

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	7 December 2015
Title:	Budget Setting and Provisional Cash Limits 2016/17
Reference:	7049
Report From:	Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services

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1. The decision:

That Cabinet:

- a) Notes the key issues highlighted from the Comprehensive Spending Review announcement and the need to await the provisional grant figures, due to be announced in late December, to further inform the Medium Term Financial Strategy to be considered in February 2016.
- b) Notes the forecast outturn position for 2015/16 as detailed in Appendix 1.
- c) Approves a sum of up to £75,000 from general contingencies to enable the effective coordination of the devolution deal as negotiations progress, and subsequent work required, in the period to the end of March 2016.
- d) Approves the provisional cash limits for 2016/17 set out in Appendix 3.
- e) Confirms that the 2016/17 budget should initially be prepared on the basis of no council tax increase.
- f) Approves the change in Minimum Revenue Provision policy as detailed in section 6.
- g) Approves the capital guideline amounts for the next three years as set out in paragraph 7.2.
- h) Notes the discretion being given to Councils with responsibility for Adult Care to raise Council Tax by an additional 2%, and that clarity is awaited on the position of the Council Tax freeze grant.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. To update Cabinet on the financial position in respect of the current financial year and highlight key issues for the County Council following the Spending Review announcement in November.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. None.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: Not applicable

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

7 December 2015

**Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Roy Perry**