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**Cabinet Member for Town Centre & Visitor Economy Revenue
Budgets 2016/17 to 2021/22**

Meeting:	Cabinet
Date:	13 th December 2016
Cabinet portfolio:	Town Centre & Visitor Economy
Report by:	Director of Finance & Resources

1.0 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To consider the probable outturn for the current financial year;
and
- 1.2 To consider the draft budget for 2017/18.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the probable outturn for the current financial year be considered.
- 2.2 That the draft estimates for 2017/18 and future years be considered.

3.0 Probable Outturn 2016/17

- 3.1 The Probable Outturn for the current financial year for Cabinet Member for Town Centre & Visitor Economy is a surplus of £641,790, an increase in the surplus of £341,280 or 113.6% on the original estimate of £300,510.
- 3.2 The main reasons for the decreases are summarised below:

Table 1 – Significant Variances Original to Probable 2016/17

Description	Increase / (Decrease) £'000
<u>Changes to controllable budgets:</u>	
General Employee Savings	(117)
Cultural and Visitor Services Manager removed from establishment	(62)
Premises Energy, Water & Insurances	11
NNDR reductions	(27)
Building Cleaning increase (Living Wage)	16
Structural surveys on Saltergate MSCP	10
Grounds Maintenance reduction Car Parks	(8)
Car Parking reduced fees and charges	136
Cultural Venues increased supplies and services (artist fee's etc.)	60
Cultural Venues increased income	(132)
Support for Women's Tour cycle race	8
Fireworks Display	(4)
Markets increased refuse charges	9
Markets reduced income	55
Markets Hall increase supplies and services	9
Markets Hall reduced income	19
Pavements general repairs increase	4
Pavements reduced rents	27
Vicar Lane general repairs increase	8
Vicar Lane increased rent (non-recurring backdated head rent)	(207)
Other Minor Variations	2
Changes to controllable budgets	(283)
Changes to Asset Charges	(55)
Change in support service recharges	(3)
Overall increase in surplus	(341)

A detailed list of variances is shown at **Annexe 4**.

4.0 Draft Estimates 2017/18

4.1 The 2017/18 budget estimate for Cabinet Member for Town Centre & Visitor Economy is a surplus of £469,790 this is an increase in

surplus of £169,280 or 56.3% on the original estimates for 2016/17 of £300,510.

4.2 The most significant variances include:

Table 2 – Significant Variances Original 2016/17 to Original 2017/18

Description	Increase / (Decrease) £'000
<u>Changes to controllable budgets:</u>	
General Employee Savings	(89)
Cultural and Visitor Services Manager removed from establishment	(62)
Premises Energy, Water & Insurances	21
Cultural Venues business rates reductions	(9)
Building Cleaning increase (Living Wage)	20
Grounds Maintenance reduction Car Parks	(4)
Car Parking reduced fees and charges	58
Saltergate MSCP closure for refurbishment	213
Cultural Venues increased supplies and services (artist fee's etc.)	47
Cultural Venues increased income	(152)
Markets increased refuse collection charges	10
Markets reduced income	48
Market Hall Cafe new venture	(28)
Pavements reduced rents	59
Town Centre properties rents	(105)
Town Centre properties business rates	(20)
Vicar Lane general repairs increase	8
Vicar Lane increased head rent	(62)
Visitor Information Centre reduced sales	8
Other Minor Variations	(6)
Changes to controllable budgets	(45)
Changes in Asset Charges	(151)
Change in support service recharges	27
Overall increase in surplus	(169)

A detailed list of variances is shown at **Annexe 5**.

4.3 The following budget assumptions have been used to produce the draft budgets.

- Pay award of 1% for each of the years 2017/18 to 2021/22
- Inflation rates –
 - 2% Gas & Electricity 2017/18 & 3% for all future years
 - General CPI 1.5% in 2017/18 and then 2% 2018/19 onwards
 - Rates 2% for all years
 - Fees & Charges – minimum of 3%

4.4 The budgets in this report are the first draft estimates which may need to be amended and refined before the final budget report is presented to Cabinet in February.

5.0 Growth Requests

5.1 Any growth requests will be considered at the budget setting meeting in February 2017.

6.0 Medium Term Budget Issues

6.1 Forecast budgets for 2017/18 to 2020/21 have been included in annexes 1 to 3. Other than a provision for known inflationary pressures, there are no other issues to report.

7.0 Risk management

7.1 There are a number of significant risks inherent in any budget forecasting exercise and the risks increase as the period covered increases.

8.0 Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 The budget process and forecasts produced do not require an EIA but any decisions to vary budgets and service provision may require EIA's specific to those options.

9.0 Recommendations

- 9.1 That the probable outturn for the current financial year be considered.
- 9.2 That the draft estimates for 2017/18 and future years be considered.

10.0 Reasons for recommendations

- 10.1 To enable the Council to set a balanced budget for 2017/18.

Glossary of Terms	
CPI	Consumer Price Index

Decision information

Key decision number	681
Wards affected	All
Links to Council Plan priorities	To develop our great town centre

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Background documents

These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when the report was prepared.

Annexes to the report

Annexe 1	Budget summary by programme area
Annexe 2	Detailed estimates by programme area
Annexe 3	Subjective analysis
Annexe 4	Variances – this year's original estimate to revised
Annexe 5	Variances – this year's original estimate to next year's