

North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet Date: 12 June 2017

ITEM 7(b)
Title: Cabinet Response
to Scrutiny Report on
Collection Fund
Reporting

Portfolio(s): Finance

Cabinet Member(s): Councillor R
Glindon

Report from Service

Area: Finance

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Wards affected: All

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet's approval to the proposed response to the recommendations of the Finance Sub-committee in relation to future reporting of the Collection Fund as part of the Financial Monitoring Report to Cabinet

In accordance with Section Section 21B of the Local Government Act 2000 Cabinet is required to provide a response to the recommendations of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee within two months. In providing this response Cabinet is asked to state whether or not it accepts each recommendation. Cabinet must also indicate what action if any, it proposes to take.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Cabinet agree to the recommendation from the Finance Sub-committee as set out in paragraph 1.5.5.

1.3 Forward Plan:

Twenty eight days notice of this report has been given and it first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 15 May 2017

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

This report supports all priorities in the Our North Tyneside Plan.

1.5 Information:

- 1.5.1 At its meeting on 22 February 2017, the Finance Sub-committee considered a report on the current monitoring of the Collection Fund and made recommendations for future reporting to Cabinet. The Sub-committee noted that the Collection Fund is the statutory name for the ring-fenced account for Council Tax and Business Rates and forms a separate statement in the statutory accounts at the year end.

1.5.2 The Sub-committee was advised of the following key elements of monitoring undertaken throughout the financial year:

- Monthly Statistics completed for both Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) setting out the position in terms of the debit raised and cash collected.
- The Collection Fund is also monitored as part of the Business Partnership KPIs and reported of the Partnership OPB and SLT Corporate Score Card.
- Monthly Review of NNDR position against the NNDR1.
- Annual Review of the Council Tax base.

1.5.5 The Sub-committee agreed that the following recommendation be submitted to Cabinet:

“That as part of the Financial Monitoring report to Cabinet for the September position and the outturn position an update is given on the forecast outturn for Council Tax and Business Rates”

1.6 Decision options:

The following decision options are available for consideration by Cabinet:

Option 1

Cabinet accepts the recommendation set out in paragraph 1.2 above:

Option 2

Cabinet does not accept the recommendation set out in paragraph 1.2 above, and provides an alternative response to the Finance Sub-committee at the meeting.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Option 1 is recommended in order to improve transparency of the in-year position with regard to the Collection Fund which provides the Resources (funding) used to fund the General Fund net budget.

1.8 Appendices:

None

1.9 Contact officers:

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1.10 Background information:

The following background paper/information has been used in the compilation of this report and is available at the office of the author:

- (1) http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/pls/portal/NTC_PSCM.PSCM_Web.download?p_ID=568705

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

There are no direct financial implications as a result of implementing the proposed recommendation.

2.2 Legal

There are no direct legal implications for the Authority arising from this report. In accordance with Section 21B of the Local Government Act 2000 Cabinet is required to provide a response to the recommendations of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee within two months. In providing this response Cabinet is asked to state whether or not it accepts each recommendation. Cabinet must also indicate what action if any, it proposes to take.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

2.3.1 Internal Consultation

The Sub-committee made the recommendations on the basis of information provided from Officers of the Finance Department.

2.4 Human rights

There are no direct human rights issues arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

There are no equality and diversity issues arising from this report.

2.6 Risk management

There are no risk management issues arising directly from this report.

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder issues arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are no environment and sustainability issues arising from this report.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Deputy Chief Executive x
- Head(s) of Service x
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s) x
- Chief Finance Officer x
- Monitoring Officer x
- Head of Corporate Strategy x