

## Executive Report 18 January 2017

Councillor Paul Bettison  
Leader of the Council



## Budget Consultation

- Revenue and capital proposals agreed for consultation
- Local Government Finance settlement published late December
- Changes position from 4 year settlement
  - New Homes Bonus 0.4% floor introduced: -£900K
  - Adult Social Care Grant +£360K
  - Adult Social Care precept up to 3% ? +£500K
- Government figures assumed 5% Council Tax increase ..... and 900 new houses by April 2017 !!!
- Further review at February meeting

**Meanwhile £190k improvement work to South Hill Park recommended to Council**



## Local Council Tax Discount Scheme

Revised scheme designed to support most vulnerable and incentivise work

Key elements of scheme:

- Minimum self employed income counted as national living wage
- Carer's Allowance disregarded
- 8 income bands giving different levels of discount
- Special arrangement for disability benefit recipients earning less than £440/week

**Recommended to Council**



## Other Issues

Overview & Scrutiny review on GP capacity

- Fully endorse two recommendations
- Amend and accept one recommendation relating to development funding for GP
- Recognise comprehensive and valuable review

Council Plan Overview Report

- More than 90% key actions on track/complete



THANK YOU

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul".

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