

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE:
SPECIAL - BUDGET

4th January 2018

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Watson (Chairman), Councillor Muller (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Coe, Mrs Hall, Smith (substituting for Councillor Roberts), Tipping and Wheeler

Labour Group

Councillors Chahal, Dunn, Taylor and Tilley

In attendance

Councillor Mrs Coe (Conservative Group)

EDS/71 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Mrs Brown, Mrs Patten and Roberts (Conservative Group).

EDS/72 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

EDS/73 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10**

The Committee was informed that no questions from Members of the Public had been received.

EDS/74 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

The Committee was informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/75 **SERVICE BASE BUDGETS 2018/19**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to Committee, outlining the budgetary process through to the meeting of Council on the 26th February 2018 via the Finance and Management Committees of 11th January 2018 and 15th February 2018. Reference was made to the budget surplus for 2017/18, the good level of General Reserves and the

reasons behind the Base Budget revisions for Environmental and Development Services, namely refuse collection, recycling and increased income. Risks and service pressures, in terms of income levels versus surplus / deficit outturns, recycling costs, growth, the imminent increase in planning fees and environmental education, were also highlighted. Proposed alterations to the various fees and charges, where applicable, were also outlined.

Councillor Dunn queried the inclusion of gulley cleaning, rising from zero to £20k in the accounts and the reduced pest control fees for low income groups. In relation to the former matter, the Director confirmed that this inclusion reflected the fact that the service had been brought back in-house. With regard to pest control fees, the Director clarified that subject to proof of benefit receipt, a lower level of fees were applied for this service, a situation welcomed by the Councillor.

Councillor Tilley referred to the new Section 106 and GIS software purchases and queried whether the figures quoted including training. The Director responded in the affirmative.

RESOLVED:

1.1 Members considered that the proposed revenue income and expenditure for 2018/19 for the Committee's Services, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, and agreed to refer to the Finance and Management Committee for approval.

1.2 Members considered and approved the proposed fees and charges for 2018/19, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

EDS/76

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RESOLVED:-

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it would be likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.

EXEMPT QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

The Committee were informed that no exempt questions from Members of the Council had been received.

The meeting terminated at 6.20pm.

COUNCILLOR P WATSON

CHAIRMAN