

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Blackburn, Leader of the Council
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	27 February 2019

## COUNCIL TAX 2019/ 2020

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the recommendations of the Executive in relation to the draft General Fund Revenue Budget and the setting of a Council Tax for the 2019/2020 Financial Year.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To consider the recommendations of the Executive from its meetings on the 4 February 2019 and on 25 February 2019, as summarised in Appendix 7c (to be circulated under separate cover).

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The setting of the General Fund Revenue Budget and the level of Council Tax is consistent with the principles approved by the Executive at its meeting on 4 February 2019.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Not applicable - the report once approved will become part of the Council's new approved budget

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

A different makeup of the Revenue budget could be applied. The 8 guiding principles of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy are referred to in the report to the Executive of 4 February 2019 and 25 February 2019 and how they have been balanced.

#### **4.0 Council Priority:**

- 4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are:  
'The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool' and  
'Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.'

#### **5.0 Background Information**

- 5.1 The purpose of this report is to determine the overall level of net expenditure to be included in the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2019/2020 and to identify a budget savings plan that will ensure a balanced Budget.
- 5.2 All Members of the Council should have received copies of the papers considered by the Executive at its meeting on 4 February 2019, in connection with the General Fund Revenue Budget [available via this link](#). Attached at Appendix 7a is the decision notice from the meeting of the Executive on 4 February 2019. A copy of the Executive agenda for the 25 February 2019 meeting was also sent to all members on Friday 15 February 2019 and is [available via this link](#).
- 5.3 Following the Executive meeting on 25 February 2018, a copy of the recommendations from that meeting together with a summary Appendix 7c detailing the full recommendations to Council will be produced.
- 5.4 In accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, the Council is asked to note that a recorded vote is required on all budget decisions taken by Council including any amendment to it.
- 5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

#### **5.7 List of Appendices:**

Appendix 7 (a) – Executive Decision Notice EX9/2019 – General Fund Revenue Budget 2019/2020 – Monday 4 February 2019.

Appendix 7 (b) – Executive Decision Notice– Council Tax 2019/2020 – to be circulated on Tuesday 26 February 2019.

Appendix 7 (c) – A summary document detailing all the recommendations for Council to consider relating to the setting of a Council Tax in accordance with the Localism Act 2011- to be circulated on Tuesday 26 February 2019.

**6.0 Legal considerations:**

6.1 It is a Council function to determine the level of Council Tax and to set a budget.

**7.0 Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 Human Resources considerations were detailed in the budget report, which was circulated with the Executive agenda for its meeting on 4 February 2019.

**8.0 Equalities considerations:**

8.1 An Equalities Analysis forms was produced for the budget report, which was circulated with the Executive agenda for its meeting on 4 February 2019.

**9.0 Financial considerations:**

9.1 As outlined in the Budget report, which was circulated with the Executive agenda for its meeting on 4 February 2019 and the Council Tax report circulated with the Executive agenda for the meeting on 25 February 2019.

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 As outlined in the Budget, which was circulated with the Executive agenda for its meeting on 4 February 2019.

**11.0 Ethical considerations:**

11.1 None.

**12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

12.1 Details of the consultation undertaken is listed within the Council Tax report circulated with the Executive agenda for the meeting on 25 February 2019.

**13.0 Background papers:**

13.1 Budget working papers and the aforementioned consultation minutes and feedback.