

AGENDA ITEM 10 - Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2017/18 - Savings Proposals

Amendment to Cabinet recommendations attached.

Proposed by (Name) CLLR STEPHEN MORGAN

Signed _____

Seconded by (Name) CLLR YAHYA CHOWDHURY

Signed _____

Amendment proposed by the Labour Group

Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2017/18 - Savings Proposals

That the recommendations of the Cabinet of 8th December 2016 (Minute 64/16) on "Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2017/18 - Savings Proposals" be amended as follows:-

Recommendation 1 of the Cabinet be amended as follows:-

- (d) The savings proposals for each Portfolio amounting, in total, to £9.0m for 2017/18 and continuing into future years as set out in Appendix A of the report to enable appropriate consultation and notice periods to be given to affected parties be replaced as follows:

Portfolio/Committee	2017/18	2018/19 & Future Years
	£	£
Children's Social Care	300,000	300,000
Culture, Leisure and Sport	343,600	343,600
Education	212,000	212,000
Environment and Community Safety	87,000	87,000
Governance, Audit and Standards	30,000	30,000
Health and Social Care - Adult Social Care	1,061,000	1,061,000
Health and Social Care - Public Health	602,000	602,000
Housing	179,000	179,000
Planning Regeneration and Economic Development	928,000	928,000
Resources	1,282,400	1,282,400
Traffic and Transportation	330,000	330,000
Other Savings	3,645,000	3,645,000
Grand Total	9,000,000	9,000,000

The following be added to recommendation (e)

- (e) **viii)** Provides services that are dedicated to deliver or support the delivery of the Adult Social Care responsibilities of the Council

- (f) That Officers, through the Cabinet, be requested to investigate further opportunities for joint working with other Local Authorities in order to maximise the potential to make savings whilst improving the overall capacity and resilience of council services; further that any associated savings be re-invested into Adult Social Care to meet their rising cost and demographic pressures
- (g) That Officers, through the Cabinet, be requested to prepare a feasibility study including an outline business case for becoming a "paperless organisation". In the event that the feasibility study demonstrates a sufficiently compelling case and with a strong financial payback, that a project team is established to prepare a detailed business case and project plan to be funded from the MTRS Reserve; should any capital investment be required, then this to be considered either for Prudential Borrowing or at the next available review of the Capital Programme. Any resulting on-going revenue savings to be re-invested into Adult Social Care to meet their rising cost and demographic pressures.

Recommendation 2 of the Cabinet be amended as follows:-

- (c) The indicative savings proposals set out in Appendix B of the report which are provided for the purpose of demonstrating to the Council that the Portfolio savings as recommended in paragraph 1 (d) above are robust and deliverable be amended to include the following **additional indicative savings** proposals:

Indicative Portfolio Savings Proposal	Impact on Level of Service & Service Outcomes	2017/18	2018/19 & Future Years
		£	£
<u>Resources</u>			
20% Reduction in the Basic Councillor Allowance*	A reduction in allowances may cause the future recruitment of Councillors to be more challenging	(80,000)	(80,000)
25% Reduction in the Special Responsibility Allowance*	A reduction in allowances may discourage Councillors from accepting Cabinet or Committee posts	(20,000)	(20,000)
A reduction in Cabinet Members from 9 to 7 **	A re-organisation of the portfolios of Cabinet Members such that some (or all) of the remaining Cabinet Members take on	0**	0**

Indicative Portfolio Savings Proposal	Impact on Level of Service & Service Outcomes	2017/18	2018/19 & Future Years
		£	£
	increased responsibilities.		
A move to 'All Out' (whole Council) Elections***	Election of members would take place once every four years	0***	0***
Reduction in support to the Leader's Office	Reduction in the availability and effectiveness of the Leader of the Council to promote the City and undertake Council duties	(42,000)	(42,000)
Reduce number of HR Business Partners by 1 full time equivalent member of staff	Business partners are the key HR support for directorates; capacity has previously been reduced at a senior level across the service. The council is going through significant change and business partner capacity is essential to both support change and enable the service to deliver and expand its commercial activities. A reduction in capacity will present a risk to the organisation, including an inability to deliver savings in other areas of the council and the risk of legal challenge.	(54,000)	(54,000)
Reduce PA's of Directors by 50%	Reduction in the capacity, availability and accessibility of Senior Officers. Senior Officers will spend a meaningful proportion of their time on administrative functions	(65,000)	(65,000)
Reduce role and function of communications team	Limited ability to respond to the media, provide information to the public and run campaigns. Potential negative impact on income and access to services	(60,000)	(60,000)
Total		(321,000)	(321,000)

* Members should have regard to the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel and recommendations of Council on 22nd January 2013 as amended by the City Council on 15 July 2014.

** Members should note that, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, this is a decision for the Leader of the Council not the Council itself. In the event that the Leader elects to take such a decision, the savings amount will increase by £15,000.

*** The required process for moving to whole council elections would be as follows

- I. Full Council resolves to undertake public consultation as the Council thinks appropriate on any proposed change
- II. Have regard to the outcome of the consultation before making its decision
- III. Convene a special meeting of the Council
- IV. Full Council must pass a resolution by a two-thirds majority of those voting at that Special meeting
- V. The resolution must specify the commencement year (earliest date would be May 2018)
- VI. The resolution is the means by which the term of office is reduced for any members whose term would not be completed
- VII. Any election(s) scheduled to take place before the start date indicated in the Council's resolution would continue as normal
- VIII. An explanatory document on the decision must be published after the resolution is made
- IX. The Council must notify the Boundary Commission of the scheme adopted and the commencement year
- X. If the Council resolves to change to whole council elections, the decision cannot be reversed until five years from the date of the resolution

The earliest implementation date would be from May 2018 and the saving is estimated to be **£43,000 per annum**.

The relevant legislation is contained in sections 32-36 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011)

(c) (i) In arriving at the savings proposals for each Portfolio as recommended in paragraph 1 (d), the following amounts have been **added to cash limits** and, where applicable, the indicative savings proposals set out in Appendix B are deleted:

Saving No.	Increases to Portfolio Cash Limits - Deletion of Indicative Savings and/or New Spending Proposals	2017/18	2018/19 & Future Years
		£	£
New	To invest in Adult Social Care in order to respond to increases in both cost and demand for care services arising from the general growth in the elderly population and the increase in complexity of care needs	321,000*	321,000*
Total		321,000*	321,000*

- * In the event that the Leader accepts the proposal to reduce the number of Cabinet Members from 9 to 7, then the amount available for this proposal will increase by £15,000 from 2017/18 onwards

In the event that Council resolves to implement whole Council elections then the amount available for this proposal would further increase by £43,000 per annum from 2018/19 onwards

- (l) That the S151 Officer advises that, in his opinion, the proposals contained within this amendment do not present any additional risk to the delivery of the overall savings amounts required for the Budget 2017/18.
- (m) The City Solicitor is content with the proposals set out in this amendment.

NOTES TO THE LABOUR AMENDMENT

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The overall financial effect of the proposals is set out below:

	2017/18 £	2018/19 & Future Years £
Additional Savings Proposals:	(321,000)	(321,000)
Re-instatement of Savings Proposals and / or New Spending Proposals:	321,000	321,000
Total Overall Change	0	0

Note:

This amendment also earmarks £475,000 from the Voluntary Sector Capacity and Transition Fund towards meeting Adult Social Care responsibilities

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