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Report to: **South Lanarkshire Council**
Date of Meeting: **28 February 2018**
Report by: **Chief Executive**

Subject: **Recommendations Referred by Executive Committee – Housing Revenue and Capital Account Budget 2018/2019; Revenue Budget and Level of Local Taxation 2018/2019; Prudential Indicators 2018/2019 to 2020/2021, Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy 2018/2019**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

allow consideration of the recommendations of the Executive Committee of 28 February 2018 in relation to the following issues:-

- ◆ Housing Revenue and Capital Account Budget 2018/2019
- ◆ Revenue Budget and Level of Local Taxation 2018/2019
- ◆ Prudential Indicators 2018/2019 to 2020/2021, Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy 2018/2019

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Council is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

(1) that the recommendations from the Executive Committee of 28 February 2018 in relation to the following issues be approved:-

(a) Housing Revenue and Capital Account Budget 2018/2019

- ◆ that the Revenue Estimate proposals for the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2018/2019, as detailed in the report, be approved subject to the removal of the following items from the Housing Revenue Account savings proposals for 2018/2019 in relation to the rationalisation of services in tower blocks:-
 - ◆ removal of Greenhill Court night shift cover £0.087 million
 - ◆ reduction in communal cleaning £0.021 million
 - ◆ rationalisation of the laundry service £0.010 million
- ◆ that the weekly rent increase of 3.95% for Council houses be approved
- ◆ that the 3.95% increase also be applied to the rent of lockups, garage sites and travelling persons' sites
- ◆ that the Council's factoring fee be increased from £28.08 to £28.78 per quarter
- ◆ that the next stage of rent harmonisation be progressed as detailed in the report

- ◆ that, based on the proposed rent increase of 3.95%, the 2018/2019 Housing Capital Programme of £44.935 million, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved
- ◆ that an indicative rent increase baseline of 3.95% for Council houses for financial years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 be approved

(b) Revenue Budget and Level of Local Taxation 2018/2019

- ◆ that the Revenue Budget for 2018/2019 be approved;
- ◆ that the budget allocations for each Resource, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be approved;
- ◆ that the band D Council Tax for 2018/2019 be set at a figure of £1,134;
- ◆ that the actions required to finalise the Council's detailed Revenue Budget for 2018/2019 be approved;
- ◆ that governance arrangements, incorporating the Performance and Review Scrutiny Forum, the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Forum and the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum, be continued.

(c) Prudential Indicators 2018/2019 to 2020/2021, Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy 2018/2019

- ◆ that the Prudential Indicators for the period 2018/2019 to 2020/2021, Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/2019 and the Annual Investment Strategy 2018/2019 be approved

3. Recommendations Referred by Executive Committee – Housing Revenue and Capital Account Budget 2018/2019

3.1. The Housing and Technical Resources Committee (Special) of 21 February 2018 had made the following recommendations to the Executive Committee:-

Housing Revenue and Capital Account Budget 2018/2019

- ◆ that the Revenue Estimate proposals for the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2018/2019, as detailed in the report, be endorsed subject to the removal of the following items from the Housing Revenue Account savings proposals for 2018/2019 in relation to the rationalisation of services in tower blocks:-
 - ◆ removal of Greenhill Court night shift cover £0.087 million
 - ◆ reduction in communal cleaning £0.021 million
 - ◆ rationalisation of the laundry service £0.010 million
- ◆ that the weekly rent increase of 3.95% for Council houses be endorsed
- ◆ that the 3.95% increase also be applied to the rent of lockups and travelling persons' sites
- ◆ that the Council's factoring fee be increased from £28.08 to £28.78 per quarter
- ◆ that the next stage of rent harmonisation be progressed as detailed in the report
- ◆ that, based on the proposed rent increase, the 2018/2019 Housing Capital Programme of £44.935 million, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be endorsed
- ◆ that an indicative rent increase baseline of 3.95% for Council houses in 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 be endorsed

The Executive Committee recommended to the Council:

- ◆ that the Revenue Estimate proposals for the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2018/2019, as detailed in the report, be approved subject to the removal of the following items from the Housing Revenue Account savings proposals for 2018/2019 in relation to the rationalisation of services in tower blocks:-

- ◆ removal of Greenhill Court night shift cover £0.087 million
- ◆ reduction in communal cleaning £0.021 million
- ◆ rationalisation of the laundry service £0.010 million
- ◆ that the weekly rent increase of 3.95% for Council houses be approved
- ◆ that the 3.95% increase also be applied to the rent of lockups, garage sites and travelling persons' sites
- ◆ that the Council's factoring fee be increased from £28.08 to £28.78 per quarter
- ◆ that the next stage of rent harmonisation be progressed as detailed in the report
- ◆ that, based on the proposed rent increase of 3.95%, the 2018/2019 Housing Capital Programme of £44.935 million, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved
- ◆ that an indicative rent increase baseline of 3.95% for Council houses for financial years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 be approved

4. Recommendations Referred by Executive Committee – Revenue Budget and Level of Local Taxation 2018/2019

4.1. At its meeting held earlier today, the Executive Committee considered a report dated 21 February 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) on:-

- ◆ the outcome of the budget process and the content of the Council's Revenue Budget for 2018/2019
- ◆ the budget allocation to each Council Resource as detailed in the appendix to the report
- ◆ the proposed level of Council Tax for 2018/2019
- ◆ arrangements to monitor and review budgetary performance at Service, Resource and corporate levels

The Executive Committee recommended to the Council:

- (1) that the Revenue Budget for 2018/2019 be approved;
- (2) that the budget allocations for each Resource, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be approved;
- (3) that the band D Council Tax for 2018/2019 be set at a figure of £1,134;
- (4) that the actions required to finalise the Council's detailed Revenue Budget for 2018/2019 be approved;
- (5) that governance arrangements, incorporating the Performance and Review Scrutiny Forum, the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Forum and the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum, be continued.

5. Recommendations Referred by Executive Committee - Prudential Indicators 2018/2019 to 2020/2021, Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy 2018/2019

5.1. At its meeting held earlier today, the Executive Committee considered a report dated 6 February 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) on:-

- ◆ the Prudential Code Indicators for 2018/2019 to 2020/2021
- ◆ the Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/2019
- ◆ the Annual Investment Strategy for 2018/2019.

The Executive Committee recommended to the Council:

- (1) that the Prudential Code Indicators for the period 2018/2019 to 2020/2021, the Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/2019 and the Annual Investment Strategy 2018/2019 be approved.

5 Employee Implications

- 5.1 None.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 All financial implications have been highlighted as part of the original reports to the special meeting of the Housing and Technical Resources Committee and meeting of the Executive Committee.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1 Any implications have been highlighted as part of the original reports to the special meeting of the Housing and Technical Resources Committee and meeting of the Executive Committee.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1 No equality impact assessment or consultation is required in terms of the recommendations contained within this report.

Lindsay Freeland
Chief Executive

28 February 2018

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable
- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

Previous References

Executive Committee of 28 February 2018

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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