent of Chairman/ Deputy Chairman of Council to Urgency:

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Subject Matter:

REVENUE ESTIMATES - SUMMARY OF OVERALL BUDGETARY POSITION 2008/09 TO 2010/11

The Director of Corporate Services submitted Report CORP.68/07 providing a summary of the Council's revised revenue base estimates for 2007/08, together with base estimates for 2008/09 and updated projections to 2010/11. The Report included the impact of any new savings and new spending pressures proposed and the potential impact on the Council's overall revenue reserves. It also provided an update of the Government's comprehensive spending review and other key budget considerations.

The Director commented that the potential shortfall projected would only occur if all of the new savings and spending pressures were accepted. The Executive were asked to consider the issues in the Report and make proposals on the savings, new spending pressures and use of balances in order to issue a draft Budget for consultation purposes.

Decision:

That the following matters in Report CORP.68/07 be noted and taken into account by the Executive in formulating its budget proposals for 2008/09:

- (a) The revised estimates for 2007/08 totalling £19.422m and the consequential reduction by £2.347m in reserves, together with the 2008/09 base estimates of £18.720m
- (b) Any savings and increased income as summarised in Appendix D
- (c) Any new spending commitments as summarised in Appendix E
- (d) The amount to be appropriated from balances and reserves by way of a contribution to General Fund Revenue expenditure requirements for 2008/09
- (e) Directions to be given to the Council on the budgetary discipline to be followed in 2008/09 to 2010/11 and on the criteria to be applied in the strategic re-allocation of resources to meet the future budget requirements identified in the medium term financial outlook

Key or Non-Key Decision:

Key

Key Decision Ref:

KD.051/07

Portfolio:

Finance and Performance Management

Who made decision:

Executive

Date:

17-Dec-07

Reports and Background Papers considered:

Report CORP.69/07 by the Director of Corporate Services.

Reasons for Decision:

To enable the Executive draft Budget proposals for consultation purposes to be prepared.

Summary of Options rejected:

None

Interests declared:

Date published:

Urgent decision not subject to call in:

Consent of Chairman/ Deputy Chairman of Council to Urgency:

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Subject Matter:

PROVISIONAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2008/09 TO 2010/11

The Director of Corporate Services submitted Report CORP.69/07 providing revised details of the Capital Programme for 2007/08 together with the proposed method of financing. The Report also summarised the proposed programme for 2008/09 to 2010/11 in the light of the capital bid submitted to date for consideration and summarised estimated capital resources available to fund the programme.

Decision:

That the following be noted and taken into account by the Executive in formulating its budget proposals for 2008/09:

- (a) The revised Capital Programme and relevant financing for 2007/08 as set out in Appendices A and B, for recommendation to Council in February 2008;
- (b) The need to make recommendations on the provisional Capital Programme for 2008/09 to 2010/11 in the light of the capital bid submitted to date, together with the estimated available capital resources;
- (c) That any capital scheme approved by Council may only proceed after a full report, including business case and financial appraisal, has been approved

Key or Non-Key

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Key Decision Ref:

KD.051/07

Decision:

Portfolio:

Finance and Performance Management

Who made decision:

Executive

Date:

17-Dec-07

Reports and Background Papers considered:

Report CORP.69/07 by the Director of Corporate Services.

Reasons for Decision:

To enable the Executive's draft budget proposals for consultation purposes to be prepared.

Summary of Options rejected:

None

Interests declared:

None

Date published:

19-Dec-07

Urgent decision not subject to call in:

No

Consent of Chairman/ Deputy Chairman of Council to Urgency:

Not applicable

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2 Jan 08 at 17:00

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Subject Matter:

DRAFT TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2008/09

The Director of Corporate Services submitted Report CORP.70/07 setting out the Council's Draft Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2008/09 in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management. The draft Investment Strategy was incorporated as part of the Statement, as were the draft prudential indicators as required within the Prudential Code for capital finance in the Local Authority.

The final version of the Strategy would be issued following the consultation period on the draft Budget for 2008/09. There were no substantive changes to the form and content of the Statement as compared to the previous year, although there was a discussion of the proposals that the Government had put forward regarding the minimum revenue provision for debt repayment. If approved, the Council would be required to approve the annual minimum revenue provision strategy in the same way as it approved the annual Treasury Management Strategy and the Investment Strategy.

Decision:

That the Executive approves the draft Treasury Management Strategy Statement, incorporating the draft Investment Strategy, together with the prudential indicators for 2009/09, as set out in Appendix A of CORP.70/07, for draft budget consultation purposes.

Key or Non-Key Decision:

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Key Decision Ref:

KD.051/07

Portfolio:

Finance and Performance Management

Who made decision:

Executive

Date:

17-Dec-07

Reports and Background Papers considered:

Report CORP.70/07

Background papers - CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management (2001) and various briefing notes from sector Treasury Services, the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

Reasons for Decision:

To enable the Executive's draft budget proposals for consultation purposes to be prepared.

Summary of Options rejected:

None

Interests declared:

None

Date published:

19-Dec-07

Urgent decision not subject to call in:

No

Consent of Chairman/ Deputy Chairman of Council to Urgency:

Not applicable

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THE RENEWALS RESERVE - UPDATE

(With the consent of the Chairman and in accordance with Rule 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules, this item had been included on the Agenda as a key decision although not in the Forward Plan)

The Director of Corporate Services submitted Report CORP.72/07 on the future use of the Renewals Reserve. The Executive on 28 November 2007 (EX.312/07) had proposed consideration of the dismantling of the Renewals Reserve and releasing the balance to the Projects Reserve with an earmarked reserve for Carlisle Leisure Ltd Assets. The Executive had requested a further report clarifying the replacement programme and the financial impact of dismantling the Renewals Reserve.

The Director outlined the contents of the Report which provided details of the results of the review of the potential of dismantling the Renewals Reserve and a forecast of the potential effects on the Revenue and Capital Budgets over years 2008/09 to 2010/11.

Decision:

1. The Executive confirms its wish to close the Renewals Reserve on 31 March 2008 and notes the implications for the 2008/09 to 2010/11 Revenue Budgets and Capital Programme, which would be incorporated into the Executive's budget proposals for 2008/09.
2. That an earmarked reserve be created for the residual balance of £521,000 in relation to contributions made in respect of assets transferred to Carlisle Leisure Ltd.
3. That a ten year plan be developed for the replacement of vehicles, plant, IT and other equipment to feed into the Council's medium term financial plan.

Key or Non-Key

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Key Decision Ref:

General Exception

Decision:

Portfolio:

Finance and Performance Management

Who made decision:

Executive

Date:

17-Dec-07

Reports and Background Papers considered:

Report CORP.72/07 by the Director of Corporate Services.

Reasons for Decision:

To enable the Executive's draft budget proposals for consultation purposes to be prepared.

Summary of Options rejected:

None

Interests declared:

None

Date published:

19-Dec-07

Urgent decision not subject to call in:

No

Consent of Chairman/ Deputy Chairman of Council to Urgency:

Not applicable

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