

Agenda item 6 – addendum report

Report title: Organisation Plan and Budget 2018/19 and refreshed Organisation Strategy	
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Date: 13 February 2018	For: Decision
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County Divisions affected: All Essex	

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 Since the publication of the Organisation Plan and Budget 2018/19 and refreshed Organisation Strategy report, we have been notified of the final local government finance settlement. This addendum sets out the latest position and the proposed impact on the revenue budget.
- 1.2 In summary Essex County Council will receive Adult Social Care Support grant funding of £3.7m in 2018/19. It is proposed to increase the overall budget by this sum and therefore there will be no impact on the level of council tax.
- 1.3 The recommendation in section 2 below replace recommendations 2.1 and 2.4 printed in the report distributed with the Council agenda (page 40 of the agenda pack) and will be moved by the Leader of the Council.

2 Recommendations to the Council

Replacement to recommendations 2.2 and 2.4 in the report sent out with the Council summons:

- 2.1 That the Organisation Plan be approved in form appended to this report as amended in accordance with paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5 of the addendum report circulated before the meeting.
- 2.4 The net cost of services to be set at **£915.4m** for 2018/19 – Appendix A (page 33).

3 Background to the changes since the Cabinet Meeting.

- 3.1 The figures in the Organisation Plan issued with the agenda used information from the provisional local government finance settlement figures which were received on 19 December 2017.

- 3.2 On 6 February 2018, Central Government provided the final settlement figures, after the deadline for the publication of the Council agenda and reports.
- 3.3 Essex County Council has been notified that it will receive Adult Social Care Support grant funding of **£3.7m** in 2018/19. The revised recommendations made by the Leader recommend that this will be added to the Health and Adult Social Care portfolio. Due to the lateness of notification, spending plans for this will need to be identified and given full and proper consideration.
- 3.4 As a result of the additional funding some changes need to be made to the Organisation Plan which forms Appendix A to the original report (which starts at page 33 of the published agenda pack).
- (a) Where the net cost of service currently shows **£911,713,457** (page 80 of the agenda pack), this will be amended to of **£915,413,131**. (as shown on page 3 of this report)
- (b) Where the Health and Adult Social Care portfolio shows **£407.637m** revenue budget (page 90 of the agenda pack), this will be amended to **£411.337m** (as shown on page 4 of this report).
- 3.5 As a mathematical consequence of the above changes some other figures in the Organisation Plan which are based on those figures will also need to be updated and Council asked to authorise the section 151 officer to make those changes.

Replacement for page 80 of the Agenda

Council Tax Requirement

Under sections 42A and B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as inserted by the Localism Act 2011, there is a requirement to disclose the budget requirement and associated council tax requirement for the year. This is set out below.

Statutory disclosure requirement to the £

	£
Net cost of Services	915,413,141
General Government Grants*	(50,161,755)
Budget requirement	865,251,386
Less funding available:	
Revenue Support Grant	45,739,099
Non-Domestic Rates	173,736,330
Non-Domestic Rates surplus	752,352
Council Tax Collection fund surplus	9,470,868
	229,698,649
Council tax requirement	635,552,737
Tax base	520,199
(Band D equivalent properties)	
Band D council tax	1,221.75

*General Government Grants includes £29m PFI grants, Independent Living Fund Grant £5m, New Homes Bonus £5m

The Band D council tax charge is **£1,221.75**. The provisional council tax charge by band is set out in the following table. This represents an increase of under **£1.12** per week.

Provisional council tax charge by band

Council Tax Band	2017/18 £	2018/19 £
Band A	775.80	814.50
Band B	905.10	950.25
Band C	1,034.40	1,086.00
Band D	1,163.70	1,221.75
Band E	1,422.30	1,493.25
Band F	1,680.90	1,764.75
Band G	1,939.50	2,036.25
Band H	2,327.40	2,443.50

