

**TO: HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL  
4 JANUARY 2016**

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**DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS 2016/17**

**Borough Treasurer and Director of Adult Services, Health & Housing**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Executive agreed the Council's draft budget proposals for 2016/17 as the basis for consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Commission, Overview and Scrutiny Panels and other interested parties. Following the consultation the Executive will consider the representations made before recommending the budget to Council.

**2. Suggested Action**

- 2.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Panel comments on the Council's draft budget proposals for 2016/17.**

**3. Supporting Information**

- 3.1 Attached to the reports to the other Overview and Scrutiny panels were relevant extracts from the 2016/17 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme reports. These are less relevant to this panel, as the Public Health budget is almost entirely funded from ring-fenced specific grant.
- 3.2 Public Health is the most significant specific grant received by the Council. From 1 October 2015 local authorities also took on new responsibilities for services concerning children aged 0-5. During 2015/16 the total allocation on which the budget was set was cut by £236,613 during the financial year. The total grant after this reduction was £3,586,144.
- 3.3 In 2016/17, it is anticipated that Public Health funding will be £4,264,221, though this has yet to be confirmed by Public Health England. This represents a further reduction in funding of 2.2% when taking into account that the Council will be responsible for children 0-5 services for the whole financial year.
- 3.4 Public Health England has advised, following the Autumn spending review, that further reductions of 2.5% in 2017/18 and 2.6% in 2018/19 and 2019/20 should be expected. However, the implications for individual authorities will depend on decisions to be made on the funding formula.
- 3.5 The full Revenue Budget and Capital Programme reports are available on the Council's public website as part of the wider budget consultation.

[http://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/portal/finance/budget/budget\\_16-17](http://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/portal/finance/budget/budget_16-17)

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED / ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS / EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT / STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES / OTHER OFFICERS / CONSULTATION – Not applicable**

Background Papers

None

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