

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	BUDGET PLANNING/CONSULTATION
Members Present	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, D Harlow, J Lester, PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), PD Price, P Rone.
Date of Decision:	22 June 2017
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To agree budget priority consultation arrangements to inform the budget setting process for 2018/19 development of the medium term financial strategy (MTFS).
Decision:	<p>THAT:</p> <p>(a) the approach for consulting on budget priorities for the coming four years and the capital programme and budget proposals for 2018/19 as set out in the report be approved.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>Each year, by law, we have to set a balanced budget and full Council is responsible for approving the budget, following recommendations from cabinet. The budget and policy framework rules require cabinet to publish a timetable for the development of their proposals.</p> <p>There is a statutory requirement under section 65 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 to consult with representatives of business ratepayers on the proposed budget before its adoption. One of the principles of the council's code of corporate governance is to ensure openness and comprehensive stakeholder engagement; the recommendations support this principle.</p>
Options Considered:	It is open to Cabinet to amend or revise the proposals, but in doing so regard must be had to the council's budget and policy framework procedure rules.
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below)	
Date the decision is due to take effect:	29 June 2017

COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSON
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

..... Date: 22 June 2017

- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

And

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.