

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	11 February 2011
Title:	Revenue budget and precept 2011/12
Reference:	2588
Report From:	County Treasurer

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1. The decision:

a) The following decisions are sought based upon the recommendations from the Leader to Cabinet on the 2011/12 budget and council tax, that:

1. The variations to the 2010/11 revised estimates (paragraph 3.8 and Appendix 2) be approved.
2. That Children's Services projected in year funding short fall estimated at £3.7m be borne corporately rather than carried forward at the year end (paragraph 3.5).
3. That the inclusion of a central contingency for Adult Services demography and complexity of £13.8m be agreed, to be released based on evidence of need.(paragraph 4.5).
4. The savings and redeployment proposals set out in Appendix 1 be approved.
5. the annual review of charges for 2011/12 be approved (paragraph 5)
6. The workforce proposals for 2011/12 be agreed (paragraph 6.2 and Appendix 3)
7. The use of additional one-off and continuing resource of £3.3m in 2011/12 to top up the organisational change reserve be approved (paragraph 7.3)
8. The Leader's recommendations (paragraph 7.4 to paragraph 7.8) relating to additional Children's Services funding of £0.6m, an addition to the corporate policy reserve of £2.556m and the use of £600,000 from the council tax Second Homes income Reserve to support a care leaver's (NEETS) apprenticeship scheme be approved. The further democratic infrastructure reductions of £156,000 from 1 April 2011 and £300,000 over the course of the year also be approved.

9. the inclusion of a corporate risk contingency of £8.7m in respect of Children's Services savings and of £8.6m in respect of other budgeted savings (paragraphs 7.11 and 7.12) be approved.
 10. The approach to budgeting for capital financing costs in 2011/12, as set out in paragraph 7.9 and 7.10, be approved.
 11. The summary of earmarked reserves be agreed (paragraph 9 and Appendix 4).
 12. Estimated balances of £18m at 31 March 2012, be approved (paragraph 10).
 13. The budget for 2011/12, as summarized in paragraphs 11.1 to 11.4 be approved
 14. The 'passporting' in 2011/12 of the new Inshore and Fisheries Conservation Grant (£204,000) and of the reduction of £262,000 in the Community Safety grant, be approved.
- b) The following decisions are recommendations to Council that:
1. the Treasurer's report under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 be taken into account when the Council determines the budget and precept for 2011/12 (Appendix 6).
 2. the revenue budget for 2011/12 (as set out in the attached draft budget book presented to County Council) be approved.
 3. the **total budget requirement** for the general expenses of the County Council for the year beginning 1 April 2011, **be £715,585,000.**
 4. the **County Council's Band D council tax** for the year beginning 1 April 2011 **be £1,037.88**, as in 2010/11.
 5. the County Council's council tax for the year beginning 1 April 2011 for properties in each tax band be:

	£
Band A	691.92
Band B	807.24
Band C	922.56
Band D	1037.88
Band E	1268.52
Band F	1499.16
Band G	1729.80
Band H	2075.76

6. precepts be issued totalling **£526,426,934.20** on the billing authorities in Hampshire, requiring the payment in such instalments and on such dates set by them previously notified to the County Council, in proportion to the taxbase of each billing authority's area ad determined by them and as set out below:

Basingstoke & Deane	64,655.00
East Hampshire	48,332.33
Eastleigh	44,368.15
Fareham	42,796.00
Gosport	27,595.10
Hart	37,967.18
Havant	42,925.00
New Forest	73,047.60
Rushmoor	31,671.86
Test Valley	45,875.00
Winchester	47,980.46

7. the treasury management and annual investment strategies, together with the prudential indicators for 2011/12 be approved and that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any changes to the terms of reference of the Audit Committee in the constitution in order to give effect to the new challenge and scrutiny role required as a result of the revised CIPFA requirements, all in accordance with the recommendations in Appendix 5.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. The County Council must agree the 2011/12 budget and set the council tax for 2011/12 at its meeting on 24 February 2011. The Leader will present his budget speech and recommendations at the meeting. This report provides the background to those budget decisions and presents the recommendations from the Leader and Cabinet to the County Council.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Other options are not available as far as process and timetable are concerned, but the Leader of the Opposition may wish to present alternative recommendations on the budget and council tax as an amendment to the proposals.

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:

None

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.

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

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

11 February 2011

**Chairman of the Cabinet
Councillor T K Thornber, CBE**